

Minutes of February 19, 2023 meeting  
Pella Amateur Radio Club  
1:30 PM at Liberty Evangelical Free Church, Pella, IA

1. Present: Daniel – WØOTV, Roger – WØZMU, Harry – KFØGWJ, Steve – WBØCHS, David – WØIM, Mike – NØMPM, Larry – KEØYQP, Justin – KEØFKF, Bill – K3WRD and Jon – KCØSLB.

2. Treasurer's Report.

**Activity January 15, 2023 Through February 19, 2023**

Interest	\$0.95
Memberships	\$165.000
Donation	\$25.00
Repeater Lease	-\$300.00
PENS Solar Cells	-\$56.91
U4B Pico Trackers	-\$717.78
Pico Balloons	-\$636.00
Iowa Repeater Dues	-\$5.00

**Current Balances**

General Fund:	\$2,391.11
Repeater Fund	\$318.81
PENS	\$7,239.18
Total Funds	\$9,949.10

3. Mike, NØMPM, reported on the pico-balloon launch carried out in conjunction with Jefferson Middle School on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It reached about 40,000 feet and apparently developed a leak and came down over central Illinois.
4. Roger, WØZMU, informed the Club of the Gene Van Wyk 5K run/walk, scheduled for April 8 at Pella Christian High School. Roger will send a message to the membership to see if there is enough interest to offer communications coverage/
5. Dave, WØIM, informed us of some upcoming hamfests. These are:
  - a. Hiawatha Amateur Radio Winter hamfest at Perry, IA National Guard Armory on February 25, 2023.
  - b. Warren Radio Society hamfest on March 18, 2023 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianola.
  - c. Mahaska Amateur Radio Club swapmeet March 25, 2023 at the Legion Hall in Oskaloosa.
  - d. Des Moines Radio Amateur's Association Hamfest on April 22, 2023 in the Elwood Family Food Center located on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
6. Both Harry, KFØGWJ, and Jon, KCØSLB, have been attending the meetings of the Marion County Emergency Response Team. The group is still in formation, but includes local and county emergency personnel. When their next meeting is announced, Jon will advise the club so others can attend and the Club can have a stronger presence there.

7. We discussed future topics for club meetings. Tentatively, they are:
  - a. April – Fox Hunt (Note that two fox hunt antennas with offset attenuators have been donated to the Club by Leon, KØLWD.
  - b. May – Preparations for Field Day
  - c. June – Field Day
  - d. September – Fox Hunt
  
8. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 2:30 PM on January 15, 2023. After adjournment, Mike, NØMPM, and Daniel, WØOTV, gave a demonstration of CW and gave others the opportunity to hear their calls in CW and try the use of both a “paddle” and a straight key. Also, David, WØIM, demonstrated the use of an MFJ antenna analyzer and the Rig Expert analyzer, using a Two Meter magnetic mount antenna.

Roger Stubbe - Secretary