

**Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club  
January 17, 2021 1:30 PM on Repeater 145.170 (-) PL 114.8**

**1. Check in, one at a time, to determine attendance**

Present – WØZMU, Roger; KFØDMS, Alan; KØBLC, Bobby; WA6CGS, David; KBØBGU, Kevin; KFØDNG, Dan; NØMPM, Mike; WØOTV, Daniel; KBØMOT, Larry; WBØURW, Jim; KEØZZO, Tyler; WØWTM, Micah; KEØFKF, Justin; KD6GNF, Doug Houtz (via Echo Link)

**2. Explanation of “Member” section on Groups.io use**

About 40 people are in the main section. A lot of club business might be cluttering up mailboxes. Now will be able to send to only members using the e-mail address Membership@PellaARC.groups.io. The Main@pellaarc.groups.io will go to all the subscribers of the groups.io list while the Membership portion to only members

**3. Treasurer’s report and report of membership**

We received club dues for 3 new members (one family dues of \$30) plus 2 existing members. We also received a \$15 donation designated for our repeater fund. The repeater antenna was also replaced with positive results. Our paid up membership is 20 members which matches our 2020 membership level.

**Activity and Balances for the period of Jan 17 through Feb 18, 2021**

Interest	\$0.06				
Membership	\$130.00				
Donations	\$15.00				
Repeater Antenna	-\$160.49				
		General	Repeater		Cash
		Ops Fund	Emerg Comms	PENS	Balance
<b>2020 Current Balance</b>		<b>\$1,199.25</b>	<b>\$438.81</b>	<b>\$990.10</b>	<b>\$2,628.16</b>

**4. Upcoming events?**

- a. Van Wyk Memorial 5 K – have not yet chosen a date. May or may not happen.
- b. Field Day on June 26 & June 27 – Need a coordinator. Will review at March meeting.
- c. Any other group events in which we might participate?  
Micah, president of the Newton club, suggested a get-together with Newton club members in May for fellowship and test radios/antennas ahead of summer Field Day.

**5. PENS plans for the next month or two**

Trying to find a good Saturday to fly the wspr pico sat.

Right now effort is focused on high altitude balloon with Pella Christian. This year will release a glider – hoping to have video and pictures of when it is released. Will collect particles in petri dish. Will have a set of solar cells to do some experiments. Flying a Geiger counter to see if there are higher counts than 4 years ago.

6. Discussion of the **need (or not) for battery back-up power** at the repeater

Mike votes yes to a battery backup.

There was a battery from the old repeater set up, but it may not hold a charge now. Repeater committee will make a proposal.

Daniel suggests a backup plan in case repeater goes down (from lightning strike, etc). Meet on 146.49, etc.? Will head up making a plan.

7. Input on having a **limited time “loaner station”** available especially to new hams or new upgrades

The club Icom 706 could be loaned out on a short-term basis. Will continue conversation in the future.

8. **Thoughts about future meetings.** Are we ready to meet inside once again or shall we wait another month?

Tyler says yes if enough space.

Mike says hospital board has started to meet up again with masks and distanced.

Daniel would like to meet in person. Value meeting face to face.

Will consider this for next month.

9. **Any other items to discuss**

**Liability insurance** – Going through ARRL and will check on when this is due for payment again.

**Monday night net** – Let Tyler or Roger know if you can help run net control. Or sign up on groups.io. Question for future net: How long have you been a ham and what is the biggest thing you have seen change since you got your license?

**Saturday Morning Radio Fun** – Daniel – Get together on the radio. Good conversation. Try some things out radio-wise. Start off at 7:00 AM on 146.490 simplex and go from there.

10. **Adjournment (Next meeting scheduled for March 21)**

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm. Next meeting on March 21, 2021.

Justin McAnich - Secretary