

Solivita Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023



President: Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR
Vice President: Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
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:

George, N3GB
Doug, WB8ZNL
Jeremy, KQ4AFY
CJ, KO4CCB
Mike U., KD4PTT
Mike W., N4PDY
Ron, KB4ZBB
Norm, KD2ICH

The meeting was called to order by President Paul, N2TTR, at 7:05 pm. We again used the Club roster for sign-in.

Meeting Minutes for August were circulated and will be posted on our 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/>

President's Report: As a reminder, upcoming meetings will take place in the Gator Room. Paul noted that he is pursuing the set-up of a Special Event Station (for posting in QST) for the spring Solivita Car Show. He and Wayne will meet with Lifestyles to see if there would be any objection. A space near the front of Sales will be proposed.

Vice President's Report (Alan, KI8JV): Alan reported that the Club repeater (N4SRC) was up and running after some repairs by Alan after a recent lightning strike.

Treasurer's report: Lisa, N2TTS, reported that we have 19 paid members. 2 new dues were paid at \$60. Alan, KI8JV, was reimbursed \$168.75 for the filter kits.

Total funds available is \$757.06.

Dues for 23-24 are being accepted. (\$30.00)

KD8THB digital repeater – (Reg, KD8THB, not present--no report.)

GMRS repeater – (Jerry, W9MET, not present.) It was noted that there is still an issue with this repeater--both radios appear to be working, but controller needs attention. Likely an issue with lack of surge suppressor on power ground.

Paul outlined what he had found online relating to a suitable Tripp Lite multiple outlet surge suppressor for all the equipment in the tower. He also described a lightning arrestor.

Other:

A carpool to the Melbourne Hamfest on Oct 13 or 14 is offered. Jeremy, KQ4AFY, is definitely going and Ron, KB4ZBB, indicated he is interested as well.

On October 7-8 ARRL West Central Florida Section will participate in an ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Use of the NI4CE net supporting Polk County Emergency Management is planned. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) training is required to fully participate, but anyone could monitor. ARES training involves a significant commitment. Members are advised to monitor net operations to determine their time commitment.

Next Fox Hunt is planned for Saturday, October 21st at 11 am. Paul will send out a reminder & requests for RSVPs.

There was a call for any interest in the Solivita Older Bikers (SOBs) coming Biker Bash on November 3rd in the Ballroom. This is a popular dance and open to all of Solivita, so respond soon. If enough response is achieved, we could reserve a whole 8-person table.

No concrete Parks On The Air (POTA) plans were offered, but since the weather is very good in October and November, several member indicated their interest. The Club radio is available for use.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mike, N4PDY, updated us on his experience with the BlueStream fiber installation in his home.

Respectfully submitted by

Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB. Club Secretary