



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub
General Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2021**

Start time: 7:10 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 16

Guest 4

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Agenda:

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



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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

President Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Stepped away to locate the presenter for tonight
Agenda presented by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Programs

Tonight April 19, 2021

HF Mobile Installation and operation
Robert Evans – WW9W



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May 17, 2021

ARRL & NTX Section News

Steven Smith, KG5VK

ARRL NTX Section Manager

June 21, 2021 TBD

FCC: RF exposure studies – blanket waiver is no longer in effect
need to check personal antenna RF exposure and keep a record

President's Report Sean Kelly –W5SPK

presented by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

First and foremost, allow me to apologize for last month's abbreviated meeting. We suffered several technical difficulties outside of our control. The program schedule has been adjusted accordingly.

Last month the Board received several messages concerning meeting reminders and queue times waiting to be admitted into the zoom forum. Corrective actions have been adopted and will be employed this month.

Field Day remains in the forefront of everyone's mind. In the interest of life safety, please conduct Field Day in small groups. W5SPK will be in Lucas with a small group of veterans and first responders.



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PARK Recurring Activities

Shack Highlights and Tours – sponsored by Anthony Bourkas, KB3DVS—
every Thursday Night @ 2000 – Volunteers welcome – please step-up
and be counted

Every Thursday Night – Informal Net – at 2000

Late Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0530

Recommend following Social Distancing Protocol

'No Name' Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0900

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May Meeting Schedule

May 3, 2021 Board Meeting

May 17, 2021 General Membership Meeting

June Meeting Schedule

June 7, 2021 – Board Meeting

June 21, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

July Meeting Schedule

July 5, 2021 – Board Meeting

July 19, 2021 – General Membership Meeting



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Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

secretary@K5prk.net

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

Any questions about the minutes?

We now have 85 members

Information and reminders about the meetings are going out through HamClubonline and io groups. Everyone should have received the emails for tonight. If you did, then your e-mails are correct. If you did not receive these e-mails, or someone tells you they did not receive these e-mails, please ask them to either send me their e-mail address for HamClubonline so, I can update it, or they should log-in to HamClubonline and correct their e-mail address and to log-in to io groups and correct their e-mail address. If they are not part of io groups, they can join.

Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Report given by Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Balance, expenditures, and deposits were given with new ending balance. Members were made aware of approved project amounts and the yearly recurring expenditures being included last to give a more accurate available.



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Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

D Star has been down for about a month.

It appears to be the antenna. The connection was moved to the other antenna and this worked. The board has approved the purchase of a new antenna. We should have the new antenna in time for the May 8th climb. Cost will be @ \$190. The installed 2nd receiver has been put on the good antenna.

We had a weather radio that was not needed any more. It was sold for \$175 less shipping of \$13.50. This will offset the cost of the new antenna.

We are talking with McKinney about making a link to the Melissa repeater. We meet on Thursday. This will help in areas we do not reach.

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Not in attendance

Need more contributions for the newsletter

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.



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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

Place to see all announcements

Any help with io groups

io groups is k5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics

io groups has a place for forum for radio type discussions

Any issues let me know at 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

You can also network with other members

Shack Tours will be on the web site shortly.

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

Mentor Fest – April 24th

Tower Climb – May 8th

MS Round up – May 8th

Paris Second Sidewalk Sale – May 15th

Shack Tours – Thursday, 8pm

Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Not in attendance

Old Business

None

New Business

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF and Driver will be handing off Wheatly and wanted to know if the PARK group would like to continue with the field trips to Plano and to continue the PARK sponsored winner. The PARK group responded 'yes', especially since we committed to this sponsoring for a year.

She also wanted to know if anyone was interested in making a fox and becoming a Fox Master. No one responded. This information will be in the next newsletter.



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Rob Forson, K5WFR announced if anyone wanted to test to upgrade the

Richardson club is conducting testing on-line on Tuesdays at 6pm. They test 3 to 4 testes at a time.

Rob Forson, K5WFR will send Sean Kelly, W5SPK the necessary information to put in the newsletter.

Denton is testing once a month on the 4th Sunday in person. They test at 3 pm at the EOC. This information will be sent to Sean Kelly, W5SPK for the newsletter.

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, prepared the wheel and di the spinning for the winner for last weekends Fox Hunt sponsored by PARK.

The winner is Buddy Shilpey, KF5LJD.

Congrats to Buddy who will receive a gift certificate to HRO.

Tonight's Presentation –

Mobile HF Operations

Robert Evans WW9W

Not in attendance



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Sean Kelly, W5SPK

Sean shared his knowledge, and experiences of HF mobile operating. As he spoke, he shared his set-up on his vehicle. With such a large antenna, it needs to be bolted to the frame of your vehicle. You need to be sure to ground the antenna and radio. Plus, grounding to the frame has helped to prevent noise issues. He set his antenna to the center of the band frequencies he intended to use and then tuned by ear. He explained this process has helped him become a better ham operator.

When he has been able to push the antenna up as high as permitted, he has been able to work a lot of east European countries. He does need to keep the vehicle running when operating. He recommends that you park in the shade and open the hood. Learning all of these little tricks help you have an enjoyable and safe time.

He answered many questions from members who might like to try this. Thank you for the last-minute presentation. Many of us learned things we may not have known.

Thank you for attending

Stay healthy! Stay safe!

Motion to adjourn

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

2nd Bob Bartels – K5MVZ

All agreed

Adjourned: 8:19 P