



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held March 21, 2019:

The meeting was called to order at 19:05 hours by President Ron Thomas. There were 18 members and guest present. There was a quorum.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the February 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Lee gave the treasurer's report, noting the new format. The ending checking account balance for 2/28/2019 was \$914.18. The ending savings account balance for 2/28/2019 was \$5,204.70. Rich also mentioned that he does have a list of used equipment for sale.

VE-Report:

No report for February.

Old Business:

Under old business, Ron reminded the membership that proposed changes to the By-Laws were suggested at the last meeting and were posted on the club website. Joel rose to speak to these changes and to summarize the proposed wording. Ron now called for a vote of acceptance of these changes. A motion was by David Furber, seconded by Don Pape was made to approve these changes. The motion was passed.

New Business: none.

Ron spoke about the following:

- There would be a 2019 Preparedness Expo at the Wharf center in Orange Beach, and a few volunteers are needed to man a booth. These volunteers would tell folks about our club, hobby, and how we support of the Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center.
- The topic of the upcoming SET was discussed again. Ron made the point that the membership needed to make a good showing for this most important event. Both rovers and ham shack personnel will be needed.
- Ron reminded the members that a repeat of last year's Special Easter event would be held at the Bi-Centennial Park in Stockton this year, on 14 April, from 13:00 to 17:00 hours. The club would be setting up working radios and antennas and a code practice oscillator for the kids to use. A good time was had last year and Ron encouraged as many members as possible to make the event.
- Ron spoke briefly to say that the project to mount an AREDN node on the Spanish Fort tower has been put off. The cost of hiring a tower climber is in discussion. Ron will look into getting quotes from others who may be insured and able to help with this task.
- This year's Field Day event will be held in Silverhill at the local Boy Scout Silver Creek camp ground. The club used this area for last year's SOTA (scouts on the air) event and the site was ideal for this kind of event. Radio activities will be done indoors and accommodations eating and sleeping would be available.
- Ron mentioned that a petition to change band access has been submitted to the FCC. The petition asked that amateurs licensed at the technician level be allowed to use some additional band space for HF & digital activity. Ron showed the club how each member could go to the FCC website and make known their opinion with regards to this change.

With nothing for the good of the club, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM Secretary