



**Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)**

PO Box 491  
Robertsdale, AL 36567

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held August 15, 2019:**

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours by President Ron Thomas. This new earlier time was adopted so that the meeting could be completed by 19:00 hours so that a full program could be offered.

There were 15 members and 1 guest present. There was a quorum.

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**Visitors:**

Ron Thomas greeted Sue Guthrie as a visitor.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from the July 2019 were sent to the club Webmaster for posting. It was discussed and agreed upon that the minutes of the previous meetings would no longer be read out loud at the meetings. The secretary would upload the minutes a few days after each meeting to the club web site in lieu of.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Lee gave the treasurer's report. The ending checking account balance for 7/31/2019 was \$227.69. The ending savings account balance for 7/31/2019 was \$6,152.84.

**VE-Report:**

Rich reported that the next VE exam date would be September 7th.

Rich also took the opportunity to talk about the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) bike ride event that is held in the Gulf Shores area to raise funds for this charity. For the past several years, our club has provided ham operators to man the VHF equipment that is used to provide race communications. Rich asked that the club members think about helping out again this year. Volunteers will sign up via a website this year.

**Old Business:**

Ron mentioned that this year's Huntsville Ham fest will be held on August 22nd and 23rd. A number of members plan to attend, and Ron will have a vendor table should any member want to sell equipment or radios. Ron also reminded the members that the club meets informally every Saturday morning at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Spanish fort. Ron also thanked Joe McIntosh for sourcing and obtaining QSL cards for the club's station, now that we have a new club station call sign.

**New Business:**

Ron reported that the club will be helping with the Silverhill Boy Scouts JOTA (jamboree on the air) event this year on October 19th. Joel suggested that we put our coming events on our Web page, Emery agreed to do so.

It was mentioned that the Alabama QSO party will be the weekend of September 14th, 1500 UTC, thru September 15th, 0300 UTC. Ron, Ray, and Joel will activate Escambia County.

The donated AREDN nodes are now installed on the county 911 tower; however no radio equipment has been setup yet.

With nothing for the good of the club, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary