



Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2021

President: Reg Thomas, KD8THB
Vice President: Jerry Sheldon, W9MET
Secretary: Mike Urban, KD4PTT
Treasurer: Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR
Club Station License Trustee: Jeff Saly, WA4LLL

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

Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB
Norm Zubick, KD2ICH
Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
Doug Bennett, WB8ZNL
Joe Hare, KC4JRH
CJ Chiappone, KO4CCB
Stu Gallant, K3RZB

The following Guest(s) were present:

Mrs. Cherie Saly

The meeting was called to order by President Reg at 7:03pm.

Old Business:

A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2021, as written and published to the Club Membership via email in lieu of reading at-this-time, was moved and accepted by all Members present.

Motion to accept: Stu, K3RZB
2nd: CJ, KO4CCB

Since the last Club General Meeting where it was proposed and created an award to be named the "K9YCG Loren Mathews Award". The award is intended for the Member that has gone above and beyond to promote Ham Radio in the Solivita community.

Since the last meeting, where this idea of the award came about, nominations were submitted and received from membership for the first awardee.

Reg and Jerry with few words announced the winner as Jeff Saly, WA4LLL and made the award presentation. Jeff's tireless efforts to bring the de-graded, and almost non-functioning Solivita VHF/UHF Radio Systems back to "life" has been a long, yet impressive accomplishment.

With the Award presentation, Jeff's wife, Cherie was present and taking pictures.

Congratulations!!!

It was brought to the Clubs attention by Doug, WB8ZNL at the April 2021 general meeting to establish a new policy to "Buy America". To establish a Club policy to buy or build American products, as best as we possibly can. This, all due to Chinas negative aspects in their labor policies.

With some discussion as to what and how the Club could follow such a proposal, it was presented to the members present, whether to go forward with the proposal. Reg, KD8THB called for a motion. Paul, N2TTR made a motion to accept the proposal as stated. Jeff, WA4LLL 2nd the motion. Reg, KD8THB called for a vote to accept the motion as stated. All members present voted yes to accept.

The motion carried. The Clubs policy will be to, "Buy American" with their best efforts.

On-Going:

VP Jerry, W9MET reported the continuing work to get the WGMRS repeaters back on-line and that they are back up and running.

Jeff added that some corrosion of the metallic elements/connections and decayed structural support members require attention and will be attended to.

Alan and Paul will be looking at it to secure the mountings.

New Business:

VP Report: Jerry, W9MET

Plans are to attend the upcoming CERT monthly meeting (usually the last Monday of each month), so hopefully on/about June 28th. His plans are for aiding/assisting in the programming the new GMRS frequencies the CERT members utilize in their HT's and maybe (as necessary) give training/assistance in the proper function and operation of the HT's as well.

Treasures Report: Paul, N2TTR

Previous months Balance: \$94.94

Dues collected: \$300.00

Balance on deposit: \$394.94

The Treasurers Reports will NOT be posted to the Club website.

Trustee Report: Jeff, WA4LLL

We have added an additional Battery and Charger to upgrade the backup to 30amps. Estimate 18 hours of backup power. Jeff continues to experiment to see actual needs.

Power supply and chargers have been moved outside the Radio enclosure/cabinet. This will hopefully help reduce the heat level generated inside the cabinet. Also, fans have been added. We currently have 4 radios operating (2 receive; 2 transmit).

Jeff commented: We now have both repeaters up, with lots of equipment providing functional support... and yet, NOTHING is protected by lightning arrestors.

Some discussion among to members present mentioned various products to resolve the deficiency – one suggested was called: Polyphase at a cost of about \$75.00/each. We have a need for two (2). A side-bar conversation (conducted between Wayne, KJ4FXB and CJ, KO4CCB, both of which are also Solivita CERT members). Upon completion, CJ (who is the CERT Treasurer), proclaimed that CERT would pay for the subject equipment.

Somewhere in the crowd there was a motion to purchase the Polyphase lightning arrestors. Motion accepted by all members present.

Pres. Reg, thanks CERT for their generosity.

Upcoming Exam(s): Alan, KI8JV

Currently, we have 5 or 6 candidates (where 2 or 3 were out-of-staters) for Tech exams. These are some of Alan's students from his recent classes which had been conducted on-line (Zoom). Plus, there is one (1) upgrade exam (to General) to be administered. Exam date is set for June 5th.

Two VEC's from Deland will be visiting/aiding in this event.

Club Liability Insurance: Paul, N2TTR

We have the application submitted to ARRL for the \$2m coverage with the application anticipated to become effective on June 1, 2021. With an alternative effective date of June 15, 2021.

ARRL Field Day 2021: Jeff, WA4LLL

The dates for the ARRL Field Day will be, starting June 26th @ 2:00pm EDT and run thru to June 27th @ 10:00am EDT.

Our location for this event will be the Wimbledon Pavilion. It is anticipated that "set-up" will begin at the pavilion at 10am, Saturday the 26th. We plan to setup rigs by frequency/levels/bands., est. 1 radio per band, so to allow for operators to rotate around our cite.

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

Doug, WB8ZNL motioned to adjourn
CJ, KO4CCB second the motion.
All Members present agreed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Post-Meeting Activity:

N/A

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