

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

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October 20, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Leroy Bishop (KG4VQW) at 7:03pm. The location was at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Robertsdale, AL. Present at the meeting were 15 members and 3 guests. A quorum of members was present to conduct business.

Before starting business Leroy introduced John Perrett, Emergency Management Agency Director, who was hired about two months ago by the Baldwin County Commissioners. Mr. Perrett described his professional background and expressed his gratitude for the volunteer services provided by amateur radio operators during emergency situations.

Old Business:

The September 2011 meeting minutes were read by Rich Lee (W2EUS) and approved without changes.

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

- 1- Volunteer Examiner Program. Ralph Stemp (KJ4JCS) reported on the VE Program. He has ten Club members who have indicated that they would like to be involved in our examination committee and eight are fully-credentialed at this time. Others are welcome to participate. Indicate your desire to Ralph (ralphstemp@gmail.com) if you want to be on the Club's committee and then obtain your credentials from the American Radio Relay League, the organization which is serving as our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

Ralph has informed the Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (MARC) ([www. W4IAX.net](http://www.W4IAX.net)) that we have credentialed-examiners (with ARRL) available to help it administer its exams. You may be contacted to assist by its VE chairman, Weston Fryatt (AK4BK) (wfrayatt@gmail.com). If you volunteer to proctor any exam, it is imperative that you show up. A missing examiner will most likely result in the total exam session being voided.

Ralph mentioned that the Club's VE Program is primarily in support of the Club's Education Program. In short, we expect to be examining our own Technician-level students, not people who would walk-in to a scheduled exam, although those people will be accommodated too.

- 2- Education Program. Chris Hill (KG8JF) gave an update on the Club's Education Program that will focus on entry-level or Technician-level students. Contact has been made with the Eastern Shore Institute for Lifelong Learning (ESILL) (esill.org) and it is interested in offering a Technician-level Class, beginning in February, to be staffed by our Club members as the instructors. The Class would be based in Fairhope. Chris mentioned that the main contribution in teaming with ESILL is that it has a substantial "marketing engine" that can reach people who may be interested in learning about Ham radio.

It was also noted that the City of Orange Beach, Adult Activity Center, agreed to make its facility available if we wanted to offer a Class in Orange Beach. However, it was decided to focus on just the ESILL Class to start the Education Program. It may be that the Program can be expanded to the Orange Beach location in the future.

- 3- Christmas Dinner – After some discussion the members decided that Magnolia Blossom, Robertsdale, 6:30pm, Thursday, December 15, 2011 would be the place and time for the annual tradition of replacing the monthly regular meeting with an event for food and fellowship. The date and time are tentative until Leroy finalizes arrangements with the restaurant.
- 4- Officer/Board Elections – The Nominating Committee appointed at last month's regular meeting offered the following nominations for 2012 club officers and elected Board members – President: David Hottell(AB9CA), Vice President: Joyce Vann(KJ4ZUV), Secretary: Richard Lee(W2EUS), Treasurer: Charles Vasut(AF4I), Board Member 1: Emery Wooten(KC5LIO), Board Member 2:

Lou Aiken(N4SWR). Nominations were called from the floor three times and no further nominations were offered. Nominations were closed and the above nominees were voted in by acclamation. Because Don Pape(KI4LZX) resigned from the presidency the previous Sunday, Leroy Bishop became the new President according to succession as described in Robert's Rules of Order. In 2012 Leroy will be a member of the Board as the Immediate Past President.

New Business

- 5- SKYWARN – At 9:00am, Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the EOC a representative from the National Weather Service will be meeting with amateur radio operators who are interested in volunteering for this program. The introduction is expected to last about one hour followed by a two hour (10:30am-12:30pm) training session for those who choose to participate. For more information go to the <http://skywarn.org/> page.
- 6- Our new president-elect, Dave Hottell, will start the process for implementing an annual audit committee as called for in the by-laws. A report is expected by the January regular meeting.

The 50/50 was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Approved at the 11/17/2011 meeting with changes
Richard Lee, W2EUS
SB-ARC Secretary