



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

Meeting: February 3, 2024
Program: HamShack Online, KC0TKS
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

33 total in attendance; 29 members; 13 VE; 15 ARRL; 4 Guests
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: \$65 collected from today's Raffle with 4 drawings conducted.
Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:43am with the Pledge of allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Harry, K0TV Club Secretary presented summary of last month's meeting minutes. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept. There was a 2nd. PASSED.
Treasurer: John, N0XG presented report. Net currently is \$10,104.87 but doesn't include \$1,100 check for trailer work. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept the report. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: No candidates today. Congrats to Kevin for passing Technician and is waiting for call. A loaner radio was set up for Kevin and a beam was found to help him get in from Syracuse.
TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL reported ready to deploy. WE3MAY donated laptop for use on 7300.
TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS reported that a Technician class will be Feb 17 and 24. Information will be published about the class.
REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service. 6M has limited range. 220 weekly net is going strong. APRS/iGate are working. There is an active repeater in Warsaw on 147.300.
NETS: Volunteers were taken for monthly 2M net NCS.
EMCOMM – Harry, K0TV reported the January siren test will be this coming Wednesday. Paul, KD0ETL is reporting club ARES activity. Short discussion about NTS system. March 6 at 7:00pm at the EMA building is the annual Spotter Training.
PUBLIC INFORMATION – Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter.
WRECKING CREW – No new projects to add to the list.
HEALTH & WELLNESS – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

WINTER FD - Joel, KE0WJX reported on the event held at the EMA building Jan 27, 28. Harry, K0TV will take care of reporting score. Steve, KC8AEK has computers for logging contacts and will get the results to Harry.
CIVIL AIR PATROL – John, N0XG reported that a Motorola CM200 and power supply were located from a stock of unused gear at the Sheriff's department, set up by Steve, KE0CYW then donated and installed the equipment at the local CAP. John attended their meeting where 10 CAP cadets and 2 seniors in attendance. We should consider a future Amateur Radio presentation for them. They also do a once per month hands-on event. Joel, KE0WJX commented that Whiteman is the MO Wing HQ.

NEW BUSINESS:

HAMSHACK HOTLINE – Chris, KC0TKS gave a demonstration using equipment he set up at the meeting. This is a Voice over IP telephone system which requires an internet connection to work. It isn't amateur radio but has capability to support ham activity. One demo let us talk to another phone in Canada. A second demo connected us to a repeater where we monitored a Fusion room. SPARK is the first MO club station on this network and there will be a phone in the comm trailer. If we get 5 members participating, we can apply for a conference bridge.

ZELLO – Bret, W0VK demonstrated this smartphone app which turns one's phone into a walkie talkie. Not amateur radio, but a might have some potential as an alternate communication method.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP – Bret, W0VK is working on a procedure for SPARK lifetime membership. You can't buy a membership as it must be voted. The procedure and possible Bylaw updates will be presented at a future meeting.

2024 Q1 REPEATER CHALLENGE – Bret, W0VK announced a new on-air challenge. Between Feb 1 and Mar 1, members should try to make one new contact per day using the club 2M repeater, with up to 15 different contacts for the month. Bret will follow with the plan description via email after the meeting. A certificate will be presented to those that complete the challenge.

WRAPUP:

Joel, KC0WJX commented on the status of equipment Jack, N0SAX donated to the club to sell at SPARKFEST.

Dwayne, KB9TQJ commented on a club to the South in Hermitage

Next meeting March 2, 2024 at 8:30am at EMA.

Tom, KD0OPV moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED
Meeting closed at 10:11 am.

These minutes submitted by
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary