



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

Meeting: June 6, 2020
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK meeting started 8:33 am
Meeting Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sedalia. Outdoor shelter facility

In Attendance ()

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	John Cline	N0XG
Doc Buckley	W3MEB	Chris Sparks	KC0TKS
Mike Hawkins	KE0UHO	Bob Carrender	KE0CYR
Steve Galliher	KF0SJG	Brian Wood	KE0NJB
Keith Haye	WE0G		
Mark Bolch	WB0H	Dan Weldon	VISITOR

Note: This is the 1st in-person meeting for the SPARK club since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus restricted group meetings. This meeting was conducted in an open air shelter facility with social distancing being practiced where possible. No sign-in sheet was circulated to avoid possible contact transfer of the virus. Marking names off the club roster may not have been the most accurate record of attendance.

Bret, W0VK – Club President

Provided opening remarks. Attendee introductions. No program for today's meeting, but a presentation on the club's new 6M repeater is planned.

Harry, K0TV – Club Secretary report

Printed copies of the May 2, 2020 on-air club meeting minutes were circulated. Richard, KE0QYA motion. Grace, KE0MER 2nd to accept minutes as printed. PASSED. Additionally, notes from the May 13, 2020, 85th anniversary on-air birthday net were made available. No vote taken but it will be saved in the club records.

John, N0XG – Club Treasurer report

John indicated that the checking account is \$2,342.67. There were no expenses except for the monthly maintenance charge. Paul, KD0ETL moved; Steve KF0SJG 2nd to accept the treasurer's report PASSED.

John, N0EE – Testing committee

John was not in attendance. Bret, W0VK reported that following today's meeting, one candidate will be tested. This was a special arrangement case. John, N0EE will post testing schedules to the club as well as the ARRL websites.

Daren, KD0OPS – Training committee

Daren reported that as soon as it is allowed, a class will be put together and conducted. He is looking for volunteers to help with curriculum as well as conducting the class. The committee is considering an upgrade class.

Mark, N0OWZ – Repeater Trustee

John, N0XG reported that there are no changes to the 2M repeater status. All is working well except for a nuisance and intermittent long squelch tail. This problem has been reported by other repeater owners. A potential fix could be the installation of a D to A converter. John also reported that he has a complete, ready to play, 2M repeater replacement in off-site storage that can be used in the event of a main repeater outage. Doc, W3MEB reported that the 6M repeater is working and getting more usage. Coverage is still being evaluated but 30-35 mobile miles seems possible. The antenna is the limiter. During the meeting, WB0H used the repeater. He was added to the attendee list for the meeting. Paul, KD0ETL had set up a demo radio that was working during the meeting.

NET COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for the upcoming 2M nets.

Paul, KD0ETL commented that the Wednesday 8PM 147.575 simplex net was still being conducted. He also commented on the Sunday morning 9:30am 75M net that starts around 3950 and eventually moves to 3813. Sometimes it can go till noon or later.

Keith, WE0G commented on Sunday 9:30PM 147.405 simplex net in Warrensburg area. He then shared a story about how simplex nets were conducted in Germany when he lived there. Simplex is very active in Germany.

EMA

Mark was not present at the meeting to make a report. Paul KD0ETL didn't have any new ARES reports. The club is helping with weather nets in conjunction with the EMA. Richard, KE0QYA led a short discussion on the siren tests. There will be a short net following those tests. Dennis, KY0P said the county could activate sirens in zones. Richard assumed an action item to research siren and shelter locations in the county and report back at the next meeting. Bret, W0VK expressed thanks to Richard on behalf of the club for his contributions.

WEB

Chris, KC0TKS and Daren, KD0OPS indicated that all social media efforts for the club are working OK. Chris is posting audio recordings of the local nets for those not able to listen during net time. Doc, W3MEB suggested adding a Sales/Swap section to the website. John, N0XG suggested the club look into online services like Broadcast 5 to possibly do live online broadcasts of the club nets.

WRECKING CREW

No activity planned. Doc, W3MEB offered equipment to help anyone wishing to get on the air. Contact him regarding the inventory.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day Discussion. Paul, KD0ETL set up a test rig at the meeting which will also be the proposed FD site and didn't receive any of the expected noise from nearby businesses. The church location was estimated to be 879' elevation. Clover Dell would be the alternate location. Richard, KE0QYA would be the contact person to work with the church and coordinate the use of the church site. Plan will be to start at the 1:00pm time and run till Midnight. A covered dish dinner was discussed. As FD plans get finalized closer to the event, information will be posted on the website.

FoxHunt has been postponed, maybe till the fall. An antenna building activity will be scheduled prior to the hunt.

NEW BUSINESS

Bret, W0VK announced that by decision of the club board, a position of Club Public Information Officer has been created and that Dennis, KY0P was appointed. The PIO will share information about the club to the community, foster a positive club image in the community, and sponsor the club to the public. The club is already ARRL affiliated. This activity will help to elevate to club to ARRL Special Service club status.

Doc, W3MEB moved that Steve Semon, KE0CYW be offered a Life SPARK membership. Paul, KD0ETL 2nd. Discussion that followed listed all the many kind, positive, and substantial things that Steve has done for the club over the years. MOTION PASSED.

Richard, KE0QYA said Nick KONIL still has club stickers for \$5 with proceeds going back to the club.

Bret, W0VK addressed the survey taken earlier in the year regarding activity input from the club membership. In order for the club to provide interesting programs, feedback is necessary.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting location is pending and will be announce on the club website. The next meeting will be July 4. Paul, KD0ETL moved and Don, AD0VD 2nd that the July meeting date be moved to July 11. MOTION PASSED. Richard, KE0QYA after vigorously supporting the motion, cast the lone, negative vote.

Richard, KE0QYA moved, Paul, KD0ETL 2nd to adjourn the meeting. PASSED.

Meeting ended at 10:14 am

Submitted,
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary