

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567

August 16, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joyce Vann (KJ4ZUV) at 7:15pm. The location was at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Robertsdale, AL. Present at the meeting were 7 members and 2 guests. A quorum of members was not present to conduct business.

The July 2012 meeting minutes were read by Rich Lee (W2EUS).

The treasurer's report was read by Charles Vasut (AF4I).

Old/Unfinished Business:

1- Volunteer Examiner Program Report – Ralph Stemp (KJ4JCS):

First, take a look at our Club website (www.sb-arc.com) for six testing dates during 2013. We continue to coordinate our testing dates with the Milton Club so that there is a test each month of the year at one Club or the other Club. The Blake at Malbis continues to be our partner by providing the testing facility for our use at no charge.

Second, we are now "Field Stocked" by our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator, the ARRL. That means I have been provided with probably a year's worth of testing material rather than my having to request testing material for each upcoming exam. The ready supply of testing material will also allow us to give spur of the moment exams, if we so choose.

Third, the ARRL national website now displays our upcoming testing sessions through 2013. This is the source of virtually all of our testing candidates. Our listing now includes our website address. That should help direct people to the Club.

Finally, our Captain for the September 13 exam is Rich Lee and for November 8 is Dave Hottell.

New Business:

1. Ralph Stemp suggested the two following ideas for the club's consideration:

- a. We suspend this year's December Party/Dinner and have a regular meeting that month at which we do our routine Club business and then focus on doing some basic technical demonstrations. He is thinking of "low-level" demos that would appeal to our new/Tech-level members. For example, CW demo, soldering, etc.
- b. We expand our Field Day next year into "Field Day & Club Annual Picnic." The Club will provide a picnic dinner for all members, guests, cousins, friends, etc. who show up at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Field Day site. The Club will not expend more than \$400 for food for the event.

2. Charles Vasut(AF4I) reminded everyone that club officer nominations and election are due in the next two months.

Presentation: Brian Trivett(G0TTQ) gave a talk on IRLP and Echolink.

The 50/50 was conducted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Approved at the 9/20/2012 meeting

Richard Lee, W2EUS

SB-ARC Secretary