



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held March 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CST by President Joe McIntosh. There were 21 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum.**

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

#### **Visitors:**

Joe welcomed: Frank McCloskey; Margaret McCloskey; Ron Holyfield, N9LNK; and Sharon Holyfield, KB9OGL. Also in attendance were Amanda Thweatt and Brent Goodwin from the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency.

#### **Secretary's report- Christine Ryan**

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website. There was no correspondence to report.

#### **Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace**

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 02/28/2023. It's time to pay dues!

#### **Announcements**

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

#### **WinLink Activity- John Acton:**

John reported that there are currently 14 members actively participating in the weekly exercise. He briefly discussed the possibilities of a WinLink Gateway Station and stated that WinLink is used a lot on the West Coast.



## **VE-Report:**

VE coordinator, Joel Emmett, reported that 7 candidates were tested: 1 General applicant passed the Extra Class exam; 3 applicants passed the Technician License; and 3 applicants passed the General Class License.

## **Old Business:**

People wanting to purchase personalized Ham Badges can contact Gregg Powers, WG0MEZ. Badges are \$12.99 each/pay up upon receipt.

A proposed budget 2023 was proposed and accepted by vote. Expenses include: summer/winter Field Days, Hamfest registrations and fees, advertising, liability insurance, food, Magnolia Springs repeater maintenance, EMA Hamshack maintenance and upgrades, a donation to Daphne Public Library for use of a room for the VE exams. The club can expect to receive income from dues, donations, and equipment sales.

There was also some discussion of the need to acquire replacement value insurance for BCARC equipment: re: frequency of lightning strikes in Baldwin County, and the possibility of break-ins and theft. ARRL offers this type of insurance.

## **New Business:**

BCARC wants to make another POTA activation for this spring or early summer 2023. Proposed sites are: Lake Shelby at Gulf State Park; or Fort Morgan.

There is a DXpedition to Ship Island planned for 04/08. The round trip price is \$41. It's a POTA and IOTA activation. See Ken Bell, K4EES, for info.

04/15 is the date for a Living History Day aboard the USS Alabama. You are invited to the radio room aboard the battleship and submarine. Contact Ken Bell if interested.



## **Program**

Presentation by Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency; Emergency Management Specialists: Amanda Thweatt and Brent Goodwin. A fine presentation concerning emergency protocols when disaster strikes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm CDT  
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.