



Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

President: Reg Thomas, KD8THB
Vice President: Jerry Sheldon, W9MET
Secretary: Mike Urban, KD4PTT
Club Station License Trustee: Jeff Saly, WA4LLL

In addition to the SRC Officers, the following Members were present:

Doug Bennett, WB8ZNL
Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR
Stu Gallant, K3RZB
Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB
Marty Strakhovsky, WA1GVH
Norm Zubick, KD2ICH

The following Guest(s) were present:

Doug Martin, K2LHF (Sponsor: Jerry Sheldon, W9MET)

The meeting was called to order by President Reg at 7:04pm.

Old Business:

A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of Feb. 25, 2021 in lieu of reading was accepted by all Members present.

A brief summary of the visit to the Edison/Ford Museum was presented by Jerry, W9MET. It was stated that seven (7) people went. Jerry provided a brief review of the trip and all that was seen throughout the museum. It would be worth going again.

Reg, KD8THB reported that the UHF controller has been received from Brazil.

Further discussion regarding the proposed Liability Insurance the Club is considering.

Reg and Jerry have continued to identify the requirements for gaining such coverage through the ARRL. As it was previously identified to be the most cost effective. However, the prerequisite(s) placed by the ARRL for a Club to get there, requires a rather extensive process for proof of qualifications for the coverage, which could take several months to fully comply.

But, with the premium being very inviting at \$200.00/year for up to \$2m coverage, we (SRC) desire to continue to pursue this option.

Therefore, it was presented that we the Solivita Radio Club (SRC) may need to consider an alternative route for obtaining a comprehensive insurance policy in a more acceptable time frame... like NOW!

Jerry provided information to the fact that we (the Club) may be able to get a “local” policy that would be effective “now”.

However, the premium would be slightly higher, yet we would be pursuing a possible short-term policy, i.e., 6 months. A current quote from a local Broker is approx.: \$708/yr. (for 1-year minimum policy). Further details would be available once finalized.

On-Going:

Paul, N2TTR announced that he is continuing to populate the data and other listings to the Club’s Website (@ QRZ.COM). Anyone having anything they think would be suitable for entry ... submit their content to the Board for consideration/approval.

Jerry, W9MET: The GMRS Repeater is back but not “live” as yet, awaiting frequency tuning. Also noted that GMRS License fees are to be changing from \$70 to \$35 soon.

Marty, WA1GVH added that he would be able to help any of those CERT Members in programming their HT’s.

Alan, KI8JV and his HAM Class is going well and that he expected about 6 people from the group may be the most interested in actually taking the exam for Tech.

New Business:

The first order of New Business was to nominate candidates for the new position of Treasurer.

Club President Reg, KD8THB nominated Paul, N2TTR for the position of Treasurer.

With no other nominations, all Members present seconded the nomination.

A vote was taken resulting in ten (10) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

Results: Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR, voted as Treasurer, Solivita Radio Club.

A Club Dues is to be initiated. The amount of Dues is intended to be \$30.00 per year for all SRC Members. Dues is expected to be collected by and/or at the April 2021 general meeting.

With the addition of an additional Club Officer to the Board and the institution of Club Dues, it is necessary to update the Club documents (Constitution / By-Laws) and submit them to the Solivita Activities department for acceptance.

Reg, KD8THB has completed his investigative trip to Hontoon Island for the proposed Island DX camping trip. The chosen dates for which he has reserved accommodations are April 13th and 14th. The cost is \$15 per person for the 2 nights in a cabin (6-person cabin). All those interested... contact Reg, KD8THB.

Alan, KI8JV and **Guest: Doug Martin, K2LHF** briefly discussed the VE/VEC requirements for testing candidates for Tech, Gen & Extra class licensing. Despite there are fully qualified VEC's near by (St. Cloud), it does not limit any of our Members from becoming qualified VE's and/or VEC's.

With no further New Business and/or general discussion, Reg, KD8THB called for a motion to adjourn.

Paul, N2TTR motioned to adjourn
Wayne, KJ4FXB second the motion.
All Members present agreed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Post-Meeting Activity:

Norm, KD2ICH displayed his fabricated Split-Cube Di-Pole Antenna to the group. This antenna generated much interest. Norm said the specs are posted on the website. The cost of material at about \$30.00. He would be happy to assist anyone who may want to fabricate one for themselves. Small and compact and stealthy.

Alan, KI8JV displayed his project (in-progress) of fabricating a Loop Antenna. Resonates @ 21MHz – 24MHz. Tuned for 20m bands and can get it to 40m. Some what compact, not too small and/or stealthy... but nice design!!!

END.