



South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567
April 19, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held April 19th, 2018:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ron Thomas. There were 17 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum present. Ron recognized 4 visitors to the meeting, there were: Alton Deville, K3ZRF; Jere Couch, N4DQ; Connie Couch; and Joe Pillitary, KN4HUM.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasure's report showed a checking account balance of \$3908, and a balance in the repeater fund of \$833.

VE report:

Rich reminded the club of next VE testing session to be held on May 10th.

Old Business:

Ron noted that it was time to vote on the proposed changes to the club's By-Laws and Constitution. The changes had been posted on the club website for thirty days, and Ron now asked for any discussion to these changes. Secretary Joe McIntosh spoke to summarize the changes and to answer questions. There were no objections, so the changes were passed without dissent. The club's new name will be Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club. The secretary will see to making the necessary changes on all government paperwork.

New Business:

Vice President Ray Sturch spoke regarding ARES training courses, available online on the state ARES website. Ray noted that to work inside the EMA building during activation, club members must take and pass a minimum set of these courses. Amateur radio operations during times of emergencies are a large part of our club's mission, and the club is indebted to the Baldwin EMA group for a place to meet and for the equipment in the radio shack. Ray asked that each member think about enrolling in these courses.

On this subject, Ray mentioned that work had been done in the ham shack, and that some new equipment was available. In general the shack has been better organized, and some new radio equipment has been added, including a new 40 meter antenna. Ray asked that the members be checked out on this equipment prior to operation of such, and then to avail themselves of the radio shack during business hours during the work week.

Good of the Club:

The members were reminded of the club 2 meter nets that are held on Monday and Tuesday of each week in the early evening. It was announced that the Mobile Hamfest would be held at the Abba Shrine temple on Schlingers road on April 14th. Alton Hester won the 50/50 split the pot raffle and donated his winning to the repeater fund.

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

Submitted,
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM
Secretary