

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

1. Present: Mike – NØMPM, Daniel – WØOTV, Larry – KEØYQP, Dan – KB2FSK, Steve – WBØCHS, Kevin – KBØBGU, Jim – WBØURW, Tyler – KEØZZO, Richard – WØRLJ, Brian – KEØRMA, Roger – WØZMU, David – WØIM, and Dave – WØPLV.

2. Treasurer's Report.

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

Interest	\$0.79
Memberships	\$100.00
Donation	\$35.00

**Current Balances**

General Fund:	\$2,526.90
Repeater Fund	\$318.81
PENS	\$7,239.18
Total Funds	\$10,084.89

3. Mike, NØMPM, reported that at this time we have 22 full members, 2 family members and 1 unlicensed family member.
4. Mike – NØMPM also reported that we have also purchased 4 pico-satellite balloons. Two of those have “popped.” Helium is simply not available and we may have to use hydrogen for future launches.
5. Dan – NØDAS told us that 40-60 feet of tower is available along with 2 Kenwood 850 UHF repeaters, antennas and a good length of 3/8 inch Heliax. This is from VerMeer Manufacturing. It was agreed to accept this equipment for future use.
6. Roger – WØZMU moved to pay Liberty Evangelical Free Church for the nine times we used their facilities in 2022. At \$10.00 per use, this amounts to \$90.00. Motion carried.
7. Roger – WØZMU informed us that Iowa Rural Utilities Association is planning to pain the Otley water tower in June. As there is cleaning and sand-blasting involved, this will involve removing our antenna and getting our coax feed line down to the lower end of the tank. Tyler – KEØZZO, who works with Rathbun water has had some experience with what this all involved. Roger offered to put Tyler in contact with the IRUA manager to exchange information allowing us to better plan for this. We would probably have the repeater off the air for up to two months during this activity.
8. David – WØIM passed around a number of coaxial connectors to help us recognize the different types. Kevin – KBØBGU shared some information on treating speaker enclosures to get better sound. He had some absorbent material which some members took with them.
9. We were reminded that a fox hunt is planned for April 16. Time and place to be announced.
10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

Roger Stubbe - Secretary