



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

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held July 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Joe McIntosh, K4JOM. There were 30 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum.

Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance

Visitors:

Joe welcomed: Kristi Powers, Michael King, KQ4JTZ, Nancy Allen, and Kole Early.

Secretary's report- Christine Ryan

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website. There was a letter addressed to Joel, W2BJN; we will have to wait to know its contents.

Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 07/01/2023. Remember that you do not have a vote if your dues are not paid up. If you are new, dues are free but you will need to complete an application to receive club emails

WinLink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT:

John reported that Winlink Field Day activities were a success and met 100% of goals. He also announced the addition of 3 VARA gateway stations in our area: Pensacola, Milton, and Ft. Walton Beach.

Announcements:

Give a shout out to Kentucky Parks on the Air; August 12; activity will be mostly HF phone.



The Huntsville Hamfest takes place August 19th & 20th.

VE Report:

For the VE session on 7/1/2023 there were 3 candidates. Two individuals earned their Technician Class licenses. The Daphne Library will be closed in September due to Labor Day. Our next session will be held on 10/07/2023.

Old Business:

Personalized Ham Badges – see Greg Powers.

Summer Field Day 2023: it was held at the Boy Scout camp, Camp Silver Creek, in Silverhill, AL. The club was able to score many bonus points; notably a satellite contact made by Matthew Foutch, AE4JC. The Get-On-The-Air station was not a success; it was decided that 1 dedicated ham needs to be assigned for it to be useful. The club extends a hearty thank you to Kristi and Greg Powers for the wonderful food that they brought for dinner. It also thanks others who brought food dishes. Thanks! Results for Summer Field 2023 will be published in the December issue of QST magazine.

New Business:

There will be a SET exercise scheduled for the last week of August or the first week of September. The exercise will be a functional exercise planned for 4+hours at the Baldwin County EOC, and selected shelter locations. Participation is limited to EMA and Amateur Radio staff which will directly communicate via radio during activations. Volunteers are needed to man shelters.

Silent Auction-

Rules: anyone can bid on and purchase all equipment, except the Kenwood Transceiver – you must be a currently licensed amateur radio operator to purchase this radio. Check or cash, bid using name or callsign; all sales are final!

Program:

Greg Powers, WG0MEZ, presented a program about HF propagation using Solar-Terrestrial Data.



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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm CDT
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.