



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

Meeting: December 9, 2023
Program: Tour recent renovated SPARK trailer
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

22 total in attendance; 22 members; 6 VE; 10 ARRL
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: No Raffle today

Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:34am with the Pledge of allegiance. Bret did the, now annual, recap of the year’s activities. This is an abbreviated list. ARRL report, State registry, joined MOKAN, WinterFD, created health/wellness group, Island on the air, C4FM Fusion nets, Balloon event, Scott Joplin, FD, POTA, Knob Noster and Rock Island in Winsor, SPARKFEST, TurkeyTrot, welcomed 2 new lifetime members, Spotter training, Repeater fun certificate, Tech class, General class, testing sessions available every meeting, MO QSO, new APRS iGate, ...

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: Richard, KE0QYA presented report in John, N0XG absence. Net currently is \$9,984.60. The \$433.73 club insurance will be reflected next month. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept the report. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: No candidates today.

TRAILER: Ready to deploy. Mark K0NYE presented a walk-thru video of the new renovated trailer. It was also on hand for touring following the meeting. AED training is recommended. An Eagle 1 antenna is the HF antenna, and a 2nd antenna is needed. There was a \$600 budget, but over \$900 spent. Mark offered to donate overage. But Richard, KE0QYA moved that the club allocate \$300 for the overage and an additional \$200 for a trailer jack. 2nd received, PASS. External graphics for the trailer was discussed and Gator Graphic in Warrensburg is going to be approached for a bid. There are still some computer issues in the trailer that need to be addressed.

TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS reported that a Technician class will begin after the 1st of the year. There is lots of interest. It will be conducted over 2 Saturdays with testing following last class. A General class will likely follow closely. There was discussion regarding the status of the club loaner radio inventory.

REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service. It was announced that as of last Friday, Sedalia has a new active 444.15+ Fusion repeater. It is an open repeater not affiliated with the SPARK club and appears to be locked to the KCWide Fusion room.

NETS: Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS. It was decided by show of hands that there will be no nets on either the 24th or 31st. Members were reminded of the traditional 3813 New Years Eve gathering on the 31st.

EMCOMM –Wednesday siren test had 8 check ins. Paul announced he has stepped down from EMA. Position is now empty. There was discussion about future availability and access to the EMA meeting room and facility.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Dennis, KY0P reported it is end of year and a low news time. Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. Chris, KC0TKS was thanked for his work on the puzzles. Harry, K0TV was the last puzzle winner and received a pan of brownies. The club thanked Connie for her work on the newsletter, the constant supply of brownies, and generous gift of holiday jelly.

WRECKING CREW – No new projects to add to the list.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

TurkeyTrot – Richard, KE0QYA reported on the event that almost wasn't. There were 11 operators and 1 visitor. No EMS was on site.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIFE MEMBER – Bret, W0VK presented Richard, KE0QYA with a plaque followed by congratulations from the members for Richard being recognized as a newly inducted SPARK club Lifetime Member.

CLUB INSURANCE – FYI announcement that the club is covered for 2024 after \$433.73 premium.

WINTER FD – Joel, KE0WJX will chair the event to be held at the EMA building Jan 27, 28 next month. Harry, K0TV will take care of reporting score. Paul, KD0ETL will provide the club trailer. Steve, KC8AEK will have computers for logging contacts.

FIELD DAY 2023 – Harry, K0TV announced the results as posted in the December QST. We were class 5A with 179 contacts, 38 participants, and 1,716 points.

WRAPUP:

Richard, KE0QYA is stepping down from his VP position after 4 years of service to the club. He was recognized by Bret, W0VK, followed by an ovation from the club, for a job well done.

Alternative meeting location – There was a short discussion on the topic of finding a new meeting location in case there is a time the EMA is not available.

Next meeting January 6, 2024 at 8:30am at EMA.

Don, KF0ARQ moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED
Meeting closed at 10:17 am.

A tour of the newly renovated SPARK trailer followed the meeting.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary