

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567

February 16, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Bill Dionne. There were 27 members, 2 visitors, and 1 guest present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the checking account of \$3754.52 and a savings account balance of \$633.23.

VE Report:

Rich Lee reported the next amateur radio licensing testing session will be on March 9th, 2017.

Old Business:

- Ron Thomas reported that an AREDN network node was installed on the roof of Thomas Hospital, in Fairhope. Some fine tuning and additional tweaking of this node is still on-going. A test of the USA Medical Center node was done on a recent Saturday morning from the Lake Forest Yacht club parking lot. See the club website for pictures and a brief description of an AREDN network. Ron also reported that he has plans to put an additional node on the Providence Hospital in Mobile.
- It was reported that the 146.685 repeater was down due to the lack of a proper ground, due to vandalism at the repeater site.
- It was also announced that the "Satsuma Tail-gator", a local ham fest / swap meet would be held in Satsuma AL (north of Mobile) on Saturday, March 11th, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. In-addition, the North Baldwin Amateur club is conducting a similar "Tail-gator" event on April 29th, at the Pfeiffer Floor Covering warehouse, in Bay Minette, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Program:

Dave Hottell gave a presentation on D-star and its capabilities.

Good of the Club:

Ron Thomas won the 50/50 drawing.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Raymond, for
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM
Secretary