



BALDWIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (N4MZ)

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held January 19, 2023

Open Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CST by Vice-President Gregg Powers. There were 25 members and 3 guests present: Matthew Foutch, AE4JC; Frank Hennington, N5LCG; Wade Palmer.

Secretary's Report: minutes from previous meetings are posted to the N4MZ website.

Treasurer's Report: Report as of 12/30/2022: Account Balances.

It's Time To Pay Dues.

VE Examiner Report: Joel Emmett, W2BJN

January test session: 01/07/23. Next test session: 03/04/23.

Results: Applicants: 3 New Technician Class Licenses: 3

Winlink Activity: John Acton, K7ACT

The BCARC Winlink Net is active. John Acton is Net Control; he sends out a weekly question that is posted to the N4MZ website. See details on the homepage.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of officers was held at the November meeting: 2023 club officers are:

President: Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Vice-President: Gregg Powers, WG0MEZ

Secretary: Christine Ryan, KE4WKH

Treasurer: Tom Wallace, KN4DND

Board Members at Large: Ken Bell, K4EES; Bruce Raymond, ND8I; Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

The Annual Christmas Party was held in Foley; there was a good turnout of about 20 persons. John Acton won the door prize.

NEW BUSINESS

Be advised of current efforts in Congress to revise the Communications Act of 1934: H.R. 9670. It proposes to eliminate private land use restrictions that restrict amateur radio operators from installing stations and/or antennas on their own property. You can contact U.S. Representative Jerry Carl, of Alabama 1st Congressional District.

Winter Field Day 2023, January 28 and 29.

Ken Bell, K4EES, will present details in tonight's presentation.

Good of Club – Ray Sturch, W4JOV, is back in the hospital in Mobile. Robert Frye, KJ4MIC, has moved to the Brenny Place Daphne. Please visit if you can.

PROGRAM

Ken Bell, K4EES made the evening's presentation about Winter Field Day/ January 28/29. Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club will participate in this event with 2 radio stations set up at the pavilion at Meaher State Park. There will be 1 SSB station and 1 CW station. The event begins Saturday at 1pm local, but antennas and station setup will begin Saturday morning. Club members and other hams are welcome. It might be cold, so dress accordingly.

Ken also recently travelled to Georgia and activated several parks for POTA, parks on the air. He briefly discussed these activations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs CST.

Submitted:

Christine Ryan, Secretary.