



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

Meeting: February 1, 2020
Program: None, business meeting only
Meeting leader: Richard Camirand, KE0QYA, called to order at 8:30am.

In Attendance (19 including 0 guests; 8 showed VE status; 3 indicated ARRL membership):

Richard Camirand	KE0QYA	Philip Mahin	KC0CYA
Harry Burford	K0TV	Amber Nerad	KE0QYL
Mark Jackson	N0OWZ	Nick Camirand	KE0NIL
Renda Jackson	KB0UVW	Chris Franklin	KE0FUD
Donald Finch	AD0VD	Rex Green	KE0VCR
Grace Finch	KE0MER	David McMillin	KD0ORW
Doc Buckley	W3MEB		
Paul Withers	KD0ETL		
Dennis Henderson	KY0P		
John Mullis	N0EE	Guests:	
Mike Hawkins	KE0UHO		
Daren Nerad	KD0OPS		
Brooks Baker	KA0JWA		

Introductions

Previous Meeting Minutes: Harry Burford, K0TV

Printed copies of the previous 1/4/2020 minutes were available. So, minutes were not read.
Don, AD0VD moved; Mark, N0OWZ seconded to approve printed minutes. PASSED

Treasurer's Report: John Cline, N0XG was not present

A treasurer's report for January had previously been submitted and included in the meeting agenda. \$2,244.39 as of January 4.
\$2,336.39 as of February 1. There were 7 member renewals last meeting. Membership is \$12/yr Jan – Dec.
Mark, N0OWZ moved; Don, AD0VD seconded to accept treasurer report. PASSED

VE Liaison's Report: John Mullis (N0EE)

John, N0EE reported that a testing session is planned following the next meeting. There will be greater than 4,000 ARRL test sessions this year. Pass rates have been 40%. John sends results in on the Saturday of the tests and the typical response time has been Wednesday for processing.

Training Committee / Testing Classes: Daren Nerad (KD0OPS)

Daren, KD0OPS is organizing a training session with a preference for field day or before. Possibly May. Mark, N0OWZ will handle location coordination if it will be conducted at the EOC. Daren will have a report next meeting.

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

Doc, W3MEB gave a 6M repeater status update. A frequency has been assigned and crystals ordered. Expect 4 week delivery. Repeater should have good range and could be on the air around March. Many thanks to Steve ____ at Central Communication for his contributions to this project. No report given for the 2M repeater.

NET reports: - Paul Withers KD0ETL / Richard KE0QYA/

Several local-interest on air NETS were discussed.

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

Richard, KE0QYA collected volunteers for NCS.

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

Paul, KD0ETL indicated that around 4 or 5 usually turn out on 147.575 simplex for the net. No regular NCS, just whoever is around throws out a call.

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

Brooks, KA0JWA and Paul KD0ETL reported. Frequency is in the neighborhood of 3950khz or 3813khz depending on conditions.

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

Richard, KE0QYA reported that when the sirens sound, turn on your radio and check into the net. Mark, N0OWZ indicated that siren testing may not happen during winter especially during wet and freezing conditions. Test may be scheduled for the following Wednesday.

Local Emergency Communications: Paul (KD0ETL)

Mark, N0OWZ said Storm Spotter training will be March 2, at 7pm at the court house. It will only be open to EMA members. Renda, KB0UVW read the new NWS spotter training policy to the group. Training will no longer be open to the general public. Paul, KD0ETL talked to Trish Rooda (County Emergency Manager) and radio club members will be welcome. Mark, N0OWZ said EMA will be issuing new ID's, doing training, and checking all EMA equipment inventory at their February 6 meeting at the EOC at 6PM. Renda, KB0UVW said there will be a CPR class at the PCAD education facility 4th/Osage March 5 at 6pm. Paul, KD0ETL has ARES member forms.

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

Richard, KE0QYA reported that Bret, W0VK and Chris, KC0TKS are working to revamp the club website. Paul, KD0ETL and Daren, KD0OPS are working on the Facebook page.

Wrecking Crew: Bret (W0VK)

Paul, KD0ETL still has spring antenna work planned. Spectators welcome. He also reported that Darrell Kimbell (unsure about that name) in Georgetown has a vertical antenna that needs work.

Old Business:

Doc, W3MEB reported local participation in winter field day was cancelled due to weather.

The radio-equipped motor home, occasionally used for club events, went to Johnson County so is no longer an available resource. Several members at the meeting expressed fond-memory accounts of their experiences with the motor home.

Richard, KE0QYA introduced the group to the New Member Packet he had been working on. He reviewed the contents and said it would be more economical to send it via email rather than produce printed copies. Rex, KE0VCR suggested posting it on the web site. General consensus among the members was that would be OK.

Harry, K0TV reported that no suggestions have been received. There was a request made at the last meeting for members to submit ideas for club activities.

Philip, KC0CYA brought left over inventory of club jackets from a previous project with him today at the meeting. \$15/ea with proceeds going to the club. Limited sizes still available.

Richard, KE0QYA reported that Nick, KE0NIL was getting ready to order club stickers but is holding out for a sale.

New Business:

Doc, W3MEB announced several nearby hamfests. Boonville, March 21; ARARAT in KC April 18. He also expressed interest in doing some kind of Feb-Mar activity. The winter FD was cancelled and there is still interest in a public event of some kind.

Doc, W3MEB and Paul, KD0ETL spoke about Rick, KD0CNC still has a borrowable communication trailer available that we can use. It was functional and also for sale.

Announcements:

Test session next meeting

Daren, KD0OPS led a discussion regarding ham classes with the focus on ways to help newcomers get on the air. Suggestions ranged from arranging special deals on handhelds to loanable gear. No decisions were made and the topic left to the training committee to consider and possibly continue discussion next meeting.

Time, Date and Place for next meeting:

NEXT MEETING: at the Pettis County EOC, March 7, 2020 at 8:30am.

Paul, KD0ETL moved, Dennis, KY0P seconded to adjourn the meeting. PASSED
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK club Recording Secretary