

SOLERA RADIO CLUB Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME:

The name of the organization shall be the “SOLERA RADIO CLUB” (hereinafter referred to as the Club).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE:

The purposes of the club shall be to:

1. Assure and/or enhance the enjoyment of the hobby for club members,
2. Help members develop their radio knowledge, skills, and capabilities,
3. Raise awareness of amateur radio activities outside of the Solera community,
4. Participate in the Emergency Radio Communication Program in cooperation with the Solera CERT Cadre and other groups and agencies. (NOTE: Participation by SRC Members is voluntary and not mandatory.)
5. Develop and practice the fundamental skills and protocols needed to participate in amateur radio activities including emergency response activities (e.g.: ARES, RACES, etc.)

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS:

Any member of the Solera Oak Valley Greens Homeowners Association is eligible to be a member of the club. Only members who have paid their annual dues will be a “member in good standing” and only “members in good standing” will be allowed to vote on matters brought before the membership including the election of officers, financial expenditures, etc. While the club is primarily designed to serve amateur radio and other authorized radio operators, there are no restrictions made with regard to membership.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS:

The elected officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

- The President shall preside at all club meetings, serve as official spokesperson for the club, and (with input from club members) set and publish agendas.
- The Vice-President shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the latter and schedule/administer radio drills and exercises in conjunction with the CERT Cadre on an ongoing basis.
- The Secretary shall record and distribute the minutes of each meeting of the club and promote the club’s activities by writing and/or submitting articles for the Gazette, scheduling club presentations, etc.
- The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the club, make deposits in the bank approved by the membership, keep the books of accounts of the club, sign or countersign withdrawal of the funds of the club, arrange for payment of accounts owed by the club and maintain the club roster.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Candidates for elective club offices shall be members in good standing and shall be elected for a term of one year. There are no restrictions on the number of successive terms that an officer may serve. The elected officers shall assume office on January 1.

The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting scheduled on the 1st Friday of the month of December. Voting of officers shall be by ballot and shall not be cumulative. There must be a quorum consisting of a majority of the Club’s “voting members” (More Than 50%) at the meeting in order for the Approved Bylaws – March 19, 2021

election to proceed. If a quorum is not present, the election will be postponed to a later time designated by the membership. Only members in good standing may vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. In the event of a tie vote, another ballot must be taken. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting for that office may be by voice vote.

At least five (5) weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting, members of the Club who chose to run for office will make their intentions known. At the annual meeting, the President may receive from the floor further nominations with the consent of the nominees.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICER VACANCIES

If there are officer vacancies during the course of the year due to resignations, relocations, or for other reasons; those positions will be filled as follows:

- If there is an officer vacancy that occurs after September 1 during the year; that vacancy will be filled via the election of officers that is held at the annual meeting scheduled on the 1st Friday of the month of December (see ARTICLE V above). In the interim, that position will be filled by another officer so designated by Members in Good Standing.
- If there is an officer vacancy that occurs on or before September 1 during the year, there will be a SPECIAL ELECTION held to fill that post at a meeting within a month of the post being abandoned. The SPECIAL ELECTION will use the same protocols indicated in ARTICLE V above. In the interim and if necessary, that position will be filled by another officer so designated by Members in Good Standing.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS:

Regular meetings of the club shall be held in accordance with the attached “Solera Radio Club Meeting Schedule and Format”. The meetings will normally be held in the Oakmont Clubhouse; however, arrangements for other meeting places may be made.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES:

The annual dues of this club shall be \$10, payable between the months of November and December. Club memberships will be for the calendar year. A majority (More Than 50%) of the “members in good standing” must approve a change in the amount of annual dues. Notice of a change of dues must be published on the club website and/or sent via email to each member in good standing at least one (1) month prior to the date of the change.

Revenue from sources other than annual dues may be raised if approved by a majority (More Than 50%) vote of the “members in good standing”.

Club funds will be used solely for the benefit of club members and for charitable purposes. Such expenditures must be approved by a majority (More Than 50%) vote of the “members in good standing”. Any checks written must be signed by two club officers.

A petty cash account may be maintained by the Club Treasurer in an amount not to exceed \$50. Any expenditure from this account in excess of \$25 must be approved by two Club Officers.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS:

The bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the club by a majority (More Than 50%) vote of those present and voting, provided that notice to the amendments has been given to all members at least 30 days before the meeting.

ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER:

"Robert's Rules of Order" or similar protocols shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – GOVERNING REGULATIONS

The Solera Radio Club is a professional organization that respects all federal, state, and local regulations which govern the ownership and use of amateur radios, General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios, Family Radio Service (FRS) radios, Citizen Band (CB) Radios and any other similar communication devices that may be used by the Club. The Club, as a body, will not promote any radio equipment or radio practices that may be counter to these governing regulations. Club members will strongly recommend to anyone planning on purchasing radio equipment that they do their own research to assure that they are aware of any regulations that may apply to such purchase or use of that equipment. The Solera Radio Club is not responsible for decisions made by individual members with regard to radio equipment acquisitions or the use of this equipment.

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President

3/19/21

Date

David King

Vice President

3/19/21

Date

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Secretary

3/19/21

Date

Bill Sander

Treasurer

3-19-21

Date

“Solera Radio Club Meeting Schedule and Format”

SCHEDULE

Meetings will be scheduled twice per month with one “informal meeting” at the Kafe Royale or other designated location on the 1st Friday of the month and a more formal meeting at the clubhouse or other available venue on the 3rd Friday of the month.

1. An EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DRILL will be conducted once per month on the 3rd Friday of the month.
2. An amateur radio drill (NET) will be held each Monday at 9:00 AM in order to promote emergency communications, a practice accepted radio protocols, and share announcements/comments.

(NOTE: These schedules may be modified from time to time if the Club membership deems it necessary or appropriate to do so.)

MEETING CONTENT AND AGENDA

The monthly “informal “meeting (normally scheduled at an offsite location) would have one important topic; the development of the agenda for the following “formal” meeting (normally held on the 3rd Friday of the month).

The “formal” meeting may include:

1. Discussion of BUSINESS ISSUES (Minutes, Treasury, Promotion, Fund Raising, Modifications to the Agenda, Monday NET CONTROL assignment, etc.)
2. Discussion of a particular topic that would most likely be of interest to all Members but specifically to those members with minimal interest in advancing their technical skills or abilities. (Examples might include a guest speaker addressing MESH Networks, a discussion of how radios were used in a recent emergency situation, a discussion of how to improve radio communication in general, building a “Radio Go Box”, Instruction on the regulations governing amateur radio operations, etc.)
3. Discussion of a particular ADVANCED topic(s) that is directed at those Members interested in advancing their technical skills and abilities (Examples might include topics designed to prepare Members for their General or Extra Test, instructions on how to solder effectively, building a Yagi antenna, etc.)

Funds will be raised by employing a 50/50 raffle or some other similar activity from time to time. This is a voluntary exercise and it is not mandatory for anyone to participate.