



Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

July 29, 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 Members were present:

Stu Gallant, K3RZB
Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB
Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
George Baltz, N3GB
Doug Bennett, WB8ZNL

The following Guest(s) were present:

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Reg at 7:09pm EDT.

Old Business:

A motion to accept the Minutes as written for the Meeting of June 24, 2021, was seconded and accepted by all Members present.

On-Going:

GMRS Repeater Status: Jerry, W9MET. The new duplexer is not causing any ill effects to the system. Now fully functional. Available for use (by licensed operator) preferred.

UHF Repeater status: Awaiting new duplexer to be plugged in.

Field Day 2021 report by Jeff, WA4LLL. We made a total of 2,800 points (including bonus points). And our results have been submitted to ARRL. Refer to Jeff's previous email for full details. Estimate 5-6 months before QRC article from ARRL for final announcement on this event.

New Business:

Letter from ARRL.

The Club has received a letter and Certificate from ARRL in recognition of the approval for the Solivita Radio Club's Affiliation with the ARRL. A Certificate of Affiliation was enclosed with the letter.

New: The Club has set up a "For Sale Table" that will be displayed at each General Meeting. Any members desiring to sell or buy items may participate.

Use of GMRS repeater by CERT: Now with the GMRS repeater online the SRC will be encouraging CERT to fully utilize the GMRS repeater (frequencies) rather than the 2m (N4SRC) repeater for all their drills/exercises. SRC would provide any assistance necessary to get the CERT HT's configured with the GMRS frequencies.

Wayne, KJ4FXB, who is also Head of the CERT of Solivita, gave a brief report on the recent CERT "Drill" that was conducted on Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 2pm. Wayne extended his apologies to the Club for any interference that CERT may have caused when the CERT group commenced "drill traffic" on the N4SRC (VHF) Repeater (146.715), as several of their HT's had been locked on a repeater frequency and most of the CERT group were unable to correct the settings, so they just continued as set. Frequencies/radios and protocol were of concern. But then, in a real emergency/activation for CERT, this may well be the case where unlicensed operators may be on VHF repeaters/frequencies for the emergency. However, there is room for more training.

New: Member Show and Tell. (I'll show you mine... and you can show me yours). Do you have a unique system and/or components or antenna that you have built? Then, let's share it with all at "Show n' Tell".

VP Report.

The Antenna Mounting Team (AMT). By popular demand, the AMT will consist of the following "volunteers": Alan, KI8JV, Paul, N2TTR and Norm, KD2ICH.

It was asked for volunteers to do some weather proofing to the bench that holds the battery and power supply(s). Located in the "equipment room" in the tower. No one stepped forward, so Reg, KD8THB is going to do the weather/water proofing. Wayne, KJ4FXB will lend a hand.

Jerry, W9MET "motioned" and/or suggested that "we" return to having the N4SRC Net on each day of the week (Monday thru Friday) as it was originally set up to be. The "trial" period of having the 2m Net on Mon and Fri only, has not drawn as many as expected. Along with Wednesday being on 10m Freq: 28.4/28.45 event. The motion was 2nd by Paul, N2TTR and all members present accepted. The List of Net Control Operators, once identified, will be promulgated later.

Jerry is planning on ordering more Club hats. Also, it was suggested by (an unknown member present) of having Club Polo style shirts. All present agreed. Jeff, WA4LLL added that the material would have to be 100% Cotton (for him – due to allergies). All agreed to that option. Jerry will investigate for sources and advise.

VP Jerry, W9MET proposed the Club to canvas any members on the Club Roster who may have not paid this current year’s annual dues – to clarify their status and/or intent on remaining a Member of the Solivita Radio Club.

Reg, KD8THB motioned for acceptance Jerry’s proposal and Wayne, KD4FXB seconded the motion. All Members present approved the motion to review the current status of Members who are not current with the established Club Dues and/or their intent on remaining Members of SRC.

Treasurers Report.

Previous Balance:	\$235.69
Dues & Other Collections:	\$60.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
Acct. Balance:	\$295.69

Other Treasurer activity(s):

Researched ARRL Dues Benefit for ARRL Affiliated Clubs.

\$15.00 per new ARRL Member and \$2.00 for renewals. (Regular: \$49/1yr.)
Club collects \$15 or \$2 directly and payment is submitted via Club & Member forms.
(Recommendation - See if we have members wanting to join and do a bulk order & for renewals, do dry run with one or two members and then expand.
This will only be done IF approved... (by the Club Members and Board of Directors.))

Trustee Report: Jeff, WA4LLL... Nothing to add.

Training: Alan, KI8JV... Nothing in progress.

With no further New Business and/or general discussion, Reg, KD8THB called for a motion to adjourn, second and approved by all Members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm EDT.

Post-Meeting Activity:

Stu, K3RZB conducted a post-meeting narrative and display on Ham Radio Digital Modes. It was a great presentation and display of what can be done through digital modes... made some nice over-seas contacts... too bad I didn’t understand most of it... if so, this little report may have said a lot more. You should’ve been there.

See You All at our next meeting of the Solivita Radio Club (SRC) which will be as usual, the last Thursday of the Month. So, mark your calendars NOW for Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 7:00pm EDT @ The Art Gallery. See You There!!!

73's to All