



Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 28, 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 (NOT Present)

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

George Baltz, N3GB
CJ Chiappone, KO4CCB
Joe Hare, KC4JRH
Mark Kuziv, KC4ZVK
Mac MacDowell, KB7SFY
Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
Marty Strakhovsky, WA1GVH
Norm Zubick, KD2ICH

The following Guest(s) were present: N/A.

The meeting was called to order by President Reg, KD8THB at 7:02 pm.

Old/Ongoing Business:

A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2021, in lieu of reading was accepted by all Members present.

Paul, N2TTR advised that he has extended invitations to the ARRL Area Managers (West Central Florida – for which we, N4SRC Solivita Radio Club are under) to a proposed luncheon/gathering to commemorate N4SRC Solivita Radio Club becoming an Affiliated Club with the ARRL. Date/time/location yet to be determined. Pending response from WCF ARRL Managers.

Jerry, W9MET presented and talked about the “Balloon Antenna” he has put together, with plans to deploy during Field Day Events. A small mockup of the antenna, along with a “Party City” helium balloon for effect was on display. All those present were invited to see the antenna up close after the meeting.

There are plans to conduct a “field test” with the balloon antenna sometime in the next week or so. TBD.

CERT using new GMRS Repeater: CJ made some comments about the CERT members attempting to conduct “check-ins” in their travels to the CERT meeting location (Ballroom). Whereas several members could not make contact until they were very close to the Ballroom... and for some, not-at-all. Of course, any/all comms within the ballroom were received very well... so to prove to the individuals that the radios DID work well with the Repeater.

Bricks for Tower table legs: ATT, this task is yet to be accomplished. Jerry, W9MET stated he would finish the project within the next week... or so. Asked for volunteers to help and hands were raised to signify their intent to help with this project. (Footnote: At the time of this writing...which is several days after the event... **the project is complete.**).

New Business:

Reg, KD8THB announced a new monthly meeting segment. It's intended to have a SWAP/SALE/Give-Away table for those members wishing to swap and/or sell Ham Radio equipment, components, and/or miscellaneous related items. Setup would be before the meeting starts, with viewing/swapping and/or selling to be conducted during the “post-meeting” event(s) time.

VP Report:

Jerry, W9MET reported the next months Club event would be a FOXHUNT to be scheduled for November 17th. @11:00am. All interested members will meet at the Freedom Park (Flagpole). For this event, Norm, KD2ICH as winner of the last event, will be the designated FOX. He will be deploying a handheld transmitter. This transmitter is programed to transmit a digital signal every minute for 30 seconds. So, tune-up your gear and be ready to hunt the Fox. (**Note:** This Hunt will be a walking-only event within the confines of the Freedom Parks activities area's).

Keep your eyes and ears open for information leading to a possible Fieldtrip Event for December. Details are yet to be determined.

Treasurer Report:

Paul, N2TTR reports no finance transactions for this reporting period from 20210930 to 20211027.

The Account Balance remains unchanged.

There have been three (3) letters requesting dues from non-paid members, including a request of their intent to remain with the Club. At this time, no replies have been received.

Club Trustee Report: Not present. Nothing to report currently.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Post-Meeting Activity:

Balloon Antenna Display.

Ham Radio Swap Meet & Sales.

Amendment:

Couple additions for the minutes:

Mark KC4ZVK advised he will reach out to his contact at Spectrum 13 Television in Orlando for a station tour. To be scheduled in Dec.

It was decided to eliminate the November Meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Mike KD4PTT demonstrated his completed End Fed Half Wave antenna kit from ARRL and advised he would bring it to the club's workshop for reference. Workshop date TBD depending on arrival of the kits that have been ordered.

Alan KI8JV advised he could organize a VEC testing session for December but would prefer this be tabled until early in 2022. This will afford a bit more study time for those preparing for upgrade examinations.

END.