

Minutes of March 20, 2022 meeting
Pella Amateur Radio Club
1:30 PM Liberty Evangelical Free Church

1. Present: David – WA6CGS, Steve – WBØCHS, Kevin – KBØBGU, Daniel – WØOTV, Bobby– KØBLC, Roger – WØZMU, Harry – KFØGWJ, Tyler – KEØZZO, Richard – WØRLJ, Dave – KFØDMU, Larry – KBØMOT, David – WØIM, Jonathan – KCØSLB along with his father Kraig and James Rankin, not yet licensed.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Income
 - i. February Interest \$0.03
 - ii. Memberships \$125.00
 - iii. Donations \$340.00
 - b. Expenses: \$5.00 for Iowa Repeater Council membership
 - c. Balances
 - i. General Fund: \$2,061.55
 - ii. Repeater: \$378.81
 - iii. PENS: \$146.27
 - iv. Total of all balances: \$2,586.63
3. The discussion was continued regarding the 100 Km bicycle race organized by Iowa Bike and scheduled for April 23. It was suggested that we approach the Newton club regarding help from some of their operators as well as use their repeater. Daniel will continue to work on logistics.
4. The Gene Van Wyk 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for April 16, just one week earlier than the 100 K bike race. If enough operators can be found, we will attempt to provide support for this even.
5. It was reported that vests with Amateur Radio identification on it would cost about \$30 or so. If we had a large enough order, the price could be less. It was suggested that the interested parties pay for their own vest. In the case of needing more, a few others are available for loaning for supported event.
6. Roger reported that the repeater is at RACOM for a check on its operation, sensitivity, desensing, cavity tuning, etc. They have found that the repeater itself is operating well within specs. They did find possible problems with the cavities. A set of 2-meter cavities were borrowed from Dave – KFØDMU who delivered them to RACOM. They will be retuned to our frequencies to see if this improves the situation. As of the date of this meeting, they had not done those tests.
7. Daniel – WØOTV is scheduling a fox hunt during May and May 15 was suggested. That is our last meeting before Field Day.

8. As regarding Field Day:
 - a. After discussion, it was decided to operate as a two-station entry. If possible, one will be operated primarily on 40 meters and the second on 10/15/20 meters.
 - b. Previously, Scott - WRØU said he has a Hy-Gain TH3 that was removed from service and could be made available. He has received the replacement parts he ordered for this antenna and is in the process of installing them, previous to checking out the antenna. It was thought useful to have this antenna ready and checked out on the air well before Field Day.
 - c. A GOTA station would be useful to get those interested in amateur radio a feeling of what can be done and give them some experience.
 - d. A sign-up sheet is needed for operators to commit to certain time slots, both for operation and for logging.
 - e. We need to have some good literature available at the Field Day site to hand out to visitors. It was suggested that some training/examination manuals be available for purchase by those that express interest. Bobby – KØBLC and David – KFØDMU will work on an information sheet specifically about the club and its activities.
 - f. Justin had volunteered to coordinate the Field Day activity, including contacting local officials and media.
9. After some discussion, it was decided to schedule an examination session in Pella for prospective licensees. Dave – WØIM will schedule a day in October. Once a date is chosen, we will try to reserve space in the meeting room in the Pella library and publicize the date to other clubs in the area.
10. Other items:
 - a. Steve – WBØCHS is planning to take some equipment to Jim in Exline sometime after April 1 and asked if anyone has equipment to send, or would like to go with him.
 - b. Kevin – KBØBGU had some emergency equipment supplies that were given to him by Curtis – KBØBHR. These were made available to the members and several took advantage of the offer.
 - c. Dave – WA6GCS suffered antenna damage from wind and asked for volunteers to help install a tripod and mast at his house. (After the meeting, several members went with him to do this job.)
11. As no further business was presented, the meeting was adjourned at about 3:15 PM on March 20, 2022. (Due to the third Sunday in April being Easter Sunday, it was decided that the next meeting will be held a week earlier than normal, on April 10.)

Roger Stubbe - Secretary