



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

**Meeting:** September 9, 2023  
**Program:** No program  
**Meeting leader:** Richard, KE0QYA  
**Meeting Location:** Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

36 total in attendance; 31 members; 12 VE; 11 ARRL; 5 guests  
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

**OPENING:** No raffle this month.

Richard, KE0QYA – Club VP started meeting at 8:28am 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. Dennis, KY0P moved to accept minutes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received, PASSED.

**Treasurer:** Richard, KE0QYA presented the report received from John, N0XG who was not present at the meeting. Net currently is \$7,204.66. Rex KE0VCR moved to accept the report. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TESTING:** John, N0EE has the testing material, 2 candidates for today’s session, 11<sup>th</sup> one this year.

**TRAILER:** Paul, KD0ETL indicated the trailer was ready and is at the meeting today.

**TRAINING:** Daren, KD0OPS will have something for the next EMA meeting on Oct 5. We will cancel the post-meeting class for next month due to the expected lengthy SPARKFEST planning.

**REPEATERS:** 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service. 2M still running on backup while trying to isolate squelch noise. Steve, KE0CYW proposed removing the KCWIDE static TG from the DMR repeater. Near continuous activity monopolized time slot 1 preventing access to other TGs. A show of hands supported the proposal. KCWIDE can still be enabled by a DMR user as a dynamic TG.

**NETS:** Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS. 75M is still experiencing poor band conditions. Fusion, simplex, and rag chew has not seen much activity.

**EMCOMM** – Siren test and practice weather net was conducted last Wednesday with 14 check ins. EMA is testing digital radios. There was an opportunity for an actual weather net last week, but it wasn’t conducted due to very high levels of lightning.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** – Dennis, KY0P reported on public media. Daren, KD0OPS reported on FB. Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. Newsletter is now distributed in PDF format. Richard, KE0QYA won the whosit guess for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time and donated his prize to Larry, KB0LCO.

**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 from last month are still waiting for cooler weather.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS** – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**NO business**

## NEW BUSINESS:

**POTA** – An event is being planned for September 23 at the Rock Island Park in Winsor. Park number K-9753. A permit was acquired for the State Park use for 8am to noon. There will be food and about 5 stations. Parking is limited and items will need to be hand carried into the park.

**TRAILER** – Mark, K0NYE and Paul, KD0ETL presented a plan for interior refurbishing of the trailer. The rear section will contain a digital station with displays. Shelving and cabinets are going to be added. It was estimated that \$500 would be needed for the renovations. Richard, KE0QYA has talked to Impact Signs regarding either wrapping or lettering the exterior. Wrap estimate was \$5,000, lettering \$1,500-\$1,700. The club charitable tax status may result in possibly more favorable pricing. We are waiting for another quote. Joel, KE0WJX made a motion that the club approve a \$600 budget for the trailer committee to use for the proposed interior renovations. 2<sup>nd</sup> received PASS. Mark commented that there are donated items that are not going to be used. They will go back to the donor or will be sold by the club.

**SPARKFEST** – Richard, KE0QYA reported SPARKFEST is sold out. We are now looking into tailgate opportunities or selling picnic table space in the pavilion. Don, KF0ARQ is working on the limo carts. Rex, KE0VCR will provide the PA system for the event. Steve, KE0CYW will set up an APRS beacon on the digipeater.

Oct 12 Setup 6:00 pm

Oct 13 Early move-in 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Oct 14 SPARKFEST Open 6 am for move-in; 8:00 am open; NOON done; 2:00 pm lock doors and cleanup.

## WRAPUP:

Chris, KC0TKS – There is a Lincoln fly-in today. Also, MO River bridge is going to be demolished in the morning. Viewable by live stream on modot.org.

Richard, KE0QYW – Our Savior Lutheran Church German dinner will be Sept 30 from 4p-8p.

Next meeting October 7 at 8:30am at EMA.

Rex, KE0VCR moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 9:58 am. NO program followed the meeting. A test session did follow the meeting.

At 10:00 am, following the meeting, representatives from the Bothwell Foundation were on hand and presented one of their AED devices to the club. It will be installed in the trailer. The Bothwell Foundation has been donating these devices to area organizations and business for some time. Funding for the project is from the Women Wear Red fund-raising activity conducted every year. The representatives took a tour of our Communication Trailer which was present at the meeting.

These minutes submitted by  
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SPARK Secretary