



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

Meeting: June 1, 2024
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret, W0VK
Meeting Location: Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

33 total in attendance; 30 members; 12 VE; 14 ARRL; 3 Guests
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

OPENING: Bret, W0VK – Club President started meeting at 8:30am with the Pledge of allegiance.
No raffle this month, items will roll to next month.
Joel, KE0WJX presented certificates to 7 operators that completed the April challenge.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Harry, K0TV Club Secretary. The minutes were presented and Doc, W3MEB moved to accept as posted. There was a 2nd. PASSED.

Treasurer: John, N0XG presented report. \$9,262.95 net. Renda, KB0UVW moved to accept. 2nd. PASSED. Discussion regarding moving money out of PayPal where it sits not earning interest. Harry, K0TV indicated that eventually the club domain name will be paid using that account so some balance will need to be maintained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TESTING: Bret, W0VK indicated there will be a testing session today.

TRAILER: Paul, KD0ETL reported ready to deploy and will be used today at Scott Joplin.

TRAINING: Daren, KD0OPS is working on a class to present to Basic Outfitter and Range Store in Knob Noster. Club business cards, poster, or brochure will help to promote the club.

REPEATERS: 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: All repeaters are reported to be in service. The fusion repeater will be getting antenna work. A 70cm 443.85 (107.2) and a 220 repeater are being tested at cross timbers. May eventually be linked to the SPARK repeater. Chris, KC0TKS talked about the KC Mesh phone system.

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 6/6/24. 5/7/24, 5/8/24, 5/21/24 all saw actual weather activity. No NCS was needed as activity on the frequency managed itself smoothly.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Connie, WA0QCJ reported on the newsletter. Harry, K0TV won the puzzle challenge. Amber, KE0QYL got the June whos'it. The website is getting about page, sparkfest page, and calendar activity.

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS – Discussion about members requiring assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

POTA – Next event will be Bothwell State Park. But it will be in July due to all the June activity.

Joel, KE0WJX reported on the Knob Noster event. 17 contacts logged, but there were many more. About 20 people attended. This was the 1st outing for Don, KF0ARQ new go-box.

TRAILER WRAP – Mark, K0NYE inquired about this project. There was a discussion. Wrapping, painting, the protective shelter, doing a self-apply of wrap were covered. High cost was the issue. Chris, KC0TKS stressed the importance of working with a budget and not spending everything on this one project. Item was again tabled with the intention of looking into how much funding the club should allocate while still maintaining an emergency fund for club operations.

BY-LAW CHANGE – A change to the club bylaw wording was presented last month then tabled for 30 days. It was brought up for a vote. After a brief discussion, it was PASSED unanimously. This change to Article VI, Section 1 of the club Constitution was proposed 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.”

NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD DAY '24 – There was a discussion about the event. Harry, K0TV will do points reporting. Joel, KE0WJX was taking the lead for event planning. A potluck dinner is planned. It is expected to be a 24 hr. event. Harry proposed we consider operating class F (EOC) where we will then be able to operate the radio equipment and use antennas already installed at the EOC. An email will go out with details.

SCOTT JOPLIN – Bret, W0VK has the log sheets. The trailer will be deployed. We will use W0R callsign. Stands for W0 “Ragtime”. The event will begin following today’s meeting.

BALLOON EVENT – The trailer will be deployed. Event will begin early Saturday, 6/8/24. An email will go out with details.

IOTA – Strong interest in doing the Islands on The Air activation at Liberty Park again. This time, there will not be as many stations crowding the space and we expect to make more contacts.

HELPING OTHERS INITIATIVE – Bret, W0VK discussed that SPARK club and members will be working to identify those areas beyond our club that we can aid. Singled out was Ryan, KF0HYP a club member who is activating a club in Marshall. Also, Dwayne, KB9TQJ and other active SPARK members who are revamping an old club south of Pettis County. We will also be reaching out to the Warrensburg club. And even looking at what we might be able to do for our own city outside of amateur radio.

WRAPUP:

+ Guests were recognized and welcomed.

+ Dwayne, KB9TQJ presented Oliver, KF0QMX with a new radio. This is part of a project where Dwayne is helping new youth operators get on the air. Oliver got his technician license in a testing session at our last club meeting. He will also be testing for General after today’s meeting.

+ Dwayne, KB9TQJ announced their Cross Timbers club meeting will be Saturday 6/8/24 at 9am in Hermitage. Talk in 443.850+ (107.2)

Following discussion regarding the next meeting on July 4 weekend, it was decided that the next meeting will be moved to July 13, 2024 at 8:30am at EMA.

Bob, KC1PRP moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was received. PASSED
Meeting closed at 9:54 am.

These minutes submitted by
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SPARK Secretary