

Solivita Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023



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

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

Jerry, W9MET
Doug, WB8ZNL
Marty, WA2SVH
George, N3GB
Jeremy, KQ4AFY
Mike, KD4PTT
CJ, KO4CCB
Ken, KO4HXV
Mark, KC4ZVK

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

Meeting Minutes for January are posted on website and President Paul asked to accept them as written. The motion was seconded and accepted by all Members. Minutes for these meetings can be found on the Club website: <https://solivitaradioclub.weebly.com/>

Minutes of the Field Day planning meeting were not recorded.

President's Report: As a reminder, upcoming meetings will take place in the Gator Room.

Paul highlighted the Winter Field Day article submitted for the Solivita Reflections newsletter. He also reported that the Wimbledon Pavilion has been reserved again for the June Field Day.

The 10 meter net on Wednesdays will be at 5 pm now. All net (10M, 2m, and 440) times can be found on our website (above). [Google "Solivita Radio Club" to find our website with lots of info.]

As has been discussed, our next Fox Hunt is coming up on Saturday, March 25, starting in Freedom Park @ 11:00AM. Mark your calendars now for this popular event.

Vice President's Report (Alan, KI8JV): Though Alan was not present, the Club repeater (N4SRC) was reported as up and running.

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

Cash on Hand ZERO—all deposited.

Check for our club radio case of \$80.24 paid to Jerry (W9MET)

Total funds available is \$540.00 (\$.04 interest gained).

KD8THB digital repeater – (Reg (KD8THB) still working Thursday evenings., Holds NET on Fridays)

GMRS repeater – Jerry, W9MET, noted that the repeater is working fine and monitored regularly. CERT check-ins are being held at 4:30 pm on the Monday evenings after their regular meetings (second Mondays), with Mike (KD4PTT) as net control.

Other:

Jerry (W9MET) noted that he activated his small radio plus the case-mounted club radio in a Parks On The Air (POTA) outing. He is planning to go out again on Sunday to the Wekiva Wild Park for about 2 hours. Any members are invited to go along. Visit the POTA website for a lot of info on what's on the air at any given time.

Paul reported a good response at our table at the Solivita Club Expo in January. We had some gear there and passersby showed interest.

He also reported briefly on the Winter Field Day activity.

Orlando's Hamcation this year offered a number of discussions and presentations, including:

- Getting Started with Digital Voice on HF
- Build Web-based Station Controls and Automation Dashboards with Node Red
- Filed Day Antennas with Good Performance and Isolation
- Moonbounce Today – You Can Do It!
- ARRL Amateur Radio Service (ARES)

A short discussion of ARES and how we may participate in emergency situations noted that there are levels of participation and we may want to begin with individuals participating and then as a "club". Jeremy (KQ4AFY) is affiliated with Osceola ARES.

Doug (WB8ZNL) discussed the Voice Over IP (VOIP) phone opportunities using phones (likely from corporate office upgrades) as highlighted in the Hamshack Hotline website. These phones are quite affordable. 73 Magazine's website also offers a library on the topic.

We again visited the topic of possible extension of fiber optic internet being planned for all of Solivita to the tower to support future networking. This will be raised with the appropriate HOA personnel.

Jeremy showed us his compact Raspberry Pi-based hotspot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB. Club Secretary