

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

1. Present: Jim, WBØUYQ; Jim, WBØURW; Kevin, KBØBGU; Steve, WBØCHS; Larry, WBØYQP; Richard, WØRLJ; Daniel, WØOTV; Larry, KBØMOT; Roger, WØZMU; Tyler, KEØZZO; Larry, WBØYQP and Justin, KEØFKF.
2. Approval of June minutes. Suggested sending a note to the secretary for any additions or corrections to the minutes after they are sent through the Groups.io mailing list each month.
3. Treasurer's Report – Only activity was four cents interest
4. PENS report – Getting ready to launch for Girl Scouts when weather is good.
5. Debrief on Field Day
 - a. 67 total contacts: 40m, 17 ssb contacts; 20m, 32 ssb contacts; 6m 18 digital contacts
 - b. Contacts in 32 states
 - c. Discussed directional antennas for next year
 - d. Jim heard satellites but couldn't get any to come back to him. Has a set up connected to his mobile unit for next year.
 - e. Sign-up schedule went well. Could use more people to sign up.
 - f. Had a lot of drop-ins stop by.
 - g. Good interaction with mayor, Pella police, and KNIA.
 - h. Justin to draft letter for the mayor, telling about the club. Requested by mayor to go in the city utility newsletter.
6. Debrief of the American Legion 5K Ruck Walk/Run on July 5
 - a. 15 participants in race this year, still building after covid
 - b. Organizer impressed by the PARC communications
 - c. Used a cross-band repeater set up at the intersection of University and Broadway to alleviate issues we had last year.
 - d. Could have used one or two more radio operators for coverage, but we were able to make it work due to the smaller number of race participants.
 - e. Try in the future? – experiment with a split site 2m repeater. Input at one site and output at another site with 70cm communication between them.
7. Short discussion of how we might better organize our weather spotting and other such activities.
 - a. Everybody goes to a certain spot each time.
 - b. Attend spotter training each year.
 - c. Need a reporting mechanism. Marion County emergency coordinator used to monitor the club repeater. First call was to Pella PD.
 - d. Justin reach out to Pella Police chief. If see severe weather who can we contact? 641-628-4921 is Pella Police Dispatch phone number and is the one we will use for now.
 - e. Jim to look for previous documentation the club used.

8. Review of equipment lending agreement.
 - a. Equipment could be used for any person to get them on the air. Could also have mini "field day" events several times a year to see various antenna and radio set ups.
 - b. Contact licensed hams in the area that are not on the air. Could benefit from the equipment.
 - c. Discussed only lending to club members.
 - d. Justin to touch base with Tammy and Roger with Dave F.
9. Other business
 - a. Repeater – Roger looking into replacing some coax jumpers at the repeater.
 - b. Potential for Radio Merit Badge with a local Scout troop this school year.
 - c. August presentation will be contesting and DX by Steve, WBØCHS
 - d. Fox Hunt – will pick a date next meeting for September Fox Hunt
 - e. Net Control – need more volunteers
10. Adjourned at 3:12 PM

The next meeting is Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 1:30pm at the Liberty Evangelical Free Church west of Pella.