



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

## **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held November 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CST by Vice President/Acting President Joe McIntosh. There were 24 members and 3 guests present. There was a quorum.

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### **Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance**

#### **Visitors:**

Joe welcomed:

Ryan Caldwell KN4ZWW  
John Coyle W4PJC, Kentucky  
Derek Heyer, Foley AL  
Alan Barnes, KO4SIT, New Member

#### **Announcements**

This is some used equipment in the back of the room - some in the “free for all” box, some marked “make offer”.

TERD Meeting - First Saturday of every month, 9:00am at Daphne Library. VE testing held when necessary, details on the club website.

#### **Memorials/Ill members:**

Larry Callaway back after illness.  
Don Pape passed a few weeks after his wife. He was a past president of the club.  
Margaret Frye the wife of former club president Robert Frye passed last week.

#### **Secretary's report**

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read as they are posted on the club website, [www.n4mz.com](http://www.n4mz.com)

Dues must be paid to vote for officers at this meeting.



## **Treasurer's Report:**

See report from Rich. Copy submitted.

The balance of the club accounts are no longer being reported here in the club minutes.

## **VE-Report:**

VE coordinator, Joel Emmitt, reported that an unprecedented nine candidate were tested in November - sixteen examinations - 6 new Technicians and 3 new Generals.

Yearly Summary: 1st session for 2021 was in June. For the year, 31 candidates sat for 43 examinations, resulting in 20 Technicians, 8 General, 1 Extra. All proceeds, \$465, donated to the VE office of the ARRL in Newington Connecticut. Joel thanked the thirty four volunteer examiner attendances over the course of the year.

## **Old Business:**

Christmas party will be held at the Original Oyster House on the causeway on December 16th. Spouses are invited.

## **New Business:**

Report of Nominations Committee - Joel Emmet, Chair of Nominations Committee.

Proposed slate of offices was presented:

President: Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Vice President: Ron Thomas, N4RT

Secretary: Christine Ryan

Treasurer: Tom Wallace

Directors at Large: Ken Bell, Bruce Raymond, Emery Wooten.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A Motion was made by John Sanders to accept the slate by acclamation. This was seconded by Rich Lee and the slate of officers and directors were accepted unanimously by a show of hands from the members present who were current on their dues.

## **Good of the Club:**

Question regarding Simulated Emergency Test. Joe reported that due to COVID, the SET was not conducted in 2020 or 2021. Planning to conduct the test in 2022. Looking to work more closely with Baldwin County EMA in future.

Joel Emmet proposed that the club purchase six band pass filters for Field Day and other events where multiple stations would be operating. \$129 each plus tax and shipping, budget \$840. Moved by Ron Thomas, N4RT, seconded by Bruce Raymond, ND8I. Motion Carried. Note that



as a 501©3 organization, we may be able to save on the sales tax. Joel to work with Tom Wallace to arrange the purchase.

What is the status of the club station?

Joe reported that most of the repeaters are in good shape. Need to install new link antenna to the Rabun tower. Also will need to replace HF dipole antenna.

Ian Allen, KN4TNT, will be away December 27th for the 2m net. Also reported some difficulty hearing static during repeater use - will check it out this weekend.

A suggestion was made from the floor to have everyone wear a name tag at meetings.

## **Program**

Presentation by Bruce Raymond on Capacitors.

A door prize raffle was conducted for a box of surplus equipment.

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The meeting was adjourned at 20:23 hrs CST  
Submitted, Joe McIntosh, Vice President/Acting President.