



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held October 17, 2019:

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours by President Ron Thomas.

There were 23 members and 1 guest present. There was a quorum.

Visitors:

Ron Thomas greeted the following visitors: Mike Taylor. Mike had recently passed his Technician exam and made application with the club at this meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the September 2019 were previously sent to the club Webmaster for posting. There were no questions or comments regarding these minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Lee gave the treasurer's report. The ending checking account balance for 9/30/2019 was \$244.41. The ending savings account balance for 9/30/2019 was \$6,214.05.

VE-Report:

Rich reported the next VE exam session will be on November 2nd. So far, we have 2 candidates scheduled for testing.

Old Business:

Rich mentioned that he had visited with club member Phil Bowers who has been very ill lately. Rich reported that Phil is now sitting up in a chair and seems to be improving. It was suggested that the club Secretary obtain a get well card and send it along to Phil.

Ron discussed the planned JOTA get together with the Silverhill Scout troop. Ron noted that because of the risk of tropical weather on the Saturday of this event, and the likely hood that no scouts would participate, the club would not be setting up equipment and antennas at the Silverhill scout camp this year.

New Business:

Ron called on Ray Sturch to give the report of 2019 officer and trustee nominating committee.

The report was as follows:

President	Jerry Couch
Vice - President	Joe McIntosh
Secretary	Joe Pillitary
Treasurer	Rich Lee

Board members at large:

Emery Wooten, KC5LIO
Bruce Raymond, ND8I
Ron Thomas, N4RT

Ray also reported on a change in venue for this year's Christmas meeting / party. The new venue will be Felix's Restaurant on the Mobile Causeway. The date of the party will be December 17th.

Ray added that after closer scrutiny of the 2019 SET event scores, his team has found some additional points and reported that this year's points total could be the best ever for our club, something around 1700 points.

Ron added that many states conduct their annual SET event in the fall. As such, the club would be waiting to the end of the year to submit its score.

On a related subject, Ron reported that in many locations in California, Amateur radio clubs are no longer allowed to participate in emergency response activities. Ron's feeling is that the clubs in California are not preparing themselves adequately (via FEMA training courses) to be able to work closely with the first responder organizations in that state. Ron used this situation to make the point that all who would like to participate in our SET event should take at least the minimum level of FEMA courses.

For the Good of the order:

Ron reminded the club that we would be voting on the 2020 officers at the next meeting, and that if anyone would like to serve as a club officer, they should have someone nominate them from the floor at that meeting.

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

Submitted,
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary

Following the meeting, Bill Dionne offered an interesting program of the functionality and uses of the Nano VNA (vector network analyzer) device that has just come on the market.