



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held May 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by Ken Bell, K4EES. There were 20 members and 3 guests present. There was a quorum.**

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

#### **Visitors:**

Ken welcomed: Nita Motley, KE4JKP; Arlen Jones, KQ4AND; and David Nelson, KQ4FMQ.

#### **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 04/30/2023. There is still 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. The next VE Test date is scheduled for 07/01/2023.

#### **WinLink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT:**

John reported that club participation in weekly Winlink exercises has slowed down. John continues to post 1 question each week using formatted messages. Winlink is used in emergencies because of its ability to send email via radio. Details can be found on the club website.



## **VE Report:**

VE coordinator, Joel Emmett, reported that 4 candidates were tested. 5 examinations were given resulting in 2 new Technician class and 1 new General class hams. (date: 05/06/2023). The next VE Testing is scheduled for 07/01/2023.

## **Old Business:**

An Emergency Preparedness Town Hall took place May 2, at the Coliseum in Robertsdale. The BCARC booth was well received.

Ken showed photos from the Make A Wish event at Cheaha National Forest. Ken, K4EES, and Greg Powers, W0MEZ, were volunteer emergency communications for the marathon.

## **New Business:**

Please remember that VOTA, Volunteers on the Air, an ARRL sponsored event is taking place during 2023. Alabama hams can participate June 7-13, W1AW/4. Go to the ARRL website for details.

Wanted: alternate Net Control operators for the weekly BCARC net that is held Monday evenings at 147.090MHz.

Huntsville Hamfest: August 19/20.

A Buddipole and Buddistick antenna were donated to the club.

## **Good of the Club:**

John Acton, K7ACT, presented information about National Night Out, an activity sponsored by local Police Departments nationwide. There may be one scheduled for October in Gulf Shores. It's directed mostly towards school age kids, with fire trucks, boats, and other equipment on display. There will be more info to come.

Rich Lee, W2EUS, provided information about the annual Tour de Beach MS Bike Ride. This year it will take place September 30/October 1. There is an app called Galaxy Digital that can be used to sign up. Rich will provide more info.

The POTA activation at Ft. Morgan achieved 15 qso's before the weather forced a halt. Photos can be found on the N4MZ facebook page.

## **Program:**

Ken Bell presented some new FCC RF exposure regulations information concerning MPE – maximum permissible exposure. Go to: <http://arrl.org/rf-exposure-calculator>. Ken walked us



through the form. You don't have to be an ARRL member to use the calculator. Ken suggests printing a copy of your Evaluation to keep in your shack.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm CDT  
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.