

Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club
May 17, 2020

Present: Justin, KEØFKF; Kevin, KBØBGU; Mike, NØMPM; Larry, KBØMOT; Roger, WØZMU; Dennis, KKØDJ; Steve, WBØCHS; Jim E, WBØURW

Treasurer Report:

Total funds = \$3940.83, General fund = \$1157, Repeater = \$9, PENS = \$2775
\$0.17 interest in last month. 18 total members

Repeater:

Climber went up 1 week ago Saturday. Put a decent ground on it. Sounded good at first, but then noise came back. Was too windy to try switching antennas. Planning to try switching antennas when it works with the climber.

Net Control for Monday Nights:

Dennis and Roger have done a good job operating net control for the Monday night nets. Would like to get a rotation of hams to run the net. Would give all in the club experience running a net. May have to modify the list for now as some outlying members may have trouble getting into the repeater.

Umbrella Policy:

Mike checked with local underwriters and those policies were around \$300. ARRL is around \$225. None of the policies cover the personal injury of the climber, but they do cover potential damage the climber may do to the tower or equipment on tower. Could potentially pay half from PENS account and half from general club. Mike to talk with Jim E. Bring back to the club for discussion at next meeting (June 21).

Field Day – June 27-28, 2020

Justin to contact The Well to see if we can use their space like the last couple years. Plan for Sat., June 27 10am-7pm, but will ask for 24 hours.

Discussion:

- Don't forget 6m. Consider activities for Tech operators. CW. Phone on 10m.
- Would like to work satellites with Jim E antenna as a new activity.
- Will plan on 2-3 stations for social distancing.
- Curtis Van Vark donated a tent to the club. May be able to use this for Field Day.
- Kevin to reach out to folks to see what equipment can bring. Justin may have a list of what folks brought last year to share.
- Meet Saturday, June 13 at 10am at The Well to plan out field day details. (layout, equipment, etc.)

Parks on the Air:

- Will discuss lightweight antennas for Parks on the Air in more detail at a later meeting.
- Roger has heard some parks active. Rock Creek and Elk Rock.
- Maybe we can go as a club to one or two parks this summer.

Next meetings:

Field Day Prep Meeting: Saturday, June 13 @ 10am @ The Well in Pella.