



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

Meeting: March 7, 2020
Program: Trisha Rooda, Pettis County EMA was the speaker
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK, called to order at 8:30am.

In Attendance (251 including 4 guests; 8 showed VE status; 3 indicated ARRL membership):

Bret Kuhns	W0VK	Richard Camirand	KE0QYA
Phillip Markmann	KJ5ZW	Paul Withers	KD0ETL
John Mullis	N0EE	Brian Wood	KE0NJB
Doc Buckley	W3MEB	David McMillin	KD0ORW
Harry Burford	K0TV	Dennis Brown	KD0WSI
Mark Jackson	N0OWZ	Renda Jackson	KB0UVW
John Cline	N0XG	Mike Hawkins	KE0UHO
Philip Mahin	KC0CYA	Steve Demoss	WA0WHY
Dennis Henderson	KY0P	Rick Wade	KD0CNC
Daren Nerad	KD0OPS	Amber Nerad	KE0QYL
Chris Franklin	KE0FUD		
Guests:			
Trisha Rooda	Pettis County EMA	Jack Wright	Attended for testing session
Bruce Stimpson	Attended for testing session	Bart Kuhns	Attended for testing session

Introductions

PRESENTATION:

Trisha Rooda, from Pettis County Emergency Management spoke to the club about the EMA. Any emergency event will start local and end local. She manages the local response, oversees volunteers, and coordinates with other government agencies. The SPARK club is already involved with EMA activities supporting the EOC, Storm Spotting, and providing backup via ARES. The county is in the process of moving to a new EMA location on N Ohio at the old Howard Building.

8:58 am Membership meeting continued:

Previous Meeting Minutes: Harry Burford, K0TV

Printed copies of the previous 2/1/2020 meeting minutes were available. So, minutes were not read.

Phillip, KJ5ZW moved; Paul, KD0ETL seconded to approve printed minutes. PASSED

Treasurer's Report: John Cline, N0XG

John, N0XG reported that the current balance was \$2,271.67 and included a \$3 service charge from the bank. Not included is +\$42 received prior to the meeting and will be added to the account.

John, N0EE moved; Daren, KD0OPS seconded to accept the report. PASSED

Thanks, extended to Philip, KC0CYA for his work regarding the remaining club jacket inventory.

VE Liaison's Report: John Mullis (N0EE)

John, N0EE reported that there would be a test session following the meeting and there were at least 3 candidates taking part. KE0ZSG was the last issued callsign. Next scheduled testing session is May. The club VE program is now recognized as a 'Stock Team' and are now able to conduct tests anytime.

Training Committee / Testing Classes: Daren Nerad (KD0OPS)

Daren, KD0OPS is forming a training group. Classes have traditionally been 2 days in the past. Now considering stretching to 3 days. Daren is seeking ideas and comments. The last class had 6 students of which 4 tested. Bret, W0VK commented that the committee should consider an upgrade class to help existing technicians to upgrade.

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

It was reported that there was a mystery noise on the 2M repeater. It occurs about every 20 minutes and sounds like APRS data. Members were asked to monitor the repeater input to help track down the interference. Doc, W3MEB reported on the 6M repeater status. The cans were shipped, 3 weeks for delivery. Crystals should arrive by end of March, 1st of April. John, N0XG indicated he has a backup 2M repeater in off-site storage. It is identical to the existing one except only 1 controller. We have a contingency plan in place for the main 2M repeater system.

NET reports: - Paul Withers KD0ETL / Richard KE0QYA/

Paul, KD0ETL mentioned that the 2M simplex net and 75M Sunday morning activity was still active. Meets on 3.950 then may move to 3.813 Mhz. Richard, KE0QYA recruited for net control for the next month.

Local Emergency Communications: Paul (KD0ETL)

Mark, N0OWZ reported on the recent storm spotter training. It was one of the best presentations he has seen over the past several years. It was geared more to EMA and spotters than the general public. The presenter was a ham. Thanks were extended to Mark for the opportunity of club members being able to attend this presentation. Paul, KD0ETL has ARES applications. Richard, KE0QYA ran the recent siren net from the EOC and there were 13 check ins.

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

Bret, W0VK is working on a new website with Chris, KC0TKS. There was a problem with accessing FaceBook if one doesn't have a FB account. Not sure why since it is set to public. The problem will be investigated by Daren and Paul.

Wrecking Crew: Bret (W0VK)

Paul, KD0ETL still has spring antenna work planned. Darrell Kimbell needs help with an HF vertical. Doc, W3MEB has a couple of antennas available.

Old Business:

Thanks extended to Philip, KC0CYA for his work regarding the club jackets. There are still a small number available, mostly in the smaller sizes.

Richard, KE0QYA announced that the member packet is available on the club website. A list of new members will be made available to Chris, KC0TKS so a website login can be created.

Richard, KE0QYA announced that Nick, KE0NIL is still waiting for a sale before ordering club stickers. As an incentive, Nick KE0NIL offered a plan to loan a radio to new hams who get their license and join the club to help get them on the air. This opened offers from others at the meeting with possibly loanable equipment.

New Business:

Topic of Field Day was opened. Consensus vote done by show of hands that we would do a local activity. Participation with other nearby clubs will be by individual member choice. Daren, KD0OPS proposed using the new EOC office as a site. Paul, KD0ETL suggested Liberty Park since that was the same weekend as the Fire Fighter memorial ride. We would need to look into getting a permit. A committee was formed consisting of Paul, KD0ETL; Dave, KD0ORW; and Doc, W3MEB. FD will be discussed at next months meeting.

Suggestion was made by Richard, KE0QYA regarding a social get together possibly for May. Meeting at a park in conjunction with a cookout and possibly a fox hunt or antenna building activity. Mike, N0EE mentioned that this year is the 85th anniversary of the SPARK club. Paul, KD0ETL and Bret, W0VK will look into a special event station.

Announcements:

Topic for the next meeting will be antenna building.

Nearby hamfests. Boonville, March 21; ARARAT in KC April 18.

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

Time, Date and Place for next meeting:

NEXT MEETING: at the Pettis County EOC, April 4, 2020 at 8:30am.

Doc, W3MEB moved, Mark, N0OWZ seconded to adjourn the meeting. PASSED
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

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SPARK club Recording Secretary