

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567

April 19, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President David Hottell (AB9CA) at 7:05pm. The location was at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Robertsdale, AL. Present at the meeting were 19 members. A quorum of members was present to conduct business.

The March 2012 meeting minutes were read by Rich Lee (W2EUS) and approved without changes. The treasurer's report was read by Charles Vasut (AF4I).

Old/Unfinished Business:

- 1- Field Day Preparations – Lou Aiken (N4SWR) reported that two volunteers have stepped forward. He still needs more for other tasks as outlined in his 4/3/12 email.
- 2- Volunteer Examiner Program Report – Ralph Stemp (KJ4JCS) gave a final report with a motion for the program's future for the club to vote on. The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, the South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club shall sponsor Ham Radio license testing sessions, through the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator approved by the Federal Communications Commission. The President shall annually appoint a Member, in January, who is an ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner (VE) at the Extra level (see p. 24 of the VE Manual, 9th ed.), to be the Team Liaison with ARRL, and to supervise and implement the testing program. No Club funds shall be expended in this program.

The purposes of the program are: to provide testing to students of organized Amateur Radio classes; to provide testing, at all license levels, on a regular, publicized basis to members of the General Public; to provide convenience to Club members who desire testing; and to provide Club members who serve as Volunteer Examiners an avenue to contribute Public Service to the Amateur Radio hobby.

New Business:

- 1- A motion was made to cancel the November meeting. It was not seconded.
- 2- Dave Hottell summarized activities regarding the linking project between the 147.090 (WB4EMA, Robertsdale) repeater with the 145.430 (KD4HYG, Bay Minette) repeater. The linking yagi antenna in Robertsdale is set up but the corresponding antenna in Bay Minette remains to be installed. The following motion was made and seconded:

The club president on behalf of the club be authorized up to a maximum of \$150 to expend club funds amounting to half of the amount necessary to install a yagi antenna at the 145.430Mhz repeater in Bay Minette to link to the 147.090Mhz repeater in Robertsdale.

The motion was approved.

Presentation: David Hottell gave a presentation on performance variations for dipole antennas as you vary wire lengths in units of operating wavelengths and straight line compared to inverted-V orientations. He then compared coax to open wire transmission performance with some of the aforementioned antennas.

The 50/50 was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Approved at the 5/17/2012 meeting
Richard Lee, W2EUS
SB-ARC Secretary