

Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club
August 15, 2021 - 1:30PM
Liberty Evangelical Free Church, Pella, IA

1. Justin, KEØFKF; Larry, KBØMOT; Richard, WØRLJ; Daniel, WØOTV; Roger, WØZMU; Scott, WRØU; Steve, WBØCHS; Harry Ehrlich and Mike, NØMPM.
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. 2 transactions this past month: Tammy's due and \$0.04 interest
3. PENS status:
 - a. PENS 13P is above the Pacific Ocean. Currently looping and hoping it turns east and goes toward the west coast of North America. Track at aprs.fi Search for NØMPM-13.
4. Arrangement for Fox Hunt in September
 - a. September 19 after meeting
 - b. Potentially a "walking" hunt.
 - c. Daniel and Roger to coordinate
5. Help with Boy Scouts:
 - a. Two requests – Help with Merit Badge and Jamboree On The Air
 - b. Potentially do the badge before or after the Jamboree On The Air
 - c. Need more info: When do they meet? Confirm location they will do Jamboree On The Air
 - d. October 16 for Jamboree on the air: Kevin, Mike, Justin, Roger and Daniel might be available.
6. Assistance with Pathways 5K walk/run on September 6
 - a. We have enough volunteers. Justin, Mike, Richard (maybe), Daniel (maybe), Roger, Kevin
 - b. Registration at 8am and start race at 9am
7. Any other business?
 - a. Justin to send email to Mike and Exec board about financial statement for Rolscreen Foundation. They need a little more info before reviewing PARC for approval as a benefiting organization through the donation program
8. Turn the floor over to Steve – WBØCHS for sharing on contesting and contest operation
 - Started with Worked All States, then DXCC
 - What learn? Once start working by band will learn about propagations. Aurora backscatter for instance.
 - For worked all states doing sweepstakes can be good.
 - Passed around diagram of all the zones. Go to CQ to print off DX Zones of the World.
 - Can look for contests on ARRL Contest Corral. NG3K has all DXpeditions for coming year. Ohio DX bulletin.
 - Can log on the computer and can send in log from that program. Paper logs are not typically sent in anymore.
 - When started out did a lot of tuning and listening. Now does a lot of watching cluster.
 - We are in uptick of sunspot cycle. Goes up fast and slowly decays. If go into clusters, can use solar flux index and the A and K index. Want the solar flux index as high as possible. Want K and A index as close together as possible.
 - QSL cards. Use Logbook of the World if possible.

- If want to support DX. Northern California DX Foundation or the International DX association.
 - Reach out to Steve with questions.
9. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Justin McAnnich - Secretary