



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held FEBRUARY 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 39 members and 2 guests present. There was a quorum.

Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Members & Visitors: Greg Powers, N4RAI

Greg welcomed visitors: Curtis Wood, AK4OA and Marion Orgettas. Greg reminded members that to vote tonight one must have paid membership dues.

Secretary's report- Pattilynne Miller-Skeele KM4ZGB

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website. The only correspondence was the IRS document acknowledging the club 990N has been filed..

Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace, KN4DND

Tom Wallace reported club treasury activity during month of January and balances as of 01/31/2025.

Report of VE Team- Joel Emmett, W2BJN & Ron Thomas, N4RT

Joel Emmett reported the next VE testing in the Daphne Library North Porch will be Saturday, March 1st.



Ron Thomas reported the VE session held in Spanish Fort at Westminster Village yielded 1 new General. The next VE testing at Westminster Village Clubhouse in Spanish Fort, will take place April 19th at 9:30 am.

Winlink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT and John Coyle W4PJC

John reported that 40 operators are participating in weekly Winlink check-in exercises and 1 new member joined. Remember that the software for Winlink is free. John posts a new question for Winlink Net members every Tuesday. It is also posted to the club website: N4MZ.com.

John reported as a member of Murray State ARC in Kentucky experience with severe weather. The EOC in KY activated and they learned that 500 messages at one time is the limit on Winlink.

OLD Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI

- Greg spoke at Fairhope Rotary Club about amateur radio.
- BCARC participated in Winter Field Day at Camp Silvercreek.
- Postponed report on Winter Storm Enzo until another meeting so other presenters could speak tonight.

New Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI

- Thank you to Chuck Pharis, WA4USA, and Ron Thomas, N4RT, for working on the 090 & Rayburn repeater linking system. The other repeaters will need assessment and Ron Thomas, N4RT, will use his equipment until the club can purchase its own service equipment. Ron has the backup radio that needs attention.
- Spring POTA event planned for April 26th at Battleship Park. This is also weekend of Car Show and Greg distributed an informational brochure about BCARC to share with the public that day.



- Greg presented the 2025 Budget for approval. After discussion a MOTION 1 made by Ken Kanne, K4NWD and seconded by Ken Bell, K4EES: “The purchase of service monitor equipment be listed in a Capital Equipment roster and the 2025 budget & capital equipment be approved” Motion Passed with no opposition nor abstention.

Good of the Club:

- We have an opportunity for a Net Control Operator for the 2nd Monday @ 7pm each month.
- The Dave and Tom show, morning around 0700 on 144.200 USB.
- With our growth, we are considering a PayPal or Venmo type account.

Evening Programs:

GMRS Repeater: Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ Jared and Greg have explored opportunities with a local GMRS group. A presentation covered the 243 families in Baldwin County that have GMRS licenses. Suggestion is for installing a GMRS repeater at the EOC. During disaster would be good to also have GMRS in our ham shack at EOC and alerts could be sent to GMRS group. There are 11 GMRS repeaters in the county and 22 UHF channels (462-467) that could be used. After this discussion Jared & Greg will continue discussions, aimed at exploring the possibilities for both groups to move forward.

Winter Field Day: Ken Bell, K4EES, presented a slide show of the January 25th and 26th. Camp Silvercreek “SNOW” event. Club achieved over 18,000 points during the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 pm CDT
Submitted, Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, Secretary.