



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held September 19, 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 5 guests present. There was a quorum.

Visitors:

Ron Thomas greeted the following visitors: Chick Thompson, Debby Thompson, Sue Guthrie, Michael Taylor, and new member Mike Palmer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the August 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 \$244.41. The ending savings account balance for 7/31/2019 was \$6,152.84.

VE-Report:

Rich reported that 6 applicants presented themselves for testing. All six passed their exams. Rich also noted that a few more operators were needed for the upcoming MS bike ride fundraising event. Nine amateur radio operators were needed for Sunday and a two for Saturday.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Ron reported that the 2020 nominating committee was being formed and asked for volunteers to serve. The following members volunteered: Ray Sturch, Joel Emmett, and Robert Fry. It was suggested that Bruce Raymond be asked as he had served in the past. This committee will report at the October meeting, with the actual election of officers being held at the November meeting.

Ron reported on the Huntsville Hamfest, noting that it has grown to be one of the largest such meeting of hams in the Southeast. Ron was able to sell a few donated items for the club, but still has a donated Kenwood HF radio for sale. (As a side note, club member Jerry Couch has been building compressed air antenna launcher units, which he sold at the hamfest, and has a few units available for club members at a discounted price).

Additionally, Ron announced that the club had recently purchased a license for the full suite of K3FJP **contest logging software** for \$50.00. Members may use this software at any event where the club station call sign is being used.

Joel Emmett reported on the club's activation of Escambia County during the recent Alabama QSO Party contest. Joel, Ray Sturch, Jerry Couch, and Ron Thomas manned the station for 11 hours and 55 minutes and amassed a record number of points for Escambia County: 45,110 points.

Joel gave a brief slide show report, detailing the station setup and antenna farm. A pilot station was used and manned by the "off duty operator" to hunt for hard to find stations. The CW mode was used for this contest.

For the Good of the order:

Ron reminded the membership that the club would be setting up a remote station at the Silverhill Boy Scout camp on October 19, to assist the scouts with their Jamboree on the Air annual event.

Ron also floated the idea of a winter field day event, sometime in January. Discussion followed!

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

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary