



BALDWIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (N4MZ)

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MINUTES of the regular monthly club meeting held August 15, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 22 members and 7 guests present. There was a quorum.

Visitors: Greg welcomed:

Corey Mosley, KQ4TPD; Margaret McClosky; Marion Orgettas; Carl Robb; George Kolasinski; Patricia Webb, KO4DMR; and Maxwell Mortellaro.

OPEN MEETING, RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary's Report- Christine Ryan: minutes from the previous meeting are posted to our website.

One qsl card from K7MOA, Kerrville TX was received for the N4MZ contest group who participated in the Alabama QSO Party event July 27/28.

Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace: treasurer's reports are not reported in the club minutes. The report for this month is dated 07/31/2024.

Report of VE Team- The next BCARC VE Test Session is scheduled for September 7, at the Daphne Public Library; 9am. See Homepage BCARC website for all details. The contact person is Joel Emmett, W2BJN.

Westminster Village will VE test on August 24: currently there are 4 open spots. Contact Ron Thomas, N4RT for more information.

Westminster Village will also sponsor a Kin and Kindred amateur radio class focused on adults who might bring along their interested kids. The Westminster Club received a grant from ARRL for this class. Registration is due by 09/07 and class begins 09/14 through 10/14. Cost is \$10/kids and \$25/adults. Contact person is: Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, KM4ZGB.

Old Business:

- MS-150 slots are filled – there is still room for backup operators
- The Winlink Net is growing. Contact John Acton, K7ACT for information. John was recently contacted by Rick Booth of the Williamson County ARC in Round Rock TX to inquire about the BCARC Winlink Net. Kudos to John!!
- If interested in ARES contact Ken Bell, K4EES. ARES meetings take place 1 hour before regular club meetings (same location). The ARES radio net meets Thursdays on 147.090/7pm. Also: the ARRL has recently updated the ARES Standard Training Plan (as of last month).

New Business:

A Fall POTA event is scheduled for October 26 at Blakely State Park.

Good of Club:

The club is planning training from the Red Cross on Shelter Operations – stay tuned.

The meeting was attended by a Social Studies teacher from Daphne Middle School, Maxwell Mortellaro. He is wanting to get his students involved in technology and possibly Amateur Radio. Club members provided him with information about acquiring the amateur radio license and getting on the air.

PROGRAM:

The club extends its sincere wishes to for a speedy recovery to Doug Hatten, KQ4CLT. Doug was to present the evening's program, but could not because he has covid.

We had an impromptu program about APRS – automatic position reporting service – complete with aprs youtube video from Brien Wankel.

_____The meeting was adjourned at 19:30hrs. CDT

Submitted: Christine Ryan, Secretary