

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

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January 16, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orrie Smith (WK4Z) at 7:00 PM. The location was at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Robertsdale, AL. Present at the meeting were ten members and four guests. A quorum of Board members was present to conduct business.

The November 2013 meeting minutes were read by Bruce Raymond (ND8I) and approved without changes. There was no meeting in December 2013. Instead there was a Christmas party on December 12th at the Magnolia Blossom Cafe in Robertsdale, AL.

The treasurer's report was read by Charles Vasut (AF4I). The current bank balance is \$3,505.70. There is \$421.96 in the repeater fund.

Old Business:

1) The search for and election of a president continued. VP Smith yielded the floor to Robert Frye - KJ4MIC. Mr. Frye explained that he had been the nominee for club president before the December meeting, but withdrew his name from consideration due to concerns about his medical issues with Parkinson's that had come up just prior to that meeting. Mr. Frye went into great detail about himself including the medical issues, his education and work background, family life, etc. He explained that he in fact did want to become President but wanted the membership to understand that there might be times during his tenure when he would be unable to attend meetings. In a nutshell, he put his name back in nomination after giving the members in attendance the "full disclosure / straight shooter facts" on his qualifications and turned the meeting back over to Mr. Smith.

VP Smith opened the floor for comments on Mr. Frye's offer and several members, most notably Rich Lee - W2EUS, offered their opinions (very positive) on the prospects of having Robert Frye for the 2014 President.

With the new President in place VP Smith turned to floor over to Mr. Frye who thanked him for stepping up and getting the ball rolling for the new year.

2) Some items that have been donated to the club by Charles Browdy. These included a radio (with instructions that it should go to a new ham) and approximately ten books. Dave Hottell/AB9CA explained that the remaining items were free to club members in attendance on a first come first serve basis after the meeting. If you didn't attend you missed the free stuff!

3) President Frye talked for a while about his ideas for improving and expanding the club and appointed a committee made up of club officers and members to work on programs and ideas. After a few minutes of discussion on various topics the club business was concluded and the program began.

New Business:

Robert Frye was unanimously elected President.

Presentation:

Robert Frye gave a lecture on basic electronics including the fundamentals of the triode vacuum tube and PNP transistor. This continued to a discussion of binary numbers, truth tables, and the AND gate with multiple real world examples. Questions from the floor were answered along with some entertaining stories from his days at Bell Labs. It was an interesting program which will be continued in future meetings!

Announcements:

1) The Orlando Hamfest is Feb 7, 8, 9 (<http://www.hamcation.com/>).

2) VE testing yielded two new hams. One new Tech and one new General (applicant passed both Tech and General).

Other:

50/50 was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Bruce Raymond/ND8I
SB-ARC Secretary