



South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567
March 15, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held March 15, 2018:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ron Thomas. There were 19 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the February 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report showed a checking account balance of \$3874.78 and a balance in the repeater fund of \$832.46.

Old Business:

Ron recognized 4 visitors to the meeting, there were: Carl DiMario, KB1OIZ; Hank Folu, W5SZ; Jim Buckley, KN4HOY; and Tom Despain.

Ron also reminded the club of the special event station, AL2C that will be in operation at the Stockton Bi-centennial Park, celebrating the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood. This will not be a swap meet but rather a chance to reach out to the public and to talk about our hobby. There will be a code practice key setup for the kids to try, and special certificates given out to those who can send their name in Morse code.

Ron reminded the members of the all clubs dinner gathering at the Blue Gill restaurant on the Mobile causeway on April 12th. Social hour starts at 6:00 with dinner to follow. Each member will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Ray Sturch reported that this year's SET event will be somewhat modified and will not be a full SET, but a Shelter Exercise, where only emergency shelters will be visited. As a related topic, Ray noted that the club would like to see more of its members become ARES members, and receive their online training.

Additionally, Ray reported that work had been done in the ham shack at the EMA, placing some new equipment, testing of existing equipment, and generally reorganized the area for more efficient use.

VE report:

Rich Lee reported that 3 individuals were tested and the last VE test session, and all passed their exam - 2 technicians and 1 general.

New Business:

President Ron Thomas reported the board and trustees of the club had reviewed the club's current By-Laws and Constitution documents with an aim to update such. This work had been completed and copies of the new documents would be available on the club's website. A vote to adopt the changes would be taken at the next regular meeting, and that members would need to current with their dues to vote on the adoption of these changes.

Good of the Club:

It was announced that the Mobile Hamfest would be held at the Abba Shrine temple on Schlingers road on April 14th. The Fort Walton hamfest would be held on March 16th at 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted,
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM
Secretary