

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

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April 20, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Rich Lee. There were 17 members, 2 visitors. The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Members were also reminded that the current year dues are now due, and that dues must be current so that a member can vote on club business.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The treasure Charles Vasut was not able to make the meeting but did submit the following report: the checking account showed a balance of \$3764.52 and the savings account showed a balance of \$637.93.

VE Report:

Rich Lee reported that there will be an amateur radio license testing session in May.

Old Business:

Joel Emmett gave the annual audit report for the financial audit committee. The committee reported that the financial records of the club were reviewed and no irregularities were found, and that all accounts were reconciled as of December 31, 2016.

New Business:

Tom Phipps spoke to suggest that the club create a data file and process that would make it easy for new hams that had purchased 2 meter equipment to program such for local use.

It was suggested that CHIRP could be used to maintain a vendor specific file for programming the members HT devices. CHIRP is a free, open-source tool for programming amateur radio. It supports a large number of manufacturers and models, as well as provides a way to interface with multiple data sources and formats.

As a result of the discussion, Tom volunteered to lead this effort with the help of other club members.

Good of the Club:

Rich Lee reminded the members of the Monday night net and the Saturday morning breakfast get together at the Jubilee Dinner.

Robert Frye reminded the members of lunch get together at Big Daddy's grill on Fish River, on May 25th at 2:00 pm.

The 50/50 raffle was not held.

Program:

Ray Sturch and Joel Emmett spoke to the club regarding the upcoming Baldwin Emergency Management SET event. This simulated emergency testing event will be held on May 31st and will hopefully involve many of our club members as roving, mobile reporters. The drill will simulate a hurricane or tornado event. Ray talked about both the activities at the Baldwin EMA facility ham shack, and the need for volunteers to drive about the county radioing back mock situation reports to the club radio station. The team at the EMA facility will collect these reports into a laptop computer, which will then print each situation report for the EMA professionals. Members were encouraged to help with this activity as our club is a vital resource for the state and local EMA organizations.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM
Secretary