

Solivita Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022



President: Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR
Vice President: Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
Secretary: Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB
Treasurer: Lisa Bresnowitz, N2TTS
Club Station License Trustee: Jeff Saly, WA4LLL

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

Jerry, W9MET
George, N3GB
Mike, KD4PTT
Mac, KB7SFY
John, K4JBM
Maria, K4MFM
Ken, KM4RLM
Norm, KD2ICH
CJ, KO4CCB
Reg, KD8THB

The meeting was called to order by President Paul, N2TTR at 7:01pm.

A motion to suspend the reading of the General Meeting Minutes for April, and to accept them as written was proposed by President Paul. Motion was seconded and accepted by all Members present. Minutes for these meetings can be found on the Club website:
<https://solivitaradioclub.weebly.com/>

President's Report:

With no other option, the mailing address for the club will be some member's home address.

Approval for erecting a tent for Field Day was obtained from Lifestyles activities.

A Field Day kickoff meeting was held May 21. Leads are Norm (KD2ICH) and George (N3GB). Another coordinating meeting is planned for June 11. All who plan to participate should attend (more below).

The change to 7 pm for the daily nets was well received. They will continue at 7 pm.

The Club paid the ARRL Insurance bill (\$200).

Vice President's Report: Alan reported some tweaking of the duplexers and measurement taken.

Treasurer's report: Lisa reported \$346.13 on deposit with cash on hand at \$76. The \$200 to ARRL was sent in. 11 out of 27 members paid their club dues from April 2021 to April 2022. More dues were collected at the meeting. Dues for the April 22 – April 23 club year are due now. A reminder letter will go out in July.

Club Trustee Reports:

N4SRC repeater – Jeff reported that the water problem in the tower is ongoing. This will be followed up with the Solivita Club Manager. He also noted some hum likely from the duplexer. Further testing of the power at the repeater will be done. It was noted that the repeater was accessed with only minor gaps in coverage all the way to Bartow.

KD8THB digital repeater – Reg reported he is installing a new mast for the antenna. It will operate in half duplex in Digital Mobile Radio mode.

GMRS repeater – Jerry, W9MET stated the GMRS repeater is functioning. CERT is using it with their handhelds. CERT members have been encouraged to obtain their GMRS license as soon as practical. Some have begun to do so.

Jerry also showed the in-process QSL card for use on Field Day, with its great photo of the bell tower behind the village.

Jerry also reported that he had contact with a Ukrainian ham operator and would see if we could do anything to help those hams from here.

New Business:

2022 Field Day Planning:

A discussion of the club's plan for Field Day 2022 was then held. Coordination meetings were noted and the plans for bands in the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m HF bands as well as VHF and UHF are being entertained. 60, 30, 17, 12 and all FM repeaters are off-limits.

As before, the location of our event will be the Wimbledon Pavilion near the tennis court in Freedom Park on Saturday, June 15 and continuing into Sunday, June 26. Setup will begin about 10 am Saturday. Details of bands and modes of operation as well as planned antenna set-ups, class categories and contact exchange info were outlined. Some of this will depend on propagation characteristics on the specific days.

Contact logging will again use the same computer set-up as last year that simplified the consolidation of contacts as well as submission to ARRL.

A draft list of potential club members and their modes of operation was established. Also a list of equipment offered was started, including antenna components. A myriad of detail rules was outlined as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB