

Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes
November 3, 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:

Doug, WB8ZNL
George, N3GB
Ken, KO4XHV
Marty, WA1GVH
Mike, KD4PTT
CJ, KO4CCB
John, WB0FZT
Mark, KC4ZVK

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 October, 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: As a reminder, upcoming meetings will take place in RSF2 (upstairs in the Riviera Spa):

1st Thursday Dec 1 in RSF2 at 7pm,
1st Thursday Jan 5 in RSF2 at 7pm,
Last Thursday, Jan 26 back to **Gator Room** at 7pm (for winter field day planning)
From then on, last Thursdays at 7pm in Gator Room.

Foxhunt was conducted on October 23. The remote location was the roundabout in front of the Palms. Jerry W9MET was the winner.

Vice President's Report (Alan, KI8JV): Alan alluded to his hand-built circuitry project that he will demo after the meeting

Treasurer's report (Lisa, N2TTS): 21 members out of 25 on the books paid their club dues for 2022 to April 2023.

Cash on Hand ZERO—all deposited.
Check to Jerry, W9MET, for \$21 for the microphone he had purchased for the club radio.
Total funds available is \$620.14.

Club Trustee Reports:

N4SRC repeater – Jeff (WA4LLL) was not present. Other members have inspected the gear in the tower including the antennas above after Hurricane Ian. All are in good shape. It was noted that the wooden elements of the GMRS repeater antenna base are aging and will need replacement in a few months. A metal base is planned and CERT will fund this. The N4SRC repeater antenna was fine. On a recommendation from last month, the back-up batteries were subjected to a load test and were good.

N4SRC club repeater Trustee. With Jeff’s departure we discussed naming a replacement. Alan, KI8JV, volunteered, was nominated, and was unanimously accepted via club members vote. Paperwork to reflect club trustee change will be submitted to the ARRL.

KD8THB digital repeater – (Reg (KI8JV) not present).

GMRS repeater – Jerry (W9MET) was not present. The repeater is up and available for check-in on Fridays at 5 pm with Mike (KD4PTT) acting as Net Control. GMRS-licensed CERT members are signing on.

Other:

- Alan (KI8JV) reported that Parks On The Air (POTA) was fun and anyone may borrow the club’s radio and antenna and try such an outing.
- The POTA website has a lot of information on what parks are registered for this activity and is a source for identifying POTA parks on the air in real time.
- Jerry (W9MET) coordinates the use of the club radio.
- Regular radio nets operated by the club include
 - o 2m on Mon, Tues, Friday at 7 pm
 - o 10m on Wed at 7 pm
 - o 440 Net on Thur at 7 pm
 - o GMRS on Fri at 5 pm
- The best way to find our club info is to Google (search) on the web for ‘Solivita Radio Club’ to get to club webpage. Paul (N2TTR), maintains a lot of up-to-date info there.
- We also discussed the establishment of a permanent club “radio room” that could be accessed by members anytime somewhere in Solivita. It could be used in emergencies in conjunction with Solivita CERT and the ARES group at the Polk County EOC. This likely will have to wait until turnover of more buildings on Taylor Morrison’s departure.

Future Events

For our next meeting on December 1 (in RSF2), we will have a dessert potluck, so plan to bring something good. Coffee will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. Alan demoed his hand-built receiver (so far).

Respectfully submitted by Wayne (KJ4FXB)

Minutes Accepted by Officers:

Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB, Club Secretary

Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR, President

Alan McIlwain, KI8JV, Vice President

Lisa Bresnowitz, N2TTS, Treasurer