



BALDWIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (N4MZ)

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MINUTES of the regular monthly club meeting held September 19, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 32 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum.

Visitors: Greg welcomed:

Grace McCloskey; Reese Pugh; Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ; John Czerwinski, KE4KBM

OPEN MEETING, RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace: treasurer's reports are not reported in the club minutes. The report for this month is dated 08/31/2024.

Report of VE Team-

Ron, N4RT, reports from Westminster Village in Spanish Fort that their VE testing session resulted in 1 Technician class license. The Ham Radio class has begun. Next VE testing is scheduled for October 19. Contact Ron, N4RT, if you need information.

Joel, W2BJN, reports that 2 candidates obtained their General class licenses at the most recent BCARC VE testing session. The next testing session is scheduled for November 2; Daphne Public Library; 9:00AM. Contact Joel, W2BJN, for more information.

Old Business:

New WINLINK Gateway: AB4WV, Westminster Amateur Radio Club Spanish Fort has a new winlink gateway qth . It is located at a height of 600ft. It is on the north side of an 800ft tower on the north side of US31 just east of Co. Rd. 181, in Spanish Fort. It is a Vara FM gateway capable of data rates as high as 9600 baud. Ron, N4RT, would like to receive reports of any successful activations, especially from south Baldwin. Send an email to Ron.

- **MS-150 slots are filled – there is still room for backup operators. Dates are September 28 & 29. See Ken, K4EES, if interested.**
- **The Winlink Net continues to grow. Contact John Acton, K7ACT for information.**
- **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 July .**

New Business:

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

There is an increase in D-Star activity.

SET, Simulated Emergency Test, is scheduled for November 19. Contact Ken Bell, K4EES, for information.

Good of Club:

BCARC is accepting nominations for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. Contact Joe McIntosh, K4JOM, to nominate a club member.

PROGRAM:

Doug Hatten, KQ4CLT, Operation Division Manager from Baldwin County EMA, presented the evening's program: SET, Simulated Emergency Test. A 2024 Stay Alert Baldwin County pamphlet was made available.

There was a follow-up youtube about Emcomms from Ham Radio Crash Course.

_____The meeting was adjourned at 19:30hrs. CDT

Submitted: Christine Ryan/KE4WKH, Secretary