



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

Meeting: March 2, 2024
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

33 total in attendance; 30 members; 8 VE; 15 ARRL; 3 Guests
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: \$7 collected from today's Raffle with 2 drawings for 4 doz farm fresh eggs from Rick, KE0IFB
Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:35am with the Pledge of allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Harry, K0TV Club Secretary presented summary of last month's meeting minutes. Dennis, KY0P moved to accept. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

Treasurer: No treasures report was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: Expecting to do a test session following the meeting.

TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL reported ready to deploy.

TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS reported that a Technician class was a success. 7 students with one getting Technician after the first day.

REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service. 6M has some noise. 220 weekly net is going strong. APRS/iGate are working.

NETS: Volunteers were taken for monthly 2M net NCS.

EMCOMM – Harry, K0TV reported the February siren test had 11 check ins. There will be two nets before the next meeting. 3/6/24 net will be at 11am for state wide siren drill other will be 4/3/24. Renda, KB0UVW reported March 6 at 7:00pm at the EMA building is the annual Spotter Training.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. The Jackson's cleaned up on recent whos-it, puzzle, and search challenges so were awarded all 3 pans of brownies.

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

QSO CHALLENGE – Bret, W0VK reported that certificates will be available next month. Joel, KE0WJX announced the event for April will be a net check in challenge with rules to follow.

ALL HANDS DEPLOYMENT – This is part of an ARRL initiative. Joel and Lori, KF0IHX will organize.

POTA – Discussion indicated that planned use of park off Katy trail at Clarendon Road near fair grounds was not part of actual Katy trail so not eligible to activate. Looking into Katy Depot for event in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP – Bret, W0VK presented a proposal to the club. There was a discussion. This will require modification of the By-laws. Bret will send the proposal out in an email to membership. We will discuss at the next meeting then vote. Bret's email was received later in the day 3/2/24 and following this meeting. It is attached to these minutes.

WRAP FOR TRAILER – The trailer exterior needs attention. Joel, KE0WJX reported that Gator graphic in Warrensburg was \$2,800-\$3,000 and does not include surface preparation. Bret, W0VK is working on an alternate source. County Distributing does over the road trailers and might be able to help us out. Only ballpark pricing was available at this time. Bret will get a better idea of cost. For a wrap, if it is in the sun then it will need to be done again in 5 years. There was a short discussion about the club installing a car port where the trailer is being stored in the hope of extending the finish life. Surface preparation is going to be critical for a good outcome.

WRAPUP:

N0SAX DONATION – Joel, KE0WJX reported that all the donated equipment from N0SAX to the SparkFest was sold for \$100.

GIGAPARTS – Link is on website for free radio for new hams. Go there for details.

SPARKFEST – Will be October 12. Richard, KE0QYA is doing the facility contract.

HAMBASH – Bret, W0VK reported that the 4/20/24 event will be the last Hambash due to losing the location. This presents SPARK with an opportunity. The ARRL is looking for a location for the Regional and Divisional hamfest. This would involve Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri. No firm plans yet. But a SparkFest at a Fair Ground facility is an interesting possibility.

WARRENSBURG HAMFEST – Harry, K0TV has a brochure for their 7/20/24 hamfest.

220 REPEATER – Paul, KD0ETL will be emailing out some information about the repeater.

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

Renda, KB0UVW moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED
Meeting closed at 9:53 am.

These minutes submitted by
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary

NOTE:

Another page follows these minutes. Bret, W0VK sent the proposed by-law wording in an email following this meeting. That information was included in these minutes.

Lifetime Member

- A SPARK Lifetime member is someone that goes above and beyond for the better of the Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub on an extended and ongoing basis. They are recognized for their service, generous contributions and dedication to amateur radio in the Sedalia Pettis County Area.

Lifetime Membership - Nomination / Induction

- Any SPARK member in good standing can make a Lifetime Member Nomination to the SPARK President.
- The Nomination must be in writing and presented to the SPARK President. Upon receiving the nomination, the SPARK President shall pass the nomination to the Lifetime Membership Committee for review.
- Lifetime Membership Committee
 - Consists of all SPARK Lifetime Members
 - Criteria for Lifetime Membership selection is:
 - Nominee Must have the agreement of the Simple Majority of Lifetime Members based on their thoughts on induction within three-months of the initial nomination. And
 - Must be presented to the Club Membership Body for a vote recommended from the Lifetime Membership Committee. And
 - Must Pass the Club Membership Vote by two thirds vote.
 - Upon the above criteria, then a Nominee shall be granted a SPARK Lifetime Membership
 - If a Nominee does not pass the Lifetime Member Committee's approval, then the Lifetime Member Committee will notify the membership body of such within the three-month timeframe with a simple "No Recommended Nomination from the Lifetime Membership Committee".