



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held June 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, WG0MEZ. There were 35 members and 3 guests present. There was a quorum.

Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance

Visitors:

Greg welcomed: Gary Morton, KQ4SLR, Grace McCloskey, Elijah Pierre.

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 05/31/2024. Remember that you do not have a vote if your dues are not paid up. If you are newly licensed, dues are free, but you will need to complete an application to receive club emails.

Report of VE Team – Joel Emmett; Ron Thomas

Saturday, July 6 is the next scheduled date for VE Testing at Daphne Public Library. There is a new location at the Daphne Library for VE testing: it is the North Porch of the library. Contact Joel, W2BJN, for more information.

The next VE testing session at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort is scheduled for August 24. Contact Ron Thomas, N4RT, for more information.

WinLink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT



The software for Winlink is free. John posts a new question for the BCARC Winlink Net every Tuesday and assignments are due by the following Monday, noon. The weekly question is posted to the club website: N4MZ.com.

The Winlink Net continues to grow; currently there are 30+ members located in 5 states.

John, K7ACT, can help you get started if you are interested in participating in the net.

OLD Business:

- BCARC now owns 4 Baofeng HT “loaners” to be made available to newly licensed hams – with some stipulations.

- ARES meetings take place prior to regular club meetings 5:30-6:30pm. At the June meeting, Ron, N4RT gave a brief demonstration of a MFJ Line Noise Detector (130 MHz) and a diy sonic arc detector. N4RT and N4XXO used these tools to pinpoint the exact location of some radio frequency interference that recently occurred at Westminster Village, Spanish Fort. If interested in ARES, contact Ken Bell.

New Business:

Special Guest Erin from the Bike MS: Tour de Beach 2024 spoke to the club via zoom. BCARC has provided communications volunteers for the event for many years. It gives hams a good opportunity to practice their skills. To register as a volunteer you can google ms tour de beach 2024. Tap on the event menu arrow and select volunteer. When you select register to volunteer, you will be taken to nmss.galaxydigital.com and there you can find available dates and locations. Tour de Beach 2024 dates are Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, 29.

- Time to break out a Go Box and check it out. Summer Field Day is coming up, June 22/23. It will take place at Scout Camp Silverhill.



Good of the Club:

- the club is still accepting dues payments
- Greg Powers, WG0MEZ, represented BCARC at a Weather Preparedness in Fairhope

Program:

President Greg presented a program about Field Day and the club's participation. In particular, he reviewed N3FJP logging software.

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