

South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

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October 19, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Rich Lee. There were 15 members and 3 visitors present. It was determined that a quorum of paid members were present to conduct business. The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Charles Vasut reported the following:

As of 10/19/2017, the checking account showed a balance of \$3813.52, and the savings account showed a balance of \$717.27.

VE Report:

Rich gave the VE report and noted that the next VE testing session will be held on November 18th.

Old Business:

Joe McIntosh gave a report on the clubs effort to become eligible for the Smile.Amazon.com website contributions. Joe explained that to qualify as a non-profit organization, the club would need to apply for and be granted tax exempt status by the IRS. Application for this status would require a payment by the club to the IRS of \$275.00. This amount plus the fee required to change the club's Registered Agent with the Alabama Secretary of State, would result in a net cost to the club of \$300.00 After much discussion, it was decided that the club would probably not see a sufficient return from the Amazon.com program to recoup its \$300.00 expenditure. Therefore, the membership voted not to pursue the matter further.

Ron Thomas rose to give the report of the nominating committee for 2018 club officers and board members. After such, Rich Lee called for nominations from the floor. None were heard. Therefore, the slate of officers and board members as presented by the committee were accepted by acclamation.

The new officers for 2018 are to be:

President - Don Pape, KI4ZX
Vice President - Ron Thomas, N4RT
Treasurer - Charles Vasut, AF4I
Secretary - Joe McIntosh, K4JOM
Board Member - Robert Frye, KJ4MIC
Board Member - Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

New Business:

None.

Good of the Club:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Phipps.

The club was reminded of the Saturday morning breakfast get together in Daphne at the Jubilee Diner, and the upcoming Christmas dinner meeting to be held on December 12th, at the Lake Forest Yacht club.

Rich Lee also mentioned an article that was printed in the October QST magazine, regarding the fate of new hams, and how clubs might get and keep these new members. Much discussion was had by the members on this topic.

Lastly, Rich mentioned an Auxiliary Communications workshop to be held on October 28-29, 2017. More information is available on the following website: <http://www.w4ap.org>

Program:

Rich Lee spoke briefly regarding the properties and advantages of NVIS antennas. This was followed by a discussion of 80 meter antenna configurations and properties.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary