



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held MARCH 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 38 members and 5 guests present. There was a quorum.**

**Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Welcome Members & Visitors - Greg Powers, N4RAI**

Greg welcomed visitors: Robert Scott, WB4KSN, William Brown, AA9EC, James Hurren, KP2CZ, Michael Pape and Paul Killian.

**Secretary's Report – Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, KM4ZGB**

Pattilynne reported no correspondence. ARC of Westminster Village is offering a Technician class on 5 Fridays 6:30-8:30pm beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> and Testing on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$25.00. Application and more information on the website: [QSL.net/AB4WV](http://QSL.net/AB4WV).

**Report of Treasurer - Greg Powers, N4RAI** read report submitted by Tom Wallace, KN4DND, who could not make meeting tonight. Treasury activity during month of February and balances as of 02/28/2025.

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

Joel reported March 1<sup>st</sup> tested 4 applicants 2 General and 1 Technician. The next VE testing in the Daphne Library North Porch will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Report of VE Team Continued** - Ron reported the VE session held in Spanish Fort at Westminster Village yielded 1 new Technician and 1 General. The next VE testing at Westminster Village Clubhouse in Spanish Fort, will take place April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT, Ron Thomas, N4RT & Ken Bell, K4EES**

John reported that 46 operators are participating in weekly Winlink check-in exercises. 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 ARES will have a “tabletop exercise” on May 12-15<sup>th</sup> check daily and respond daily. Results of exercise will be reported at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ron and Ken provided a presentation to Mobile ARC and are working to get all gulf coast counties to utilize Winlink for emergency communications.

**OLD Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI**

- Tom Wallace, KN4DND is exploring digital currency (PayPal or Venmo) with our credit union. More will be reported at next meeting.
- Weeks Bay Repeater back up power needs replacing. Discussion followed. **Motion#1 made by John Sanders, N4JKF, seconded by Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ: “Price 100-amp LiFePo battery with charger, solar panel with controller and bring to next meeting for vote of approval” Motion carried.**

**Good of the Club – Greg Powers, N4RAI**

- We have an opportunity for a Net Control Operator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 7pm each month and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Contact Greg is interested.



### **New Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI**

- Doug Hatten, KQ4CLT has accepted a position in another state to be closer to family. Amanda Thweatt has been promoted to Operations Director of EMA and will join us at future meetings.
- Saturday 3/29 will be ARES POTA at Fort Morgan State Park. Beginning at 9am on right side of road just before the Ferry entrance.
- Spring POTA event planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> changed to Blakley State Park. Invite Deep South to join us.
- Make A Wish Foundation Trail Blaze through Talladega National Forest needs operators May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ken Bell, K4EES
- Mobile Hamfest May 17<sup>th</sup>, Joe McIntosh, K4JOM, has reserved a table if others have items they wish to sell contact him.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> is Museum Weekend on USS Alabama. Those wishing to operate can contact Ken Bell, K4EES.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> is Summer Field Day N4MZ will be activating at Camp Silver Creek in Silverhill.

### **Evening Program - Ron Thomas, N4RT**

Ron gave a slide presentation of how to use repeaters VHF/UHF/D-star that included pictures of all the repeaters that the club maintains at EOC, Rabun, and Weeks Bay. Members asked that this presentation be placed on N4MZ website if possible.

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The meeting was adjourned at 20:03 pm CDT  
Submitted, Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, Secretary.