



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

Meeting: November 5, 2022
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

39 total in attendance; 39 members; 12 VE; 20 ARRL
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Meeting started 8:37 am. Member introductions. Veterans in the club were recognized. Also, time change. Don't forget to change clocks. Scott, KJ4MFW was thanked for bringing the doughnuts.

CLUB SECRETARY REPORT

Harry, K0TV Club Secretary – Previous minutes have been posted to the website for member access. Copies circulated at the meeting. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept; Scott, N0PCT 2nd; PASS

CLUB TREASURER REPORT

*** To be presented later in today's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

TESTING – Today after the meeting.

TRAILER – Paul, KD0ETL reported trailer ready to deploy. Was recently deployed to the SPARKFEST. Pulls good but has heavy tongue weight. Mark, K0NYE explained the new 'softstart' device recently installed will help with running the air conditioner and will let us accommodate a smaller generator.

TRAINING – Connie, WA0QCJ reported CW class is in 5th week and going well. Good turnout. Lots of fun. Looking to finish sometime in December. Daren, KD0OPS is looking to redo the General training class. Plan is to do 'Net-Control Manager' next month. DMR workshop to be done in January. Antenna workshop in February. These will be done after the meetings for those interested in attending.

REPEATER – John, N0XG and Steve, KE0CYW reported the 2M repeater noise has been fixed. Everything was replaced at the top of the tower last Thursday. Antenna, feedline, aligned receiver, multi-coupler, and transmitter combiner. The 20yr old antenna showed signs of numerous lightning hits and connectors showed arcing. Dwayne, KB9TQJ is a distant station and reported being able to now use 5W for full quieting where full power for marginal signal was previously required. Steve received a double round of applause for his work. 6M repeater – Steve, KE0CYW is working on a new duplexer. 220 repeater – Is working great. DMR repeater – It is a long distance away. Original plan was for a local voting receiver at the 2M repeater site. Brandmeier regulations don't permit that operation.

NET - Richard, KE0QYA recruited for the November nets. Ragchew net on Tuesday typically has 10-14 check in and runs 45 min to hour. Simplex nets are on Wednesday. 75M has been noisy.

EMA –Richard, KE0QYA reported the siren test was last Wednesday, but no NET was conducted. Paul, KD0ETL reported that more ARES hours were reported last month than in the past.

PUBLIC INFORMAIION – Richard, KE0QYA gave Face Book/website report. Scott, KJ4MFW is working on videos, there are a couple in production. Search for 'WA0SDO'. Newsletter – Connie, WA0QCJ showed a photo journal, a book containing a collection of pictures for the year. It will be combined with an existing historical book for the club.

WRECKING CREW – Colder weather is reducing opportunity for outside activity.

OLD BUSINESS –

SPARKFEST – Richard, KE0QYA gave a SPARKFEST report.

	2021 SPARKFEST	2022 SPARKFEST
Tables	52	76 + 11 + couple more for 90
Vendors	24	39
Tailgaters	2	3
Proceeds NET	\$1,900	\$2,143.88
Bands	123	174

John, N0XG gave the delayed treasurer report. \$2,143.88 from SPARKFEST. Ending balance for October \$6,435.72. Mark, K0NYE presented a check for \$120 representing proceeds from his table promised to the club. Paul, KD0ETL presented a check for \$337 for selling Dale Kimble, W1PXF material donated to the club to sell. These amounts will be shown on the next treasurer accounting. Harry, K0TV moved to accept report; Renda, KB0UVW 2nd; PASSED.

SET – Scott, KJ4MFW gave report on the recent emergency test. Different modes were used, certificates available for participants. The police drone demonstration seemed to be the most popular element of the exercise. There was an issue contacting nearby repeaters on 2M using the trailer equipment. Future deployments should include a 2M antenna on the elevated mast.

NEW BUSINESS –

Christmas Parade – Renda, KB0UVW reported on the SPARK parade entry for the December 3 at 6PM event. Trailer will be a 5x10. A 'needs' list was circulated. Most important was to secure a location to work on the project. Russel, KN6NDZ offered a location. Construction will start next Saturday at 10am. 31139 Wingate Rd. 2 units in the parade. 1x with Paul pulling comm trailer 2x truck pulling float.

Turkey Trot Event – Club was asked by Center for Human Services to help again this year. Volunteers were solicited for this Thanksgiving morning event. Meet 7:30, will be done by 11am.

Officer Nominations – Nominations opened for elections to be conducted in December.

President – Incumbent Bret, W0VK nominated by Mark, N0OWZ, 2nd by Dennis, KY0P

VP – Incumbent Richard, KE0QYA nominated by Doc, W3MEB, 2nd by Steve, KE0CYW
Paul, KD0ETL nominated by Daren, KD0OPS, 2nd by Mike, KE0UHO

Treasurer – Incumbent John, N0XG nominated by Doc, W3MEB, 2nd by Don, KF0ARQ

Secretary – Incumbent Harry, K0TV nominated by Paul, KD0ETL, 2nd by Marcia, KF0HYQ

No further nominations were received from the floor. Doc, W3MEB moved to close nominations, 2nd by Mark, N0OWZ; PASS. Elections will be conducted at the membership meeting in December.

OTHER STUFF –

John, N0XG commented that since there the club is more family with YL's and children joining our activities, members should be careful with language and conduct themselves with appropriate decorum.

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

SPARKLERS group offered an outreach activity for members who become hospitalized or might be needing support or help.

NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be December 10, 2022, at the Pettis County EOC 1511 N Ohio. Members should watch their email and the club website for changes.

Paul, KD0ETL moved to adjourn, Mike, KE0UHO 2nd PASSED. Meeting ended 10:54 am.

Dwayne, KB9TQJ brought a large amount of cool give aways. Oil products, goodie bags, a radio. Started with random drawings and proceeded to everyone getting something due to the volume.

A testing session followed the meeting.

These minutes submitted by

Harry Burford, K0TV

SPARK Secretary