



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
PO Box 491
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held February 17, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CST by Vice-President Ron Thomas. There were 22 members and 0 guests present.

Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance

Announcements

Joel Emmett, W2BJN announced that 2 annual audit reports for 2020 and 2021 had been completed. The audit committee was comprised of Joel Emmett and Bruce Raymond, ND8I. They found the 2 club accounts to be in compliance and accurate. They recommended that the club's 2 bank accounts be consolidated into 1 and that an Excel worksheet format be used to track account balances during the year.

The next VE Testing session will take place Saturday, March 5, followed by the TERD Meeting.
- First Saturday of every month, 9:00am at Daphne Library. VE testing held when necessary, details on the club website.

Secretary's report

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read as they are posted on the club website, www.n4mz.com

Dues for 2022 are due now.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Wallace, KN4DND presented the Treasurer's report.

See report from Tom Wallace. Copy submitted.

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



VE-Report:

VE coordinator, Joel Emmett, reported that 2 candidates were tested; resulting in 1 Technician license and 1 upgrade to Extra class.

Old Business:

Vice-President Ron Thomas asked if any club members had participated in Winter Field Day/January 29 and 30. Christine Ryan, KE4WKH, reported that she had worked a qrp cw station from Home and made 40 qso's for an approximate score of 1300 points. Joel Emmett talked in detail about his Home station; using a Xiegu G90 he explained the importance of "multipliers". Some examples were: working cw on several different bands such as 80,40, 20, 15, and 10 which would equal a multiplier of 5. Next the operator works these same bands using SSB mode. The grand total of multipliers would then be 10. Each qso is worth a designated number of points. That total is multiplied by the number of distinct qths contacted. And that total is multiplied by the multiplier. Bonus points are added to that total.

Joel also mentioned a new ARRL contest rule that allows individual club members to participate together in a contest as an aggregate.

New Business:

SKYWARN classes were announced: sponsored by NOAA and presented in webinar format via the internet. There are various dates and times, the first of which is March 8. Information and a link is provided on the BCARC website.

It was also mentioned that Don Rhodes, N4BWX of Fairhope is selling used ham equipment.

VP Ron told members about his experience at the Orlando Hamcation. He returned with a DMR (digital mobile radio), the RFinder B1 Plus. It is a dual band, 2 meter/70centimeter radio that also offers telephone and internet capabilities; plus many, many other features.

Program

Presentation by William Dionne, N4DM.

The subject was resonant and non-resonant antennas. He discussed 0 reactance; changing the length of coax, baluns, ununs, and toroids, and using "ribbon" tape for an antenna. He presented the workings of the Smith Chart. And he recommended a Windom antenna or an Off-Center-Fed antenna as his preferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 hrs CST
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.



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