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

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held JULY 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 31 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: Ken Cooper, KC4KCJ; Andrew Hermetz, KR4FIA

<u>Secretary's Report</u> – Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, KM4ZGB

Pattilynne reported minutes posted on website and received one correspondence to Joel this month QSL for N4MZ.

Report of Treasurer – **Tom Wallace, KN4DMD** reported treasury activity during month of June and balances as of 06/30/2025. Tom has secured an online way to pay for membership through PayPal. Members can begin using this method.

Report from VE Team Leaders - Ron Thomas, N4RT

Ron reported testing at the Westminster Village Clubhouse in Spanish Fort on June 21st had 4 registered and results yielded 1 General and 3 Technicians. Next testing session will be August 23rd at 9:30am at Westminster Village.

Ron reported the VE testing session July 12th at Daphne Library had 4 registered and results yielded 3 Generals & 1 Technician. Next testing session will be September 6th at 9:00am at Daphne.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

John reported that 2 new operators are participating in Winlink weekly check-ins. Information about Winlink is posted on the club website: N4MZ.com.

Old Business - Greg Powers, N4RAI

Greg reported PayPal link is now on website and can go to your PayPal account and search for BCARC. Be sure to mark what the money transfer is for: Membership renewal? Equipment purchase?. Or Whatever the reason so Tom will know.

Ken gave a brief overview of the N4MZ results at Field Day.

<u>New Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI</u> Change in time of meeting discussed: Motion by John Sanders, seconded by Skip Bollen "Start meeting at 6:00pm and dedicate a portion to ARES instead of having 2 separate meetings" Motion Passed

Coming Events - Greg Powers, N4RAI

Milton Hamfest July 18 & 19th

Huntsville Hamfest August 16 & 17th

Multiple Sclerosis Bike the Beach 150 September 27th and 28th. Sign up sheet available tonight

Coming Events Continued:

ARRL Nationwide SET is October 4-5th

Foley Tailgator set for Saturday November 1st 8:00AM to 12 Noon at Foley United Methodist Church on North Pine Street. Will have Simplex call in on 146.490

<u>Good of the Club</u> – **Greg Powers, N4RAI** There is now a DMR repeater in Orange Beach. Greg & Ken Bell met with EMA personnel and EMA will pay for internet for the ham cabinet. Danon the Assistant Director encouraging another 3-4 staff members to get ham licensed. Tom expects BCARC members to be able to contact the State EMA and man multiple shelters and PODs as needed after disaster.

<u>Evening Program</u> – Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM Video "Beamforming Phased Array Antennas used in Starlink"

You can check it out: https://youtube.com/shorts/3bTC1d9befk?si=f-HUrwZtZNph-4nh

The meeting was adjourned at 19:45 pm CDT Submitted, Pattilynne Miller-Skeele, KM4ZGB, Secretary.