



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held APRIL 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 33 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: Bob Miller, KR4BXM, James Hurran, KP2CZ, Margaret McCloskey, Peter Bobrowitz 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 – Tom Wallace, KN4DMD** reported treasury activity during month of March and balances as of 03/31/2025.

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

Joel reported May 3<sup>rd</sup> test will have 4 applicants. The next VE testing in the Daphne Library North Porch will be Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am..

Ron reported the VE testing session will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, at Westminster Village Clubhouse in Spanish Fort.



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

John reported that 40 operators are participating in weekly Winlink check-in exercises. Planning a table-top exercise in preparation for 2025 hurricane season: Daily check-ins May 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> with different questions each day. Sign up to participate with John. Results of exercise will be reported at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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.

Ron reported having a Winlink station at the POTA on Saturday and welcomes all to make contact via Winlink.

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

Tom Wallace, KN4DND is still exploring digital currency (PayPal or Venmo) with our credit union. He had a hand count of members present that would use digital currency to pay memberships. More will be reported at next meeting.

Greg reported on research and offer that Joel Emmett, W2,BJN was able to obtain for the Weeks Bay Repeater back up power.

**Motion#1 made by Ron Thomas, N4RT, seconded by Christine Sanders, N4JKE: “To purchase the 300 amp-hour battery with power gate, fuses, wires and solar panel as quoted” Motion carried.**

## **Coming Events – Greg Powers, N4RAI**

April 26<sup>th</sup> Spring POTA at Blakley State Park Seay Pavilion. Set up starts at 8am when park opens and will start operating at 10.00am. Deep South & Mobile ARC will join us.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> is the Make A Wish Foundation Trail Blaze through Talladega National Forest which needs operators. Contact Ken Bell, K4EES or Greg Powers to participate.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> ARES hurricane set using Winlink daily. Contact John Acton, K7ACT

May 17<sup>th</sup> is Mobile Hamfest . 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. To operate 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.  
July 26<sup>th</sup> is Alabama QSO party and August 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> is Huntsville Hamfest.

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

Greg reported on the club participation in the North Florida SET. Winlink station has been set up with handheld and worked well; but we do need a radio for a dedicated Winlink station in the EOC Shack.

Greg participated in a JIC meeting of Baldwin County. Jessica had attended for 2 weeks in North Carolina, and she requests that radio operators at Baldwin sites be key to keeping communication boards updated, in the event of total infrastructure destroyed. EMA has 1 star-link and PACE plan can us AM/FM radio announcement.

Ken Bell, K4EES, walked members through use of the “HamRS” logging system. Ken asked for upcoming POTA to use this program as N4MZ and send contact information to Ken so he can collate and present to members at a future meeting. This is free software and suggested to use “ADIF master” to make a spreadsheet out of your log so that editing can be easily done.

### **Evening Program – Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM**

Richard taught the electromagnetic properties of antennas using antenna basics video of Ask Dave.

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