



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

Meeting: August 12, 2023
Program: No program
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

28 total in attendance; 28 members; 9 VE; 12 ARRL
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: Meeting Raffle with two numbers drawn and netting \$51 for the club.
Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:35am with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions. No workshop following the meeting today.

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. Richard, KE0QYA moved to accept minutes, a 2nd was received, PASSED.
Treasurer: John, N0XG presented the report. Net currently is \$7,136.66. Lori, KF0IHX moved to accept the report. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: John, N0EE has the testing material, was not at today’s meeting. No testing candidates.
TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL indicated the trailer was ready. Harry, K0TV was recognized for his donation of two DuroMax 2300iH generators to the club for use in the communication trailer. Additionally, an Anonymous member was recognized for their donation of an iCom 7300 HF radio to the club. Bret announced that he donated an automatic tuner for the iCom 7300. Mark, K0NYE is working on cabinetry in the rear trailer compartment to accommodate the reconfiguration of that space. Joel, KE0WJX reported on the FT100. The problem was not an adjustment and is between the radio and display somewhere. It is not fixable but still works on bands other than 20M. Doc, W3MEB donated the radio and will make the decision about its status.
TRAINING: Russ, K6HU will do an antenna build class for September. VARA is on deck for October, and Pi-Star for November. These will be classes following the monthly membership meeting.
REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service. John, N0XG indicated there is a squelch tail noise that is being investigated on the 2M repeater. It is presently running on the backup. And the noise is still there. The controller is the next step or it could be an external signal. A new controller, possibly S-Com at an estimated cost of ~\$750, could be in the clubs future.
NETS: Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS. 75M has been experiencing poor band conditions.
EMCOMM – No practice (siren) weather nets are anticipated this month.
PUBLIC INFORMATION – Dennis, KY0P reported on public media. Daren, KD0OPS reported on FB. Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter.
WRECKING CREW – Connie, WA0QCJ needs help with antenna. Dennis, KY0P need work done on a roof. Steve, WA0WUY needs antenna work. Ryan, KF0HYP needs help with a mast on house. All projects are waiting till after the Fair and cooler weather.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

POTA Event – Joel, KE0WJX reported that there were 21 participants and 26 contacts. HAMRS software is recommended for these events. Suggest not putting everyone at one table to operate. A good time was had by all.

Field Day – Harry, K0TV reported that club points were turned in for FD and final results will be posted in the December QST. 1,716 points were claimed.

Virtual meetings – Harry, K0TV reported that we can stream member meetings. It requires equipment, a network connection, and someone to run the system. We have all that. But the question is, should we? Meeting summaries are presented on the weekly club nets and minutes are published on the web site shortly after the meetings. Consensus is that we hold onto this tool and capability if there is a future need.

Storage – Don, KF0ARQ reported that the least expensive storage unit he could find is \$50/mo. Paul, KD0ETL will investigate storage tubs for use at the EOC for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

POTA – An event is being planned for the Rock Island Park in Winsor. Park number K-9753. A date of September 16 was established for this event.

Warrensburg hamfest – There were 30 SPARK members who attended. Warrensburg reported that there were 130 total attendance. SPARK had a good showing.

SPARKFEST – Richard, KE0QYA reported we have 11 tables left to sell. The event is looking good since we have yet to actively promote it. Next month, we will work closer with the event organization and committee assignments.

WRAPUP:

There are two new nearby clubs that are in the process of being organized.

To the South, a club will be called the Tri County club in Warsaw. They plan to meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month and operate the 147.300 repeater.

To the North, Ryan, KF0HYP is organizing a club in Marshal. There will be a meeting at the Marshal EMA next weekend.

Lori, KF0INX moved and there was a 2nd to move the next meeting to September 9, the 2nd Saturday in order not to conflict with the holiday weekend. PASSED

Don, KF0ARQ moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 10:07 am.

There was NO program following the meeting.

There was NO testing session following the meeting.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary