



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held September 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Joe McIntosh, K4JOM. There were 19 members and 3 guests present. There was a quorum.**

**Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance**

**Visitors:**

Joe welcomed: Robert Keen; Kristi Powers, K9MLU; and Jack Ruck.

**Secretary's report- Christine Ryan**

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website. The Club received 2 QSL requests from participants in the Alabama QSO Party.

**Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace**

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 08/31/2023. 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:**

Remember that the software for Winlink is free. John posts a new question for Winlink Net members every Tuesday. It is posted to the club website: N4MZ.com.

**VE Report:**

The next VE exam is scheduled for 10/07/2023. Confirmed registration is currently full; however a wait list is in place. Candidates on the wait list will move to confirmed registration status as cancellations occur. Wait list candidates should contact Joel Emmett directly, W2BJN.



## **OLD Business:**

The EMA repeater needed some repairs. The repairs cost \$450. BCARC is to pay \$200, and the EMA is to pay the balance. During the most recent SET, a borrowed OCF HF antenna was used during the exercise. The Board has agreed to purchase an 80/40 meter OCF dipole for installation at the EMA. A work day will be scheduled to raise and tune this antenna.

## **New Business:**

Scouts Jamboree on the Air is to take place October 21 and 22.

## **Good of the Club:**

**Alabama QSO Party results:** The Team consisted of Ron Thomas, N4RT; Joel Emmett, W2BJN; and Ken Bell, K4EES. They operated from Covington County Alabama and set a new record. They totaled 373 qsos, while operating cw mode only.

**BCARC SET Exercise:** (Sept. 11) in cooperation with Baldwin County EMA, amateur radio operators went to Daphne and Robertsedale High Schools and set up emergency radio equipment. Net Control operators operated from the radio shack inside the EMA. 14 club members participated. EMA Staff accompanied the Hams. Five Winlink messages were sent; communications between the 2 high school locations and Net Control were successful; communication with the State of Alabama EOC, and Escambia County EOC were achieved successfully.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm CDT  
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.