

Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club
April 18, 2021 1:30PM
Liberty Evangelical Free Church, Pella, IA

1. Present Roger, WØZMU; Tyler, KEØZZU and son Trey; Steve, WBØCHS; Dan NØDAS, Andrew WØAJS; Kevin, KBØBGU; Mike, NØMPM; Dave, WØIM; Justin, KEØFKF; Jim, WBØURW; Larry H. KFØEMN; Daniel, WØOTV with daughter Molly and son Walter; Alan, KFØDM and Larry, KBØMOT.
2. Finances – Treasurer – NØMPM
 - a. Only activity for March 23 through April 18 was the addition of \$0.06 interest to the general fund.
 - b. Balances are:
 - i. General Fund: \$1299.36
 - ii. Repeater Fund: \$438.81
 - iii. PENS Fund: \$885.80
 - iv. Total PARC Funds: \$2623.97
 - c. In April/May we will incur a charge of \$200.00 for club liability coverage through May 2022
 - d. Approval of cost of repairs to Club ICOM-706MKIIG (\$100.00) – Club approved to pay for cost out of club funds.
3. Field day preparations – Justin – Field Day June 26-27, 2021
 - a. The location will be The Well in Pella again this year.
 - b. Plan is to do one HF station and operate 1pm until 9pm this year on Saturday, June 26.
Will use an operator and logger schedule this year. Right now, thinking we will have sign-ups for 1hr blocks
 - c. Team Leaders for Field Day
 - i. Justin, KEØFKF - General coordination & advertising, invite police, fire, city council, etc. (Kevin has signs, Mike has banner, Justin has a large sign)
 - ii. Daniel, WØOTV– VHF radio and antenna set up, club generator and gas
 - iii. Mike, NØMPM – HF radio set up (K2 or club Icom)
 - iv. Dave, WØIM – HF antenna and info table, laptops and logger software and router/cables
 - v. Kevin, KBØBGU -canopy, tables, etc. (Larry, KBØMOT, has tables if needed)
 - vi. Steve, WBØCHS – Refreshments
 - vii. All are encouraged to bring ham magazines or other material to give away
4. PENS report – Jim, WBØURW & Mike, NØMPM
 - a. Ready to fly high altitude balloon with Pella Christian High School. They are waiting for good weather with winds which will cause a landing with 20 miles or so of the launch site. Will only get a 3-day lead time on when it might happen.
 - b. Pico balloon – One is ready for Girls Scouts when timing works out.

5. Future meetings
 - a. The Newton Club as invited us to meet with them on May 15 at Elk Rock Park. The Newton club will be trying out equipment in preparation for Field day. They thought it would be a good time to socialize between clubs.
 - b. Do we have a meeting the following day, May 16 or do we meet for a short time at the park? In the light of Field Day being just a few weeks away, it was decided to have a meeting on the 16th at the church as scheduled.
 - c. Might we think about some summer meetings in a park, outdoors, maybe one including family? We could meet at Kiwanis park if weather is good?
 - d. Maybe this summer have a family gathering. Potluck meal, bring kids, etc.
6. Upcoming events
 - a. Swap meet in Des Moines at Fort Des Moines Museum parking lot. (7:30 AM gate opening)
 - b. Northland Radio Rendezvous scheduled for Mason City in June has been cancelled
 - c. Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest scheduled for August 8 & 9 at the Linn County Fairgrounds at Central City, north of Cedar Rapids.
 - d. 3900 Club Hamboree scheduled for October 31 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Boone
7. Other business
 - a. Monday night net is going well
 - b. The cost for meeting at the church is \$10.00 per occasion
 - c. Station to lend to new hams was on hold due to repair of the club rig. Need inventory list put together so folks know what equipment the club has
 - d. Dan, NØDAS has batteries now for backup power at the repeater. A PWRGATE is on order to interface between the power supply, the batteries and the repeater equipment. The supplier indicated a May 1 delivery date.
8. For the time of activities, Dan, WØOTV provided useful reference sheet to help with operating at Field Day or other operation. ARRL map showing the sections. SSB article. Field Day rules found on ARRL website. Reviewed a selection of rules
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.

Justin McAnnich - Secretary