



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

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held November 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Joe McIntosh, K4JOM. There were 23 members and 10 guests present.**

**There was a quorum.**

**Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance**

**Visitors:**

Joe welcomed: Tom Frohnafel, N8SCH; Richard Tellman, KG4LTM; Cynthia Tellman, KG4MHZ; Kristi Powers; Lee Fry, AA4LF; Mark Yelderman, KC5HOM; Jack Becker, KQ4JCS; Kim Becker; Hayden Montgomery, WB4MBV.

**Secretary's report- Christine Ryan**

Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website.

**Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace**

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 10/31/2023. Remember that you do not have a vote if your dues are not paid up. If you are new, dues are free but you will need to complete an application to receive club emails.

**WinLink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT:**

Remember the software for Winlink is free. John posts a new question for the BCARC Winlink Net every Tuesday. It is posted to the club website: N4MZ.com. John, K7ACT, can help you get started if you are interested in participating in the net.

**VE Report:**

The next VE exam is scheduled for 12/02/2023. The session is currently full (preregistration is required); but you can ask to be put on the waiting list. Contact Joel Emmett, W2BJN, directly for more information.



The last VE session took place on 11/04/23. There were 3 candidates; resulting in 2 Technicians, and 1 Extra.

### **OLD Business:**

- Daphne library community room has been secured for 2024.
- The Club will send a gratuity check to the Library for \$200. This is in the budget for 2023.
- Report about the replacement antenna for the Club's new UHF repeater at the EOC. Frequency: 443.375/448.375MHz with a 82.5Hz tone. The identifier is N4MZ.
- BCARC now owns 4 Baofeng HT "loaners" to be made available to newly licensed hams – with some stipulations.

### **New Business:**

BCARC Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, at the Wolf Bay Restaurant in Foley. It begins at 6pm.

A call-in Net is being sponsored by hams at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort: 9am Saturday mornings using the National Simplex Calling Frequency – 146.52MHz.

### **Good of the Club:**

Election of 2024 Officers and Trustees:

President – Greg Powers, WG0MEZ;

Vice-President – Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Secretary – Christine Ryan, KE4WKH

Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND

Board Members at Large – Ken Bell, K4EES; Joel Emmett, W2BJN; Emery Wooten, KC5LIO.



## **Program – Ken Bell**

Review of the Club's recent POTA activity at Meaher State Park – it was a total success! POTA is a world-wide organization and includes State Parks, National Parks, National Forests, trails, and many other recreation entities. Information can be found at <https://pota.app>.

And a reminder that Winter Field Day is coming up January 27/28/2024. Ken also projected the results from this past summer's Field Day as published in the December issue of QST. BCARC ranked 78<sup>th</sup> of 331 entries in the 3A category. 822 qsos were recorded for 4,378 pts.

## **Executive Session**

Subsequent to the close of regular business, the club Board met in Executive Session to approve the appointment of Mr. Chuck Pharis, WA4USA, as trustee of the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency repeater, WB4EMA, 147.090. Mr. Pharis was chosen based on his longtime association with Amateur Radio, his many years of experience with communications equipment, and his active 1st Class Commercial Radiotelephone (now General) license.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm CDT  
Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.