



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

**Meeting:** April 6, 2024  
**Program:** None  
**Meeting leader:** Bret, W0VK  
**Meeting Location:** Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

45 total in attendance; 43 members; 13 VE; 19 ARRL; 2 Guests  
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

**OPENING:** Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:36am with the Pledge of allegiance. Max, KF0EGX moving out of the area, last meeting here, recognized and will be missed.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Harry, K0TV Club Secretary presented summary of last month's meeting minutes. Richard KE0QYA moved to accept. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED.

**Treasurer:** John, N0XG presented report. \$8,944.95 net. Renda, KB0UVW moved to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**TRAILER:** Paul, KD0ETL reported ready to deploy.

**TRAINING:** Daren, KD0OPS reported no training classes currently planned.

**REPEATERS:** 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters reported to be in service.

**Sidebar discussion:** Doc, W3MEB commented on his travels and job with FEMA. Mark, K0NYE had returned from a trip to the SW US and commented on his experiences.

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

**EMCOMM** – Harry, K0TV reported the 3/6/24 net had 12 check in, the 4/3/24 net had 13 check in, and the next siren net would be 5/1/24. So far there have been 5 operators with 100% attendance, 3 operators that have only missed 1 net, and the last net enjoyed 5 new check ins. Congratulations to Don, KF0ARQ who was recognized by the EMA as their member of the year.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** – Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. A suggestion was made to build an ABOUT page to include on the website. Harry, K0TV and Connie will take care of it.

**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 were produced by Daren, KD0OPS. Certificates for this event were handed out.

**NET check-in challenge** – Joel, KE0WJX explained the next challenge will be to attend 10 club nets during April. These include the Sunday meeting net, Tuesday Rag chew, and Wednesday simplex net.

**LIFETIME BYLAW** – Discussion was opened for the Lifetime bylaw addition proposed at the last meeting and emailed to all the members for review. Richard, KE0QYA moved to accept, there was a 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote PASSED by clear 2/3 majority with no negative votes heard.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**WRAP FOR TRAILER** – Joel, KE0WJX presented his findings after talking to Gator graphic in Warrensburg. \$2,800 if trailer pre-prepped and not doing the back door. \$3,000 if trailer is pre-prepped and including the back door. There is an expected 5-year life for the finish so there was additional discussion about investing in a shelter for the trailer while it is waiting for deployment. More research is being conducted, no vote on this project was entertained today.

**SPARKFEST** – Bret, W0VK indicated the facility has been acquired for this year's event. There was additional discussion regarding the possibility of the club hosting a Midwest Regional Convention sometime in the future. The ARRL would help to support the added cost needed for a larger venue. Maybe for 2025 and event will probably not be in October.

**MO QSO PARTY** – Event is this weekend and going on now. There will not be any planned club participation this time, but members were encouraged to get on the air as individuals to put Pettis county on the map.

**FIELD DAY '24** – Looking for a volunteer to manage the event. It will be at the EOC and Harry, K0TV volunteered to help with the scoring.

**SET** – Lori, KF0IHX discussed she is working on a club wide test. There was a short discussion about emergency communication and how the club should prepare for a 72hr. deployment. John, N0XG talked about the vulnerabilities of digital trunking systems and how fixed point to point communications would be impacted. Doc, W3MEB talked about AuxCom and the SHARES system. The local CAP group would like to be included in any SET activity.

**POTA** – Joel, KE0WJX announced there will be an event at the Katy Caboose next Saturday. Set up start 8:30am, operating at 9:00am. Looking to only activate 2 transmitters with 1 inside the caboose and the other outside.

## WRAPUP:

**MO-KAN** – SPARK is a member of this group.

**AED CERTIFICATION** – The club trailer has an AED unit. But only a few members have taken the added training to operate the unit.

**Base Outfitters** – Meeting April 11 at 6pm. They are very interested in communications. It is in Knob Noster located on 23 by the stop light near Casey's. Members might drop by their meeting if possible.

**Marconi Day** – Special event station on the air April 27. Get details online.

Next meeting May 4, 2024 at 8:30am at EMA.

Renda, KB0UVW moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 10:31 am.

These minutes submitted by  
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SPARK Secretary