



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

Meeting: March 5, 2022
Program: DMR, Daren Nerad, KD0OPS
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK meeting started 8:30 am
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA HQ, 1511 N. Ohio, Sedalia, MO

In Attendance (31 member, 5 guest, 9 VE, 14 ARRL)
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Attendee introductions

PRESENTATION

Daren Nerad, KD0OPS gave a slide presentation and talked about the DMR digital voice mode available in Amateur Radio. Daren’s presentation was not recorded, but the presentation material is available. Doc, W3MEB commented after the presentation that he had some loaner radios available if a member wished to try the DMR mode.
The business portion of the meeting followed.

CLUB SECRETARY REPORT

Harry, K0TV Club Secretary – Copies of the February 2022 meeting minutes were circulated. The minutes had also been posted to the club website. Richard, KE0QYA moved; Dennis, KY0P 2nd to approve minutes. PASSED

CLUB TREASURER REPORT

John, N0XG Club Treasurer – John gave a status report of the club finances. Dues, cash, and paypal at end of February was reported to be \$4,266.23 Stephen, KF0SJK moved, Rex, KE0VCR 2nd to approve treasure report. PASSED. Doc, W3MEB commented that the treasurer might consider moving some money to savings with possibly higher earning percentages.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

TESTING – A test session is scheduled to follow today’s meeting.

TRAINING – Daren, KD0OPS reported that a General Class was being formed with approximately 6 interested students. Details are still TBD.

TRAILER – Paul, KD0ETL reported that work is continuing on an operating guideline for trailer activation and operation.

REPEATER – 2M is working OK. 6M is still anticipating antenna replacement activity. 1.25M is working OK. DMR is working OK, Steve, KE0CYW is open for suggestions to add new static talk groups.

NEWSLETTER – Connie, WA0QCJ reported that progress is continuing. Suggestions and submission of articles is welcome.

NET - Richard, KE0QYA recruited NCS operators for the monthly club nets. Paul, KD0ETL reported the 75M Sunday net, simplex net, and 220 nets are all active. Dennis, KY0P commented on the rag-chew net started on Tuesday at 7:00pm on the club 2M repeater. This has replaced the Stover Repeater net.

EMA – Several comments about the recent Storm Spotter training from the National Weather Service. All agreed session was the ‘Best Ever’. There will be a siren test next Tuesday at 10AM with an exercise net to follow on the 2M repeater.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Public Information, no report. Josh, KF0BML and Chris, KC0TKS are continuing to work on the club website.

WRECKING CREW – NO report. Rex, KE0VCR had access to some tower sections for anyone interested.

OLD BUSINESS –

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

MO QSO PARTY – This event will be the same day as the April meeting. After discussion, it was decided to set up the trailer and operate after the meeting.

Scott Joplin Event – No volunteers came forward to chair club activity for this event. Plan is to deploy the trailer somewhere downtown as a public demonstration and special operating event.

SPARKFEST – Same location as last year. The site needs to be reserved. Planning to add kitchen access to the reservation and have food service inside. An additional area of the church will be reserved to conduct a testing session. Because \$200 was needed for the reservations and \$100 was required for the refundable cleaning deposit, a motion was made to issue checks to pay for those expenses. Renda, KB0UVW moved and Don, KF0ARQ 2nd. Motion PASSED. Also discussed was the planned schedule. Saturday will be open 8A to 1P but that time may be adjusted. Thursday would be used for site setup. Friday the venue would be open for vendor setup.

BOONVILLE HAMFEST – There was discussion that the club trailer should be dispatched and set up for that March 26 hamfest. Tony, W0MQD from Boonville was present, made a presentation about the event, and answered questions. Info at W0BRC.ORG.

OTHER STUFF –

+ Richard, KE0QYA still has club decal stickers for sale with proceeds going to the club.

+ Rex, KF0VCR requested more info of what WINLINK THURSDAY was all about. Harry, K0TV then presented a short explanation on the topic and locations for additional information. WinLink Thursday is a weekly exercise where stations check in using WinLink. Each weekly check in adds a new task or complication to the activity so knowledge and experience with the WinLink activity is extended. It all makes for an interesting weekly challenge.

NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be April 2, 2022, at the Pettis County EOC, starting at 8:30am. A test session is planned after the meeting. The trailer will be setup so Missouri QSO Party activity can follow the meeting.

Don, KF0ARQ moved to adjourn meeting; Tom, KE0UHO 2nd PASSED. Meeting ended 9:40 am. A VE test session followed.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary