



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held JULY 16, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1800 CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were 34 members and five guests present. There was a quorum.

Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Members & Visitors - Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Secretary's Report – Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM

Pattilynne reported minutes posted on website and no correspondence.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the month OF JUNE and balances as of 06/30/2026.

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

- Ron reported testing session at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse on July 18th at 0930 CDT.
- Joel reported that the next session at Daphne Public Library is August 1st and will start at a new time of 0930 CDT.
- As the testing is now all digital, people interested in testing or upgrading should go to ExamTool.org and sign up. Instructions can be found on websites www.QSL.net/AB4WV (Westminster Village) or www.n4mz.com (Daphne Public Library).

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT

- John reported that the weekly check-ins on Winlink continue.
- Ken Bell reported a problem in Winlink due to recent Microsoft update. Contact Ken if you find Winlink software not functioning as before.

ARES Report – Henry Battaglia, KQ4PJM & John Acton, K7ACT

- Jared thanked Henry Battaglia and John Acton for staffing the table at the Foley Hurricane Expo and a brief slide presentation was shown.
- Natasha reported the new repeater has arrived. EMA is working on an outreach recruitment plan to bring people to field day events and gain interest in ham radio. Has placed a “Resource binder” in the Emergency Go boxes and working on Standard Operating Procedures for the EMA. Reminder of training requirements for ARES members and upcoming classes, we must register by Monday for August classes.
- John Acton awarded a recognition jacket to Greg Powers, N4RAI, designating him as Chief of EMA Radio Room.



Old Business Updates – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Chuck Pharis sold equipment at the Milton ham fest and submitted monies tonight to Treasurer. Jared appoints Chuck as the “Quartermaster” for the club. If you have anything to sell for the club, bring it to Chuck.
- Ken Bell, K4EES presented a slideshow of the results of Summer Field Day.

New Business – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Jared reported that the club has deemed a few members as the South Alabama POTA Posse. They plan to operate from Blakley state park this weekend starting at 8:00 CDT.
- Weeks Bay repeater now set up on WiresX for anyone with Yaesu equipment.
- Jared named Joe McIntosh as “Events Coordinator.”
- Plan to have a presentation: Hams over IP next month.

Coming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Date to be set for fall POTA.
- August 22-23rd is the Huntsville Hamfest and some members will likely be going.
- September 26th in Gulf Shores is the MS-150/Tour de Beach Event. Only 1 day and will have 5 rest stops (Need volunteers)

Good of the Club – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Reminder of the DMR talk-around following the ARES net on Thursdays at 2000 CDT, 31011 Color Code1 and Timeslot 2
- New Club Calendar is now available through our website thanks to Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Richard discussed the use of the SimSmith Chart for impedance matching to fully understand the readings we see on a meter like the NanoVNA antenna analyzer. For those wanting more about this subject check out the SimSmith software.

The meeting adjourned at 19:45 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.