



**Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)**  
PO Box 491  
Robertsdale, AL 36567

### **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held July 8, 2019:**

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours by President Ron Thomas. This new earlier time was adopted so that the meeting could be completed by 19:00 hours so that a full program could be offered.

There were 22 members and 1 guest present. There was a quorum.

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#### **Visitors:**

Ron Thomas greeted Stephen Foster as a visitor.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from the June 2019 meeting were read and approved. It was discussed and agreed upon that the minutes of the previous meetings would no longer be read out loud at the meetings. The secretary would upload the minutes a few days after each meeting to the club web site in lieu of.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Lee gave the treasurer's report. The ending checking account balance for 6/30/2019 was \$460.10. The ending savings account balance for 6/30/2019 was \$6,142.84.

#### **VE-Report:**

Rich reported that there was one candidate for testing in July, David Howell. David passed his Technician exam.

#### **Old Business:**

Joe McIntosh gave a summary of this year's Field Day activities. Joe reported that the club had a good turnout of both ham and non-ham visitors. Two stations were setup and manned Saturday and some on Sunday morning. A report was sent to the ARRL for ranking purposes.

Ron mentioned that the new digital mode of FT4 would be ready soon for use during contests, such as Field Day. The club plans to use this mode next year.

Ron also mentioned that the link between the Rabun and Robertsdale repeaters is still down. A new antenna will need to be installed on the Rabun tower. The club will be soliciting help from the county 911 servicer in getting this work done.

#### **New Business:**

- Ron reported that AREDN nodes are being upgraded and or replaced in the 911 building. The equipment has been delivered to the contractor.
- The club has applied for and has been given a new shorter call sign for its station license. The new call sign is N4MZ. Ron asked for a volunteer to design and purchase inexpensive QSL cards for the club using this new call. Joe volunteered to do such. Joel Emmitt volunteered to setup the new LOTW and QRZ web page accounts. Joel will also upload the field day call log to the LOTW account in case some of our field day QSO's would like to confirm their call and receive a QSL call.

With nothing for the good of the club, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary