



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held November 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 33 members and 9 guests present. There was a quorum.**

**Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance**

**Visitors:**

Greg welcomed: Casey Shull, KG4YGR; Jill Becker, KQ4JCS; Wade Palmer; Zach McQueen, KL4TC and Maggie McQueen; Susan Yelderman; Geri Bowers, KD6OY; Marion Orgettas; and Jim Barry, W0IRE.

**Secretary's report- Christine Ryan**

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website. No correspondence to report.

**Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace**

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 10/31/2024.

**Report of VE Team- Joel Emmett- Ron Thomas**

The Daphne Library North Porch has been secured for 2025.

VE testing took place on November 2 with 6 applicants; the result was 4 Techs, 1 General, and 1 Extra. BCARC's next VE testing session will take place January 4, 2025.

The next testing session at Westminster Village, Spanish Fort, will take place February 2025.



## **Winlink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT**

John reported that 4 winlink messages were successfully sent from the field during recent SET activities.

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.

## **OLD Business:**

- The club still needs to send a gratuity check to Daphne Library for \$200.00. This is included in the 2024 budget
- The Blakeley Fall POTA event was a blast! About 35 people attended.
- 2024 SET took place this past week; it was a success as participants did well in some areas and determined others that need to be improved. Shack equipment needs to be updated.

## **New Business:**

- Plan for Christmas Party – December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, location will be same as last year at Wolf Bay Lodge, 20801 Miflin Road, Foley AL. Menu will be chicken tenders, beef medallions in mushroom gravy, smashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, dessert, tea, and water. Cost is \$20 per person; there is a capacity limit of 50 people so 1 guest per member maximum. There will be some nice door prizes.
- The 10 meter contest will be Dec. 14&15; please get with Greg or Ken if interested. This is a great opportunity for new/inexperienced hams to get some DX.
- We have been asked to give a 30-40 minute presentation at the Fairhope Rotary Club luncheon estimated date to be mid-January 2025. This will possibly raise interest in Winter Field Day. A VOLUNTEER is requested.
- Winter Field Day is coming up January 25&26; we have reserved Camp SilverCreek. Planning for this event needs to get underway soon.
- A motion was passed to proceed with researching the purchase of a refurbished Communications Service Monitor as proposed by Ron Thomas, N4RT.



These monitors cost from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Because the BCARC local repeater network has grown to 6 repeaters, a Comms Service Monitor is proposed as being necessary to maintain the network in good working order.

- For those interested in events that use amateur radio for comms, the SET is great practice. Also, The Make-A-Wish Cheaha Challenge, the MS-150 Bike the Beach, and possibly the Pinhoti 100 are good opportunities.

### **Good of the Club:**

Election of Officers and Trustees

2024 Outgoing

President: Greg Powers, N4RAI

Vice-President: Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Secretary: Christine Ryan, KE4WKH

Treasurer: Tom Wallace, KN4DND

Board Member at Large: Joel Emmett, W2BJN

Board Member at Large: Ken Bell, K4EES

Board Member at Large: Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

2025 Incoming

President: Greg Powers, N4RAI

Vice-President: Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Secretary: Patti Lyne Miller-Skeele, KM0ZGB

Treasurer: Tom Wallace, KN4DND

Board Member at Large: Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

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Patrick Kenny, N4PCK, moved to accept the 2025 club officers and trustees by acclamation; Ron Thomas, N4RT, seconded the motion, and it was passed.



**Evening Program:** review of recent POTA – Rick, K4LLL and Matthew’s, AE4JC, kayak POTA adventure to Deer Island MS

There was also a presentation of the recent Blakeley POTA activation from Greg, N4RAI.

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