Start time: 7:10 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 22

Guest 1

Pledge: Led by Sean Kelly – W5SPK

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Agenda:

 Officers Reports

 President Sean -- Kelly W5SPK

 Vice-President Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ

 Secretary Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

 Treasurer Ross Watson -- AF5QK

 Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

 Newsletter Editor Neil Gould -- NE5IL

 Webmaster John Hatch -- KF5BSS

 Public Relations Brian Trent -- KF5VFM

Activities Director Tony Campbell -- W5ADC

 Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp -- KG5TJF

 Officers Reports

 Old Business – from the floor

 New Business – from the floor

 Tonight’s Presentation

 Contesting from an HOA Station

 Eric silver thorn – NM5M

 Christmas Raffle

 Close

President’s Report Sean Kelly –W5SPK

 I am repeating my petition to the club members to pay your individual club dues. As you are aware, we have several capital projects currently in an idle mode because of the COVID/SARS – 19 Pandemic. However, monthly operations continue as always. Ninety paying members is what is required to keep PARK operating. Although winter is upon us, our prime time for severe weather starts March 1st – a scant three months away. Between these two events, we need our assets up and running without interruption. In the end, being fully operational will keep us safe and sane. Reminder of calendar change. Board Meetings now are on the First Monday of the month to allow new officers to participate and allow others to attend the Richardson Wireless Klub meetings which are at the same day and time.

 Reminder…the Board has enacted a capital spending freeze cap.

 When the bank account hits $4000.00 dollars, all capital spending stops (except previously allocated expenditures). This level of funds will allow us to continue operations (without additional income) for a period of nearly two years.

Vice-President’s Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

 Not in attendance

 Report presented by Sean Kelly – W5SPK

 Programs

 Tonight December 21st

 Christmas Party Meeting

 Contesting from an HOA Station

 Eric Silverthorn -- NM5M

 January 18, 2021

 Solar Weather

 Stan Starks – NW5Q

 February 15, 2021

 Weather Radar Fundamentals

 Samiee Espinoza – WX5JMd

PARK Recurring Activities

 Every Thursday Night – Informal Net – at 2000

 Late Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0530

 Recommend following Social Distancing Protocol

 ‘No Name’ Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0900

 Recommend following Social Distancing Protocol

January Meeting Schedule

 January 4, 2021 Board Meeting

 January 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting

February Meeting Schedule

 February 1, 2021 Board Meeting

 February 15, 2021 General Membership Meeting

March Meeting Schedule

 March 1, 2021 Board Meeting

 March 15, 2021 General Membership Meeting

Secretary’s Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

secretary@K5prk.net

 General Meeting Minutes

 November minutes are in the newsletter and have been uploaded to PARK IO groups.

 Go to files on the left side then under 2020 Secretary—then under General Meeting Minutes, and finally General Meeting Minutes Nov 2020, then click on that and the minutes will open for you on the left bottom of your monitor and click it to open.

 Each month this section will have the next month’s minutes located their.

 If anyone has trouble finding them. Call me and I can walk you through it. I have set it up this way so that each month and then the next year I can easily add to it.

 Any questions about the minutes?

 None.

 I do appreciate all the members who paid their dues after the email went out and the board extended the date to get your names on the prize wheel.

 I have been adding info and updating the member information on Ham Club on line. I need everyone’s email address and if you do not want it published please let me know. If you recently joined the club especially by paying dues through PayPal, I need your call sign. I would appreciate it if you would download the registration form from the web page and mail, email me the information asked for on the form. Especially now I need to be able to send out info, announcements via email.

 I will be doing my best to send out email through/via Ham Club on line asking for this info. But if I do not have your email you will not get it and the FCC does not have your email for me to see. If I have your address, I will need to mail it to you.

 If you want to send me your email, my email is on the web site under Officers. Just click on my name and call sign. My home email is on IO groups and you can use that one too. If mailing, the club’s mailing address is on the web site, first page.

Does this make sense?

David Abshire – W5DLA, asked how one can check their info.

Logging into Ham Club on line will show you your information and allow you to edit it.

At present time we have 66 members.

Treasurer’s Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

 The financial report was read to the members in attendance.

 The bank branch where we must go to change signatures on the account is closed for COVID. This will get done when they open back up.

Communications Director Kip Moravc AE5IB

 The repeaters are repeating.

 Trying to get rid of the old repeater. There is some interest but no one has picked it up.

 Working on another cabinet.

 Hospitals are still closed due to COVID

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

 Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in

 Send items to newsletter@k5prk.net

 If you see anything that needs to change, please send an e-mail.

 Sorry the zoom link changed and the zoom link in the newsletter was incorrect.

 Thanks to Tony Campbell – W5ADC and Johnnie Young – KG5CQO for their contributions for the newsletter.

Webmaster John Hatch – KF5BSS

 Web site is K5prk.net

 If need a log-in send an e-mail to webmaster@K5prk.net

 Any articles for the web site

 Any help with io groups

 Also, any help with HamClub on line, just email me.

 You can log in and add the club to your information.

 There is also a resource area on the web site for your use, please check it out.

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

 Not in attendance

 Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

 Not much going on at this time.

 I am working on some projects and will share via the newsletter

 Winter Field Day, you can work from home and give points to the club

 Skywarn is January 16th, register early, zoom space is limited

Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

 Not in attendance

 Nothing to report

Old Business

 None

New Business

 Katherine Forson -- KT5KMF – we are ready to choose a winner for the latest Fox Hunt for Wheatly.

 Sean Kelly – W5SPK – if the wheel is ready let’s give it a spin.

The winner is “Chip Coker – KD4C” Congratulations

 Rob Forson – K5WFR – will get the HRO certificate to the winner.

Thanks to Katherine Forson – KT5KMF and ‘her driver’ Rob Forson – K5WFR was hiding Wheatly and keeping records of those who find the fox. This is a fun activity to practice some radio skills.

Tonight’s Presentation –

 Eric Silverthorn – NM5M

 Contesting from an HOA Station

 Eric became a HAM as a young boy and quickly learned the more he participated in ham activities the better he became.

 Eric discussed first what you need to make contacts, even contacts from far away.

 If you live where you are limited on the type and size of antenna you can use, you can still make many contacts and contacts that are far away. It is a myth that you must have a big station. Other groups, especially places far from us have large antennas that can send strong, powerful signals and can even pick up our weak signals.

 How to work within HOA or even city regulations.

 Meet your HOA agreements

 Give your neighbor tranquility

 Keep the wife happy

Options

 Be unobtrusive

 Hide it

 Put it indoors

 Get creative

 Eric show examples of many of the type and placement of the antenna listed below

Ex: You can lay a dipole on the roof and it will work well

 Use a flag pole antenna

 Vertical antenna are hard to see but remember it needs good radicals

 Use a vertical only as high as a fence

 Put a hamstick antenna in the attic

 You can only do what you can do

Why Contest?

 You can contact many stations in a short period of time.

 Competition is against your peers

 There are all kinds of awards

 You get satisfaction from long distant contacts.

 You can do a lot in a short time

There are many contest

For ex:

 North American QSO Party for cw, ssb, rtty

 Rtty Roundup

 ARRL DX for cw, ssb

There are ARRL affiliated contesting clubs

Whatever you do pick modes that contribute to your success

10 and 15 meter is now opening up

The club appreciated this presentation and many will probably try one of two of the examples shown.

Thank you, Eric Silverthorn – NM5M for you time and expertise.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

 One radio from the estate of Ollie Casteel – AF5QX -- now a silent key – donated by his wife. So kind of Mrs. Casteel to offer this to us.

 A TYT TH – 8600 dual band mini mobile radio.

 Three gift certificates to Ham Radio Outlet

 Arrangements can be made to either meet or deliver to your QTH.

Sean Kelly – W5SPK asked Ross Watson – AF5QK if he had gotten the HRO Certificates.

Ross Watson – AF5QK had gotten the four HRO Certificates for the Fox Hunt

 And asked Johnnie Young – KG5CQO if that info was in the previous minutes

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO said that was before her time as secretary

Sean Kelly – W5SPK asked Ross Watson – AF5QK to get the three HRO Certificates for the three prizes for tonight.

Katherine Forson – KT5KMF, our official wheel spinner did the honors for each prize.

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

*The Radio* – Katherine Forson – KT5KMF

HRO Certificates

Bradley West – K5CMO -- $50

Frank Krizan – KR1ZAN -- $100

John Dinneen – KC0L -- $150

Ross Watson – AF5QK will get the HRO certificate for the Fox Hunt to

 Rob Forson – K5WFR

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO will contact the three prize winners to help set up time and place to give them their HRO certificate.

Motion to adjourn;

 John Dinneen – KC0L

2nd the motion

 Michael Payne – K5MFP

Adjourned; 8:25 PM

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

 Thank you for attending

 Stay healthy

 Stay Safe!