



Minutes of the
Sedalia – Pettis Amateur Radio Klub
Sedalia, Mo

Meeting: January 4th, 2020
Program: None, business meeting only
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns (W0VK), called to order at 8:30am.

In Attendance (20 including 3 guests; 10 showed VE status; 9 indicated ARRL membership):

Bret Kuhns	W0VK	Philip Mahin	KC0CYA
Richard Camirand	KE0QYA	Brooks Baker	KA0JWA
Harry Burford	K0TV	Nick Camirand	KE0NIL
John Cline	N0XG	John Mullis	N0EE
Donald Finch	AD0VD	Daren Nerad	KD0OPS
Grace Finch	KE0MER	Amber Nerad	KE0QYL
Doc Buckley	W3MEB	Rick Wade	KD0CNC
Paul Withers	KD0ETL	Mike Hawkins	KE0UHO
Dennis Henderson	KY0P		
		Guests:	
		Drake Wulser	
		Rick Ebbesen	KB0VZP
		Trisha Rooda	Pettis County Emergency Manager

Opening comments were made from new club officers
Introductions and welcoming of guests

Recognition of previous officers:

Paul Withers, KD0ETL for his service as outgoing President
Brooks Baker, KA0JWA for his service as outgoing Vice President
Lana Langford, KD0IZG for her service as outgoing Recording Secretary

Previous Meeting Minutes: Harry Burford (K0TV)

The previous 12/7/19 meeting minutes from Lana, KD0IZG were read and amended.
Paul, KD0ETL moved; John, N0EE seconded to approve as amended. PASSED

Treasurer's Report: John Cline (N0XG)

A treasurer reporting form has been developed. It's use will begin with the next meeting.
A review was made of the club's accounts. It was determined that due to interest rates and account fees, the savings account of \$244.39 was combined with the checking account. Balance in the checking account as of the beginning of today's meeting is \$2,244.39.
Don, AD0VD moved, Dennis, KY0P seconded to accept treasurer report. PASSED

VE Liaison's Report: John Mullis (N0EE)

John, N0EE reported that the ARRL has conducted around 3700 testing sessions so far. Our club is conducting a test session about every other meeting so ARRL test count will soon be over 4000. There will be a test session after today's meeting. There are sufficient number of available VE's that, depending on the situation, solo testing sessions might be arranged in special circumstances.

Training Committee / Testing Classes: Daren Nerad (KD0OPS)

Daren, KD0OPS is organizing a group to organize and conduct training sessions. The successful program used by the club in the past requires about 2 days to conduct with a testing session closing out the training.

Repeater Report: - Mark (N0OWZ) Trustee, John Cline (N0XG) Control Operator

John, N0XG, in the absence of Mark, N0OWZ the repeater trustee, reported that the repeater is in good operating condition. An intermittent squelch tail problem, with a solution that has been difficult to diagnose, does still exist. There is a known controller issue and an appmx. \$100 kit that can be installed that may fix the problem. Voice announcements are programmed remotely. John will set up a couple more control operators to help keep the announcements fresh.

NET reports: - Paul Withers KE0ETL / Richard KE0QYA/

Several local-interest on air NETS were discussed.

Weekly 2M repeater net is held at 8:00pm local time Sunday evenings.

In an effort to expand net control experience to others, volunteers were taken for the upcoming January nets. John, N0EE proposed a method to reduce doubling which involved reducing the population competing for the frequency during a checkin. One example was to call for groups alphabetically by suffix of callsign.

A simplex net is held every Wednesday night at 8:00pm local.

Everyone is encouraged to set their radios to simplex mode on the repeater frequency to see who else they can contact.

There was discussion of a member gathering on 75M every Sunday morning around 9:30AM.

Frequency is in the neighborhood of 3950khz or 3813khz depending on conditions. Content can be round table, rag chew, or general chat. You take your chances. Duration of net can extend to early afternoon.

There is also a siren net that is begun in response to the city siren test each month on the 1st Wednesday.

When you hear the sirens, turn on your radio and check into the NET with your location and observations. Trish Rooda, a meeting visitor from the EMA office, indicated that the siren net reports will benefit her office and will work with the club.

Local Emergency Communications: Paul (KD0ETL)

Paul, KD0ETL has ARES member forms and will send them out. An exercise is being planned. Trish Rooda was present from the local EMA office. She commented on storm spotter training. She put in for a March session, but has not heard back.

Web Page / Social Media: Chris (KC0TKS), Daren (KD0OPS), Paul (KD0ETL)

Bret, W0VK talked to Chris, KC0TKS regarding the website. The webpage is in the process of being updated and redesigned. It is expected to go live Feb 1. Daren, KD0OPS reported on the Facebook page and social media. It is important for online material to be fresh and current. Daren will develop an instruction sheet to help with Facebook activity. There was discussion that more than one administrator should be in place for each of the online resources. This will be worked on after the meeting.

Wrecking Crew: Bret (W0VK)

Bret, W0VK announced the availability of a group of club members willing to help others with station projects. Steve, KF0SJG needs assistance as to why his 2M antenna can transmit but doesn't have receive. Paul, KD0ETL has spring antenna work planned. Spectators welcome.

Old Business:

Dues is \$12 and is on a 1 year cycle. Members were encouraged to renew early in the year if possible.

New Business:

The local EOC has been approached to host monthly club meetings at their location downtown, east of the courthouse. After discussion, Doc, W3MEB proposed that we plan to meet there for the next couple of months.

Daren, KD0OPS moved, Paul KD0ETL seconded that the SPARK meeting for February be at the EOC. PASS

Doc, W3MEB announced that January 25/26 will be the Winter FD. He would like to set up a station in a public location and operate for a short period of time. It will be positive publicity for the club. Doc, W3MEB and Paul, KD0ETL were appointed to the project.

Daren, KD0OPS announced that April 18 is National Radio Day and might be another possible operating opportunity.

Richard, KE0QYA presented and went through a club welcome packet he has been working on. It is in draft form now and is available for members to thumb thru after the meeting. He was looking for elmers to list in the packet. Doc, W3MEB, Paul, KD0ETL, John, N0EE, John, N0XG, and Daren, KD0OPS all stepped forward to volunteer.

Richard, KE0QYA brought attention to the last page of the meeting agenda which asked for activity suggestions for the club. Several ideas were collected including Antenna building, Fox Hunt, and Picnic in the park.

Rick, KD0CNC announced he had a communications trailer filled with equipment he would make available for club activities. He also had equipment to support a fox hunt activity.

Doc, W3MEB reported on progress for a 6M repeater that could soon, May/June, be on the air in the area. The goal is to get more technician class license operators involved.

Nick, KE0NIL discussed club stickers. These are adhesive back, vinyl, club logo decals. Nick made several on his own initiative, the inventory quickly sold out. Plan is to sell them at cost+ as a publicity and possibly income benefit for the club.

Rick, KB0VZP, a visiting representative from the Warrensburg club, indicated that there were a couple of 300' towers being decommissioned in the area and would be a source of 1 5/8" hardline. Tower workers would drop the line off the tower and set nearby. The requirement was that if we wanted it, the cable would need to be rolled up and removed by the next business day. Rick also commented about Warrensburg's work on building a MESH network using wifi components. There is a government move underway to remove the amateur frequency allocation for the band being utilized. FCC comments are open on the topic.

Announcements:

Bret, W0VK announced testing at the new meeting location March 7.

Doc, W3MEB and Mike, KE0UHO were thanked for supplying refreshments for the meeting.

Dennis, KY0P brought old QST magazines to the meeting to donate to anyone who would like them.

Ham Equipment for sale or swap:

Rick, KD0CNC indicated he had quite an inventory of available equipment and to contact him for list.

Bret, W0VK announced that a swap area is part of the new website design.

Time, Date and Place for next meeting:

NEXT MEETING: at the Pettis County EOC, Feb 1, 2020 at 8:30am.

Dennis, KY0P moved, Grace, KE0MER seconded to adjourn the meeting. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted by:

Harry Burford, K0TV

SPARK club Recording Secretary

Approved: 2/1/2020 by vote at SPARK membership meeting