



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

Meeting: October 8, 2022
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK meeting started 8:37 am
Meeting Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3700 W. Broadway, Sedalia MO

*In Attendance 31 members
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)*

OPENING

“This time next week, this place is going to be hopping!” – Dennis KY0P

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Meeting started 8:37am.

Bret presented Mark, K0NYE with a life member plaque.

CLUB SECRETARY REPORT

Harry, K0TV Club Secretary – Copies of the September 2022 meeting minutes were circulated. Bret, W0VK moved; Don, KF0ARQ 2nd to approve minutes. PASSED. File of old minutes are being scanned to post to website for member access.

CLUB TREASURER REPORT

Richard, KE0QYA presented the report John, N0XG had sent him – John reported status of the club finances at the end of September was \$4,094.84. Richard, KE0QYA moved, Dwayne, KB9TQJ 2nd to approve treasure report as submitted. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

TESTING – No one scheduled for testing today, but team was ready

TRAILER – Paul, KD0ETL reported trailer ready to deploy. Needing to confirm visual safety items are in place for the SPARKFEST.

TRAINING – Daren, KD0OPS reported license classes are available but no present demand. A DMR class is available for the members. Dwayne, KB9TQJ offered an antenna class with a TBD schedule. Connie, WA0QCJ reported on a successful CW class start. 15 in class and it will run 10 more weeks. Still have practice oscillators available for anyone wishing to still join.

REPEATER – Noise thought to be gone last month has returned to the 2M repeater. Last Sunday net, repeater was almost unusable. Lots of discussion guessing at possible causes. Dwayne, KB9TQJ is on the fringe and reported the repeater signal strength drops but can hear inputs very well. Quality degrades with increased repeater usage. Need to do onsite diagnostic when the repeater is acting up. 6M repeater is up, performs better than it did previously, but is still needed work. 220 reported to be OK. DMR reported to be OK.

NET - Richard, KE0QYA recruited for the October nets. Ragchew net on Tuesday typically has 10-14 check in and runs 45 min to hour.

EMA –Richard, KE0QYA reported the siren test will be on Wednesday. Paul, KD0ETL is updating records and sent out ARES forms to be submitted. Harry, K0TV reported that Paul, KD0ETL used the MOSWIN radio in the new SPARK communication trailer to participate in the recent Region A Hospital net.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Dennis, KY0P is saturating repeaters and other club websites with SPARKfest information. Richard, KE0QYA gave Face Book/website report, Connie, WA0QCJ gave newsletter status report. Don, KF0ARQ was the most recent ‘who’s-it’. Don then talked about what it was like being at the South Pole for a 6 month deployment.

WRECKING CREW – Harry, K0TV reported that his antenna project was completed OK.

OLD BUSINESS –

POTA – The last event was at Arrow Rock Park. Band conditions were down and Don, KF0ARQ had technical issues with FT-8. Scott, KJ4MFW has been championing all the POTA activity so far. Bret, W0VK put out a call for others who might want to host POTA events for the club. Everyone enjoys attending the events but we need others willing to organize them.

NEW BUSINESS –

Christmas Parade – Renda, KB0UVW reported on the SPARK parade entry for the December 3 at 6PM event. Theme is “super heroes”. SPARK entry will present ‘Elmer’ as a ham character and a ham shack. The ‘SPARKlers’ showed a VERY COOL concept model that will be built onto an existing trailer. An enclosed location for construction is needed. A list of material needs will be emailed to members.

Simulated Emergency Test – Scott, KJ4MFW is working on an exercise.

SPARKFEST – Richard, KE0QYA began with an inspiring pep-talk leading into this last week before the club SPARKFEST event. The event is completely sold out and has gone from 54 tables last year to 74 this year. There will be 34 vendors. Basically a +55% growth of the event and lots more prizes. Richard suggested that members consider not buying tickets in order to increase chances of visitors getting prizes and the reduce the opinion of favoritism should a club member win a prize.

Dennis, KD0WSI moved and Lori, KF0INX 2nd that club members not be eligible to win any drawn prizes at this SPARKFEST. Motion PASS.

Richard continued. There will even be a prize of 250 QSL cards from a printing company in Canada. SPARKFEST has generated international reach. Bret, W0VK reviewed job assignments for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Members are asked to use 147.575 simplex for SPARKFEST operations. Also, members should plan to begin Saturday between 6 and 7 am and park in the Zephyr parking lot.

OTHER STUFF –

ELECTIONS – Bret, W0VK announced that nominations are now open for club officers. Nominations will be taken till the November meeting and elections scheduled for the December meeting.

Doc, W3MEB has an iCom 7300 and also an RFinder for sale and will give a club member a special deal if interested.

NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be November 5, 2022, at the Pettis County EOC 1511 N Ohio. Members should watch their email and the club website for changes.

Doc, W3MEB moved to adjourn, Mark, K0NYE 2nd PASSED. Meeting ended 11:00 am.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary