



**South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)**

PO Box 491  
Robertsdale, AL 36567

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held September 20, 2018:**

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Ron Thomas. There were 22 members and 6 guests. There was a quorum present.

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from the August 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Lee gave the treasure's report which showed a checking account balance of \$3601, and a balance in the savings account of \$1129.

**VE-Report:** One candidate was tested and passed his technician exam.

**New Business:**

Ron noted that as per our By-Laws, it was time to appoint a nominating committee for the election of officers and trustees. The following members volunteered to make up this committee: Ray Sturch, chairman, Alton Hester, and Larry Hawkins.

Ron also reminded the membership that the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air event was coming up on Saturday October 20th. Our club has committed itself to setting up a couple of radio stations so that the Scouts can get on the air and talk with other Scouts, locally and nationally. Ron and a few other club members will be traveling to Jackson AL to Mauvilla scout camp on September 30th to investigate the area for favorable antenna locations. Club members are encouraged to participate in this event.

Also it was announced that some surplus equipment would be offered by the club for sale, and/or possibly be given away as raffle prizes at the next meeting. Equipment that had been stored in the EOC and not used for many years was discovered during an audit and will be made available to the members.

**Program:**

Mike Hartman, President of the Deep South Amateur Radio club located in Mobile, spoke to announce that his club would be putting on their first hamfest. The date and location of the hamfest is September 29th in Satsuma AL. Door prizes and vendor tables would be available. Mike also took the opportunity to stress that amateur radio clubs should work together whenever possible and form a network of members that can support each group's needs and activities.

For the program, Ron demonstrated a 2 meter Moxon antenna that he had made from copper foil on a hardboard substrate. The antenna was easy to make, light weight and inexpensive. The antenna was directional and had good gain. Ron noted that the dimension length of the foil was critical as was the so-called "wire" gaps.

**Good of the Club:**

The Pensacola hamfest is coming up on September 22nd, and the club will be selling used equipment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Secretary