



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

Meeting: May 7, 2022
Program: NO program
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK meeting started 8:33 am
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA HQ, 1511 N. Ohio, Sedalia, MO

In Attendance (26 member, 2 guest, 10 VE, 14 ARRL)
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Attendee introductions, Scott, KJ4MFW was thanked for the refreshments

PRESENTATION

No Presentation

CLUB SECRETARY REPORT

Harry, K0TV Club Secretary – Copies of the April 2022 meeting minutes were circulated. The minutes had also been posted to the club website. Doc, W3MEB moved; Don, KF0ARQ 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 April was reported to be \$4,223.28 Don, KF0ARQ moved, Paul, KD0ETL 2nd to approve treasure report. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

TESTING – A test session is scheduled to follow today’s meeting. There have been 5 sessions so far this year. New test material for Tech will be published in June, the test material will be refreshed then. Members need to promote out testing sessions on other area nets.

TRAINING – Daren, KD0OPS reported that the General Class completed last month, Rex, KE0VCR helped and there were 7 students. Four are expected to test today. Next Tech class maybe in August. Congratulations given to Daren for the class execution.

TRAILER – Paul, KD0ETL and Doc, W3MEB reported that trailer has new batteries complements of Jeff, WB0LRX. Scott, KJ4MFW talked about doing a series of tour/training videos for the trailer.

REPEATER – 2M is working OK, a PACKET burst has been heard occasionally and will be investigated. 6M is still anticipating antenna replacement activity, possibly Thursday. 6M repeater sends out 100W and 50W is reflected. Steve, KE0CYW reported that the 2M/6M repeater tower took at least 3 direct lightning strikes during a recent storm. Once all the tripped breakers were reset, all the equipment that had protection including our repeaters came back online. Steve also reported that the repeater at the Columbia Ashland tower was no longer going to be supported by the Jeff City group. He was going to attend a planning meeting regarding the repeaters future. 1.25M is working OK. DMR is working OK. There was a short discussion regarding talk groups. TG31656 is a DMR translator to the Fusion system. TG91 is a world wide English group. Daren, KD0OPS will look into having Bridgecom do a Zoom presentation to the club on DMR.

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.

EMA –There will be a siren test next Wednesday at Noon with an exercise net to follow on the 2M repeater.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Scott, KJ4MFW talked about video projects. The club trailer, Scott Joplin, Field Day. Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. Daren, KD0OPS was congratulated for being named EMA volunteer of the year. Dennis, KY0P received the award for identifying the May “who’s it?” mystery ham.
WRECKING CREW – Steve, WA0WUY is looking to do antenna work. Don, KF0ARQ is experiencing high SWR on his new HexBeam.

OLD BUSINESS –

WEBSITE – Josh is working to convert the website to a new server.
Membership Application is out of date on the website and will be updated by Harry, K0TV.
\$15 for Single, \$20 for family
John, N0XG reported there are 57 members in the club.

NEW BUSINESS –

Scott Joplin Event – Plan is to deploy the trailer somewhere downtown as a public demonstration and special operating event. The club will operate with special call WOR, we can say “W zero Ragtime”, we will probably work 20M SSB mode. Scott, KJ4MFW had an idea for a collectable QSL card series.

FIELD DAY – Still no chair for this event. Bret, W0VK and Harry, K0TV agreed to co-chair. It will be held at the same location as last year. Expectation is we will set up equipment, operate, and have an evening pot luck. After a discussion, several members will be getting together to collect material to make a club information table complete with a club-logo table cloth. This will be something we can use over and over at other events to promote the club. The June meeting will be dedicated for FD planning then we will operate the Scott Joplin Festival event.

SPARKFEST – October 15. Richard, KE0QYA reported that last year we had 52 tables + vendors and there was a good return. Brochures were circulated at the recent Boonville event to promote our 2022 event. Comments were that everyone was happy with last year. Based on emails, and comments from KC area, we will need more tables this year. So far there are 38 reservations. We are looking for sources for more tables. Scott, KJ4MFW will help with prizes again. Doc, W3MEB will take flyers to Dayton. One difference this year will be that the club is now a 501c3, so tax deductible donations will be a talking point to consider. Event is scheduled to run 8am to noon on that Saturday.

OTHER STUFF –

NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be June 4, 2022, at the Pettis County EOC, starting at 8:30am. A test session is planned after the meeting. Following the meeting, the club trailer will be set up to operate as WOR from the Scott Joplin Festival.

Don, KF0ARQ moved to adjourn meeting; Dennis, KY0P 2nd PASSED. Meeting ended 10:25 am.
A VE test session followed.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary