



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

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held March 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CST by President Joe McIntosh. There were 23 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum.

Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance

Visitors:

Joe welcomed: Len Keller, KO4YIR; Danon Smith, KX4DHS from BCEMA and liaison to BCARC; Doug Hutton, BCEMA; and Brent Goodwin, BCEMA.

Announcements

TERD Meeting - First Saturday of every month, 9:00am at Daphne Library. Next VE testing to be held May 7; details on the club website. Donald Rhodes, N4BWX, a ham in Fairhope has radio equipment for sale. He can be reached at dmrmusic50@gmail.com. The Mobile Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will take place April 23, 2022, at the ABBA Temple in Mobile AL.

Memorials/Ill members:

Ray Sturch, W4JOV, a long time club member, is currently at Thomas Hospital.

Ian Allen, KN4TNT, the Monday night Net Control, had surgery; so Joe McIntosh called the net last Monday night.

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:

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 assistant coordinator, Ken Bell, K4EES, reported that 6 candidates were tested March 5; resulting in 5 new Technicians and 1 new General.

Old Business:

President Joe proposed a club budget. He said the club can count on approximately 30-32 dues paying members each year: \$450. He also said that every year people make equipment donations to the club which can then be put up for sale. He estimated revenue from these sales to be about \$1500 each year. Therefore, BCARC's annual income can be estimated at \$1950. Debits are: liability insurance through ARRL, \$150; Field Day expenses, \$750; maintenance of the Ham Shack at the EOC, \$100.

The motion to accept the proposed budget was approved.

New Business:

Ken Bell proposed that the Club acquire BCARC logo ball caps and shirts. He has to decide what colors to use for the logo and will update members at the next meeting.

Good of the Club:

Rich Lee, W2EUS, reminded members of 2 important Nets that take place every Sunday.

AL ARES Net every Sunday at 1530CT on 3.570mHz USB/or 7.110mHz USB when MUF allows for it; PSK-31 to begin; then PSK-125R.

AL ARES Voice Net every Sunday at 1600CT on 3.965mHz LSB.

Ken Bell, K4EES is looking for hams who are interested in participating in ARES. Ken is the ARES Baldwin County Emergency Coordinator. A sign-up sheet was available.



Program

Presentation by Bill Dionne, N4DM and Bruce Raymond, ND8I. Bill spoke about FT8, and Bruce spoke about WSPR. These are weak signal forms of amateur radio. It was invented by Joe Taylor, K1JT, an astrophysicist who received the Nobel Prize. Bill and Bruce recommended KE0OG's "Ask Dave" column #307 for info about how to set up sound cards. You will need a good antenna that is well tuned for band frequency.

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