



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2021**

Start time: 7:04 pm  
Location: Via Zoom  
Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 16

Guest 4

Pledge was 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



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### Officers Reports

Old Business – from the floor

New Business – from the floor

Tonight's Presentation

Mobile HF Operations

Robert Evans, WW9W

Q and A

Close

### President's Report Sean Kelly –W5SPK

Spring is here. It is time to take stock of our "GO BAGS" in preparation for what I believe will be a very active Spring. (Research La Nina weather patterns, streams, and associated histories in DFW.) Please make every effort to participate in Collin County ARES nets and drills. The need to practice like you play remains essential for mission success.

The Board met regarding Field Day 2021. In the wake of the pandemic, Field Day will be conducted in a manner conducive to maximizing safety for our senior members and eliminate large gatherings. Please participate using the club call sign and turn in your logs for inclusion.



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Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Not in attendance

Report presented by Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Programs

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HF Mobile Installation and operation

Robert Evans – WW9W

April 19, 2021

ARRL & NTX Section News

Steven Smith, KG5VK

ARRL NTX Section Manager

May 17, 2021 TBD

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



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### April Meeting Schedule

April 5, 2021 Board Meeting

April 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting

### May 2021 Meeting Schedule

May 3, 2021 – Board Meeting

May 17, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

### June 2021 Meeting Schedule

June 7, 2021 – Board Meeting

June 21, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

[secretary@K5prk.net](mailto:secretary@K5prk.net)

General Meeting Minutes for February are in the newsletter and have been uploaded to PARK IO groups and are on the web site.

Any questions about the minutes?

Nell Bartels, KA5PHN, asked why the Treasurer's Report is not published in the meeting minutes.

Johnnie Young, KG5CQO and John Hatch, KF5BSS, explained that since the public can join the web page and thereby see the monthly minutes and can see the content of io groups, and the newsletter the information could be viewed by the public.

We do not want the general public to have knowledge of the club's finances.

Nell Bartels, KA5PHN, was asked if she was ok with that and she gave a thumbs up.



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As of March 12, 2021, we have 83 members and 56 members belong to ARRL.

That gives us 67% of the voting membership is also a member of ARRL.  
ARRL requires 51% for the club to remain affiliated.

Any questions?

None

The members were presented with the names of new members.

They are;

Guy – KI5NUH and

Jamie Fawn Meade – KI5NUN

Ken Matthews – KI5NNW

Britney – KI5NWW and

David Bright (not a Ham as yet)

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Asked for a motion to accept these 5 new members

Motion made by Kip Morave, AE5IB

2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Bartels, K5MVZ

Members agreed

Motion passed

Welcome to our 5 new members.



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Chat during this part of the meeting;

Would like a copy of names and emails of new members rather than just voting them in

Johnnie Young, KG5CQO responded verbally that since some members do not want their e-mails made public that the club could not give members e-mails even to other club members

Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Report given by Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Balance, expenditures, and deposit were given with new ending balance.

Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

D Star has been having issues

Fred Varian, WD5ERD, is working on this issue

Hillcrest Site will not be available for the club

An engineer said there can not have any more antenna

The good thing is the climb would have cost about \$4000.00

Now we need a new place

Plano got the cable today with information on how to install this cable

Should be completed in about two weeks



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Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Sorry it was a little late

Need more contributions for the newsletter

Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in

Send items to [newsletter@K5prk.net](mailto:newsletter@K5prk.net)

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

Webmaster John Hatch – KF5BSS

Web site is K5prk.net

If need a log-in send an e-mail to [webmaster@K5prk.net](mailto:webmaster@K5prk.net)

Any articles for the web site

Place to see all announcements

Any help with io groups

Io groups has a place for forum for radio type discussions

Any issues let me know at [webmaster@K5prk.net](mailto:webmaster@K5prk.net)

People who join the web page can fill-out the profile and can share

If you have an account, you can view the directory

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol



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Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

Working on the repeater cabinet

Hoping to get something done for Field Day

Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Will keep all the logs for Field Day

Working with Anthony Burokas, KB3DVS, about finding a place

Old Business

None

New Business

Tony Campbell, W5ADC, lithium batteries are a little expensive but have a long  
Life

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, Wheatly will be in Plano for March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

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Not in attendance

No presentation





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Motion to adjourn

Tony Campbell, W5ADC

2<sup>nd</sup> Kip Moavec – AE5IB

All agreed

Adjourned: 7:40 PM