



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

Meeting: May 4, 2024
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

46 total in attendance; 38 members; 13 VE; 17 ARRL; 8 Guests
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:35am with the Pledge of allegiance then introductions. 4 item club raffle netted \$64.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Harry, K0TV Club Secretary announced the SPARK ARRL Affiliated Club as well as the ARRL Special Service Club status had been updated for the year. The minutes were presented and Richard, KE0QYA moved to accept as posted. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

Treasurer: John, N0XG presented report. \$9,106.95 net. Paul, KD0ETL moved to accept. 2nd. PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: 5 sessions so far this year. Today will be the 6th.

TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL reported ready to deploy. The 1st aid kit needs to be checked.

TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS did a presentation to the local EMA on weather applications. Would be good to do a similar presentation to the club. John, KF0PKU talked about Basic Outfitter & Range store in Knob Noster. There are 7 to 9 potential students for the Technician training class.

REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters survived the recent storms and are reported to be in service. There was discussion about interference on the 2M repeater that is possibly deliberate. Other repeaters in the area have reported similar activity.

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

EMCOMM – Harry, K0TV reported the 5/1/24 net had 11 check in, the next siren net would be 6/5/24. There have been 21 unique check-ins during the year where 5 calls are at 100% participation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. FaceBook is credited for getting our testing candidate for today so there is incentive to keep our online resources updated

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

NET CHECK IN CHALLENGE – Joel, KE0WJX discussed the activity and clarified rules.

POTA – Joel, KE0WJX discussed recent activity at Katy Park. There was lots of noise. The station was moved and that helped. Band conditions opened and there was a memorable contact with North Pole Alaska. It was mentioned that park names have been changed from a K- designator to a US- one. All information about this part of the hobby is on the POTA website. Next event May 18 at Knob Noster Park starting around 9-ish.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. Paul, KD0ETL will deliver the trailer. Steve, KC8AEK is going to handle computer logging.

SPARKFEST – Bret, W0VK indicated the event is progressing OK. Prizes arriving. There is a strong chance that SPARKFEST could host a Midwest Division Convention.

BY-LAW CHANGE – Steve, KE0CYW proposed, and there was a 2nd, to change Article VI, Section 1 of the Club Constitution to better reflect how the club currently operates.

OLD WORDING for section 1. “SPARK shall meet the second Monday of each month at such time and place as shall be determined by the club.”

PROPOSED WORDING for section 1. “SPARK shall meet at least once per month with the time and place as shall be determined by the club.”

After a brief discussion, Bret, W0VK indicated that no vote will be taken today, and this would be the official notice to the club that a change to the club Constitution has been presented and a will be voted upon at the next regular club meeting.

WRAPUP:

Scott Joplin Special Event Station – June 1, same location. It will be after the meeting.

Hot Air Balloon – June 7-9, similar activity as last year. Details at the next meeting.

Youth Incentive – It was announced that Paul, KD0ETL and Marcia, KF0HYQ would be covering the testing expense for the youth that will be at the VE session following the meeting. Additionally, a club loaner radio will be made available upon successfully passing the Technician test.

NTS traffic handling – Harry, K0TV expressed interest with the club conducting an NTS training session sometime, possibly during Field Day. It would be worth bonus points for the event.

Next meeting June 1, 2024 at 8:30am at EMA.

Bob, KC1PRP moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED
Meeting closed at 9:45 am.

These minutes submitted by
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary