

**Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club  
November 15, 2020 1:30 PM on 146.52 MHz Simplex**

*Meeting on the air due to the repeater currently off the air and we are not permitted to meet at the church during November due to Covid concerns.*

Present: Kevin, KBØBGU; Justin, KEØFKF; Steve, WBØCHS; Larry, KBØMOT; Jim, WBØURW; Daniel, WØOTV; Roger, WØZMU; Tyler, KEØZZO

1. Treasurer's Report - PENS expenses for WSPR (~\$120) and 4 balloons (\$150 each) all from the PENS account
2. 2021 Dues discussion – currently \$25 per individual or \$30 per family. discussed and voted to keep dues the same for 2021.
3. Nomination of Officers for 2021  
Current Officers  
President – Kevin, KBØBGU  
Vice President – Roger, WØZMU  
Treasurer – Mike, NØMPM  
Secretary – Justin, KEØFKF  
  
Nominated and unanimously approved the following officers for 2021:  
President – Roger, WØZMU  
Vice President – Daniel, WØOTV  
Treasurer – Mike, NØMPM  
Secretary – Justin, KEØFKF
4. December Club Get-Together – previously held at Pizza Ranch with all family members. Voted to postpone this until April 2021.
- 5- Freedom House Event – recap and areas of improvement
  - Went well overall with no emergencies.
  - Turn around point was not well defined at the school.
  - There was no golf cart or way to take care of runners along the route in case of emergency. If we radio in an emergency there was no planned way to respond.
  - For next race suggest each position keep a count of the total number of runners that have passed. Use notepad or clicker counter.
  - In the future (sometime) it would be nice to have matching club high visibility vests for clear communication on who we are.
5. Repeater Update - Repeater had high SWR. Off the air for a while so don't damage equipment. Plan to change the connector at the top of the tower when the weather is good.
6. Future Presentation Ideas – Please volunteer or 2 people could tag team a topic. Would like to get this rolling in January when we hope to meet in person again.
7. Planned for when we meet in person again:
  - DXing and Contesting (Steve, wb0chs)
  - 3D Printing in Amateur Radio (Justin, ke0fkf)

8. Ideas for others to present. Please email Kevin or Roger if interested.:
  - General Operating Protocol
  - Handling Emergency Communications
  - HF Antennas
  - VHF / UHF Antennas
  - Monthly Swap Items (Junk in the Trunk)
  
9. Around the room.
  - Steve - Had some DX. worked 80m and worked all zones contest.
  - Larry - staying healthy
  - Jim - Jefferson Intermediate balloon launch crossed Japan on 11/14 and still flying. PC grade school balloon hasn't been heard from since over Florida, but there are indications it is still flying. The switch to scientific balloons seems to have more consistent flights.
  - Daniel - Saturday morning radio get-togethers have been going well.
  - Roger - on 15 meters some. ARRL sweepstakes is in a couple weeks.
  - Tyler - had 10 meter contact and checked into the Saturday morning get-together.
  - Kevin - installed vertical dipole for 11m (CB) and made contact with some truckers.
  - Justin - Looking forward to Winter Field Day. Reminder that we were looking at doing "Junk In The Trunk" in Fall 2021.
  
10. **Monday net cancelled for 11/16. It will resume on the following Monday.**  
Meetings will stay on the radio for now. Discussed Zoom, but many club members don't have computers that will operate Zoom correctly.

The meeting was adjourned about 2:45 PM