



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

**Meeting:** April 1, 2023  
**Program:** No program due to MO QSO party  
**Meeting leader:** Bret Kuhns, W0VK  
**Meeting Location:** Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

35 total in attendance; 33 members; 10 VE; 14 ARRL, 2 guests  
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

**OPENING:** Meeting Raffle with two numbers drawn and netting \$55 for the club.

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Meeting started 8:36 am with attendee introductions. Bret spotlighted the club photo album. Connie, WA0QCJ was appointed club historian and assigned the task of managing the album.

**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. Dennis, KY0P moved to accept minutes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received, PASSED.

**Treasurer:** John, N0XG Club Treasurer presented the clubs financial status. Net currently is \$6,836.59. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept the report. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TESTING:** Bret, W0VK indicated there was a candidate for the test session to be held after the meeting. There will also be an additional testing session on Saturday 4/8/23 at 8:00am for the recently completed Technician Class license class. 9 estimated for Tech (1 testing today). 7 finished the class. Two candidates are age 10 and 12 yr. old. A General class is being planned for April time frame using the same classroom format.

**TRAILER:** Paul, KD0ETL reported the trailer was ready for deployment. A different HF rig was going to be tested at QSO party today.

**REPEATERS:** 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: no change in repeater status from last month. There was discussion regarding the recent squelch tail noise on the 2M repeater. Steve, KE0CYW explained the phenomena as “Precipitation static” from the wind. Indeed, we had a storm come thru and there was a lot of wind. And the noise subsided as the wind calmed. With the growing interest in Fusion, there was discussion of creating a net. The Fusion repeater is going to be moved but will require coordination and will move to a different frequency.

**NETS:** Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS.

**EMCOMM** – Earlier in the week, an actual storm net had been called on the 2M repeater. There was discussion indicating that the 1<sup>st</sup> storm net of the season had operated very well. The high winds created static noise on the 2M repeater but didn’t prevent it’s use. Richard, KE0QYA reported there were 12 check ins. A backup plan is being developed to cover the loss of the 2M repeater during a net.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** – Richard, KE0QYA gave Face Book report. Connie, WA0QCJ gave the newsletter report. Harry, K0TV was this month’s winner of the Brownies as no one had correctly guess the ‘who’s it’. Chris, KC0TKS reported on the website. A club calendar has been implemented. Chris is also going to get with John, N0XG and update the membership list. It was agreed during discussion that the list would only be accessible by members and behind a login.

**WRECKING CREW** – There were several hams needing help with antenna projects. A couple required tower climbing.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS** – Several members were recognized as needing our thoughts, prayers, or support. Renda, KB0UVW thanked the Sparklers and club members for support following her recent arm injury. Connie, WA0QCJ told the group that if anything happens to her, then someone will need to clean her snake cages. There was a sudden rush of volunteers to be tower climbers rather than clean snake cages.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**REPEATER CHALLENGE** – Bret, W0VK awarded certificates to members that completed the new quarterly challenge. This event was to complete and log 10 QSO's using the 2M repeater. Thanks, given to Scott, KJ4MFW for producing the certificates.

**BOONVILLE HAMFEST** – Discussion from attendees indicated the club had good representation. It was determined that a tri-fold SPARK club brochure would be a nice marketing tool to use in the future. A sample was circulated for comment.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MO QSO PARTY** – Harry, K0TV gave a summary of the day's activity which was to start following today's meeting. A noon potluck lunch was also on the agenda. The club trailer will be deployed. Steve, KC8AEK had computers set up to do logging.

**APRS iGATE** – Chris, KC0TKS reported he built and placed a Raspberry Pi based iGate device on the air to serve the area. It will port APRS packets to the internet.

**POTA** – There was interest in an April Parks on the Air event, but interest was more to participate than to run. Bret, W0VK expressed interest in hosting a May event. The club call is POTA registered.

**SPARKFEST** – Scheduled for October 14. Richard, KE0QYA reported there was lots of interest at Boonville. There were 71 Sparkfest tables on the floor last year. He reviewed a lengthy list of returning and new vendors for this year. So far, 29 tables have been committed and this is prior to our promoting the event. Event is now being called: "Central Missouri's Largest Hamfest"

**CLUB HISTORIAN:** Don, KF0ARQ moved and there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint Connie, WA0QCJ as club historian. Motion PASS. Connie had been officially appointed to the position earlier in the meeting by Bret, W0VK club President.

#### **WRAPUP:**

May meeting after meeting workshop will be about Pi Star.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2023 at the Pettis EOC 1511 N. Ohio.

Don, KF0ARQ has a Kenwood 2M radio for sale.

Dwayne, KB9TQJ has 3 towers for sale. A 60' and two 50'.

A testing session will follow today's meeting.

Don, KF0ARQ moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 10:23 am.

These minutes submitted by  
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SPARK Secretary