Solivita Radio Club



General Meeting Minutes June 30, 2022

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

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

George, N3GB Mike, KD4PTT Ken, KM4RLM Norm, KD2ICH Reg, KD8THB Doug, WB8ZNL

The meeting was called to order by President Paul, N2TTR at 7:05 pm.

A motion to suspend the reading of the General Meeting Minutes for May, 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: <u>https://solivitaradioclub.weebly.com/</u>

President's Report:

Paul reported on the Field Day (25 and 26 June) planning session on June11.

Approval for erecting a tent for Field Day near the Wimbledon Pavilion was obtained from Lifestyles activities.

The **daily nets** will continue at 7 pm. [Subsequent to this meeting the Thursday KD8THB repeater net was moved to 5 pm. As well as the GMRS repeater net on Fridays.]

Vice President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's report: Lisa reported that \$150 was received for dues. And \$81 spent for the QSL cards. \$415.13 on deposit with cash on hand at \$76. 16 out of 27 members paid their club dues for April 2022 to April 2023. <u>Dues for our club year are due now</u>. A reminder letter will go out in July.

Club Trustee Reports:

<u>N4SRC repeater</u> – No report since Jeff is away.

KD8THB digital repeater –It will operate in half duplex in Digital Mobile Radio mode.

<u>GMRS repeater</u> – In Jerry's (W9MET) absence it was noted that the GMRS repeater is functioning. CERT is using it with their handhelds. A weekly net is up at 5 pm on Fridays. GMRS-licensed CERT members are being encouraged to sign on.

New Business:

An image of our new **QSL card** was displayed, showing a great photo of the bell tower behind the village. The address cited for the Club is Reg's.

Alternative sites for our winter Field Day (January 28, 29 2023) were considered but Wimbledon Pavilion was considered best for club member access. Club members discussed pursuing a a Special Event entry in QST magazine: The campsite across Cypress Parkway is a possibility—open space with little EMI, but a little swampy getting there. Maybe a Parks on the Air (PotA) at Pontoon Island.

2022 Field Day Debrief:

George (N3GB) presented his comments:

- Overall, things went very well
- Next time use a wired net for the log server; only Jeff's computer was connected
- 20m dipole was erected
- Jerry's tree-tree long wire was erected
- The set-up of tables was workable
- There was some cross system interference
- Having four active stations worked well
- 10m band wasn't active
- 80m band was usually active
- We need to label power cords on the various power strips
- Also need to label feed line ends for easy connection to proper transceiver
- Friend of the Club, Bill, dropped by and worked for a time

DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) is supposed to be a mode for Field Day, but some object, saying it uses the internet, therefore not all radio.

Pizza for dinner Saturday was well received and easy to accomplish.

It was noted that the safety aspects for Field Day were all met.

Paul will write an article for *Reflections* with numbers of contacts made.

A brief discussion ranged over the fact that, as a Solivita club, we cannot have regular members from outside Solivita, but they could be invited as guests for specific events, such as Field Day or presenting a talk to the Club. Gate access would need to be arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB