



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

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held September 15, 2022

Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT Joel Emmett W2BJN. There were 27 members and 12 guests present.

Visitors:

Joel welcomed: Stuart Watson; Erica Fragmin; Pattilynne Miller Skeele KM4ZGB; Don Skeele; Tanya Bass; Wade Palmer; Stephen Foster and Nancy Foster representing The Amateur Radio Club of Westminster Village Spanish Fort, KQ4CVO; Karen Hollis KQ4ZBQ; Matthew Foutch KQ4AWG; and Jonathan Peaden KQ4DBK. Also attending were Doug Hatten KQ4CLT and Brent Goodwin from Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center.

Announcements

There were 9 applicants at the VE testing session of September 3, 2022 and 11 exams were taken. The results produced: 2 Extras, 2 Generals, and 4 Technicians. It was proposed to add 1 more examiner to the VE team so as to be able to maintain a better pace at processing forms. Also it was concluded that a better pen is needed for applicants so that when forms are completed, the carbon copies are legible. Finally, there may be an October VE session; we are awaiting final word on that.

It was noted that Giga Parts sponsors something called Radio Quick Start for newly licensed hams; it has a 30 day limit.

Memorials/Ill members:

No memorials were announced at this month's meeting.

Secretary's report

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



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.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

VE-Report:

See above: announcements.

Old Business:

If YOU have any interest in holding an office for BCARC 2023, please start thinking it over as a nominating committee will be formed at the October meeting.

There is antenna work currently underway at the EOC. It concerns the club's HF antenna and making it more accessible. A tower crew is coming/approved by Doug Hatten of the EOC. There is possible repair work that also needs to be done at the Rabun repeater. A sum not to exceed \$500 was approved at the meeting for coax wire and assorted hardware. The motion was passed unanimously. Per Tom Wallace KN4DND, there may be the possibility of another repeater in the works.

Also of note is a new CORES system in the FCC website. YOU will need to navigate the new requirements for license renewals: <https://www.fcc.gov>.

New Business:

Ken Bell K4EES provided a report on the N4MZ contest team's participation in the Alabama QSO Party (1500UTC September 10 to 0300UTC September 11, 2022). Ken K4EES, Joel W2BJN, and Ron N4RT participated. They made contact with 19 counties. N4MZ holds the contest records for both Clark and Escambia counties.

BCARC members will be able to read Field Day 2022 results in the December issue of QST.

Program

John Acton K7ACT presented a program about WinLink. He walked us through website access and what questions/info needs to be provided for the no-fee service (donation requested). John posts WinLink assignments directly to the N4MZ website. If you have questions contact John Acton K7ACT.



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The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs CDT
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.