



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

Meeting: February 4, 2023
Program: Antenna building (Following meeting)
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

35 total in attendance; 30 members; 11 VE; 14 ARRL, 5 guests
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING:

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Meeting started 8:31 am with attendee introductions. There were no tickets at the meeting, so no drawing was conducted. Goodies will be rolled over to the next meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Harry, K0TV Club Secretary presented summary of last month’s meeting minutes. Printed copies were available at the meeting and had previously been posted on the club website. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept minutes, a 2nd was received, PASSED. The annual report to maintain ARRL affiliated club status was submitted OK. Also, the ARRL Special Service Club status is also renewed for another year. This is an annual activity, but with the grace period the club is good for 2 years.

Treasurer: John, N0XG Club Treasurer presented the clubs financial status. Net currently is \$6,833.94. It was noted that Amazon is discontinuing their Smile donation program. Renda, KB0UVW moved to accept the report. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: Bret, W0VK indicated testing would be available following the meeting. There didn’t appear to be any candidates.

TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL reported trailer status is READY to deploy. Last Saturday the trailer was deployed to the EOC for Winter Field Day. The Yaesu FT-100, used for HF, was again reported to be off frequency and it has a damaged microphone cord. Bret has a contact. The radio will be evaluated to see what the repair cost will be.

TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS announced a list for the End-of-meeting presentation topics are in place thru the June Meeting. Today will be a presentation about Antenna Building.

REPEATERS: 2-Meter is OK, there is an intermittent long squelch tail that needs to be watched; 6-Meter is waiting for parts; 1.25-Meter is OK; Warsaw Fusion is OK and there is a plan to move it to a higher elevation for better coverage. Expecting +250’ additional elevation.; DMR repeater is OK.

NETS: Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS. Members were invited to check into a net conducted by Dwayne, KB9TQJ on 3.855 following the weekly club net. Don, KF0ARQ reported that the Tuesday rag chew net usually has around 6 checkins. Not that many, but there is active discussion.

EMCOMM – Spotter training March 2 at 7PM at the EOC. Club members are welcome. This is Dennis, KY0P’s 28th class. Richard, KE0QYA reported there was no weather net this month.

PUBLIC INFORMAIION – Richard, KE0QYA gave Face Book/website report. There is an effort to keep everything online up to date. Connie, WA0QCJ gave the newsletter report. Paul, KD0ETL said he has updated the club QRZ page.

WRECKING CREW –Harry, K0TV has an open project involving a coax connector.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – Marcia, KF0HYQ reported on members who need our support.

OLD BUSINESS:

WINTER FIELD DAY – Paul, KD0ETL reported on the WFD activity. Harry, K0TV reported that some logs are still pending but it appears we will have a score in the 2000 to 3000 range.

TRAILER GENERATOR – Bret, W0VK and Mark, N0NYE are working on a solution. A Westinghouse 4500W generator is being considered and will suit the trailer requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spotter Training – March 2 at the EOC, SPARK members are invited to attend.

SPARKFEST – Scheduled for October 14. And the Lutheran Church on W. Broadway is again planned for the location. Richard, KE0QYA announced and detailed the upfront facility fees the church is asking for which came to \$225.00 which also includes Friday. There is a \$150.00 refundable cleaning fee.

Richard moved that the club pay these fees. There was a 2nd and motion PASSED. Don, KF0ARQ agreed to take care of the shuttle carts.

PRAYERS and PLEDGE – Ron, KF0ITC moved that it be a club start reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and say a prayer at the start of each meeting. A 2nd was received. During discussion it was mentioned that some other clubs do this. PASSED.

WRAPUP:

Don, KF0ARQ still has a complete DMR outfit for sale. Radio, Hotspot, accessories.

Joe, KE0WLB is moving to a discone antenna. He expressed appreciation for the help getting on the air, and is offering the free J-pole he received from John, W0EE to any other club member that wants it.

Next meeting will be March 4, 2023 at the Pettis EOC 1511 N. Ohio.

A testing session was offered following today's meeting. But there were no candidates.

An Antenna Building presentation by Dwayne, KB9TQJ will follow the meeting today.

Robert, KC1PRP moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 9:46 am.

These minutes submitted by
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary