



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

Meeting: May 2, 2020
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK, ON-AIR meeting started 8:30am
Meeting Location: SPARK 147.03- (179.9) repeater, Bret, W0VK Net Control

In Attendance (12 check-in to net)

Bret Kuhns	W0VK	Richard Camirand	KE0QYA
Harry Burford	K0TV	Paul Withers	KD0ETL
Grace Finch	KE0MER	Donald Finch	AD0VD
Daren Nerad	KD0OPS	Amber Nerad	KE0QYL
Dennis Henderson	KY0P	Chris Franklin	KE0FUD
Mark Jackson	N0OWZ	Renda Jackson	KB0UVW

NOTE:

This SPARK club meeting was conducted on-air. The COVID-19 Corona Virus protocols prevented our normal in-person meetings. No April 2020 meeting was conducted so this was the first membership meeting for the club since March 2020.

Harry, K0TV

The March 2020 meeting minutes were read over the air. Paul, KD0ETL moved and Daren, KD0OPS 2nd to approve. Richard, KE0QYA suggested during discussion that the minutes should be marked as approved AS-IS. Mark, N0OWZ voiced agreement. The March Minutes were approved AS-IS as there were no negative votes made on the issue.

Harry, K0TV

Club treasury information was provided by John, N0XG who was not present on the net. As of 4/30/20 there was \$2,343.67 in the checking account. The only transaction was the monthly \$3 fee. The on-air report of the club financial status was accepted.

Bret, W0VK

John, N0EE was not present on the net. Bret, W0VK gave the testing committee report saying that testing is on hold for now. There were 4x in the KC area that wished to take a test if a special session was conducted. Decision was to hold on testing for now.

Daren, KD0OPS

Training class committee report. No training planned at this time. As soon as things open up, we will get volunteers, arrange a location, and start a class. When things open, we will be ready.

Paul, KD0ETL

Repeater committee report. 2M repeater is working. 6M repeater is working. Paul, KD0ETL has W3MEB's radio and is monitoring the 6M repeater. There has been activity. The 6M repeater appears to have about a 30-35 mile mobile range. The antenna is the limiting factor for 6M coverage. A presentation on the 6M repeater project will be the topic at a future club meeting.

NET COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul, KD0ETL reported 2M simplex net typically has 2 to 4 participants. It is at 8:00pm Wednesdays on 147.575 simplex.

Richard, KE0QYA noted there were 5x nets this month, there are 2x open needing NCS volunteers.

Paul, KD0ETL reported that the Sunday morning 75M meetings were difficult due to band conditions. 3950 or 3813 is used.

Mark, N0OWZ reported that the Pettis EMA weather net last week had 12x check-ins, good participation. Expecting siren test on 6th.

EMERGENCY SERVICE

Paul, KD0ETL reported that he is documenting and reporting local activity. But not much is going on state wide right now.

Online

Harry, K0TV reported on recent behind-the-scenes activity on the club website. Chris, KC0TKS and Harry, K0TV by request from Daren, KD0OPS completed ownership transfer of the club domain name from Chris to the club. The club now owns the domain name. Chris has agreed to continue to host the website on his server. This was a positive move for the club as it reduced the risk of losing the club domain name in the event something was to happen to Chris. Paul, KD0ETL reported that the FaceBook page is now working OK. The issues with the Public access have been resolved.

Wrecking Crew

Due to COVID-19 virus, all activities are on hold.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul, KD0ETL reported that Field Day discussion will be held off till June 1, then will see. Maybe everyone will be working from home. Still considering Clover Dell as location. Amber, KE0QYL reported via Daren, KD0OPS that there could be a location conflict with Clover Dell due to higher levels of sports activity as things open after the virus. We need an alternative. Richard, KE0QYA offered the Our Savior Lutheran Shelter House and field as a potential alternative. Issue tabled till 1st of June.

Status of all future events are on hold for now. This includes the Park BBQ, fox hunts, antenna building sessions and so on. The special event activity celebrating the 85th anniversary of the SPARK club might become an on-air meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard, KE0QYA has stickers, will be in town Wednesday around 10a to 1p. \$5/ea. Contact him if interested.

Richard, KE0QYA reported that Nick, KE0NIL has 2x Baofeng radios with chargers and programmed with local frequencies for loan to new operators.

Paul, KD0ETL indicated to the VE team that he knew of one person interested in testing from Sedalia.

Harry, K0TV solicited comments and feedback regarding conducting on-air club meetings like this or suggest alternatives. An ONLINE ZOOM meeting was proposed.

NO programs are on the schedule
NO items were listed for sale/trade

NEXT MEETING:

June 6 at 8:30am Plan is to have meeting on ZOOM.

Dennis, KY0P and Paul, KD0ETL 2nd to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned 9:44am.

NET closed.

Submitted:

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SPARK club Secretary