



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

## **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held April 20, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Joe McIntosh. There were 20 members and 5 guests present. There was a quorum.

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

#### **Visitors:**

Joe welcomed: **5 visitors.**

#### **Announcements**

TERD Meeting - First Saturday of every month, 9:00am at Daphne Library. **The next date for VE testing is 5/6/2023. 5 candidates are currently registered – room for 1 more. Details for VE testing can also be found on the club website. (TERD: Topics in Electronics Radio Demos: focus is new hams)**

#### **Memorials/Ill members:**

**Ray Sturch, W4JOV, has moved to Jacksonville, FL. Robert Frye, KJ4MIC, is at Brennty, and Bruce Raymond, ND8I, is working to get him on echolink.**

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes from the previous meeting are reported and archived on the club website: [www.n4mz.com](http://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.

\*\*Note: You can't vote if you have not paid your dues; if you are new, dues are free, but you will have to complete an application to receive the club emails.

## **VE-Report:**

**Contact Joel Emmett @ (716) 510-7143 concerning VE testing. Next VE exams to take place 5/6/23; 9am; Daphne Public Library. There is 1 place remaining.**

## **Old Business:**

The personalized Ham Badges have arrived. We have them: \$12/cash or check – made out to Greg Powers.

The DXpedition to Ship Island, MS was rained out. If you decide to dx to Ship Island on the ferry be advised that there is no power, no trees; there are restrooms/ and you will need a vertical antenna.

The club budget that was discussed and adopted at March's meeting was revised. It was revised to allow for more expenses.

## **New Business:**

Baldwin County EMA Severe Weather Preparedness Town Hall is to be held Tuesday, May 2; 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Contact President Joe McIntosh if you would like to volunteer. The location is the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsdale: 19477 Fairground Rd., Robertsdale.

Summer Field Day: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The club has permission to use the facilities at the Silver Creek Boy Scout Camp in Silverhill. This year will be different in that participants should expect to bring their own food and snacks. If you want to be part of the Field Day Team let Joe McIntosh or Ken Bell know.

There are also volunteers needed for a Make A Wish Run through Talledega Nat'l Forest. There are 2 dates for the run: May 6, and May 20. 2 meter handhelds/or mobile will work as there is a repeater that covers the run area. Ken Bell, K4EES, has the info.



There is also a planned POTA activation for April 29 out at Fort Morgan. Expect to rig up about 8:30; work radios for 3-4 hours; then head to Tacky Jacks for burgers. Ken Bell is organizing this event.

### **Good of the Club:**

The Huntsville Hamfest is to take place August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Program**

Presentation by Bill Dionne, N4DM.

It was a great presentation! If you are in the market for a 10meter, 5watt transceiver; Bill will build the kit for you for free. The kits come from QRP Labs.

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The meeting was adjourned at 20:00hrs CDT  
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.