



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2021**

Start time: 7:03 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 31

Guest 4

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Agenda:

Officers Reports

Old Business – from the floor

New Business – from the floor

Tonight's Presentation

State of the NTX Section

Steven Lott Smith – KG5VK

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

David Serpas – W5DNS passed away from a stroke in January 2021. David was a generous supporter of PARK. For the annual Christmas Party, David provided a gift certificate for a ride on the Steerman biplane at Addison airport.

Nelda, the wife of Larry Moyer, K5IMO passed away after a long illness. PARK expresses its deepest condolences.

### Two new members

Leonard Havron – KG5BJH

not in attendance



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Donovan Cawood – W5DWC

not in attendance

Recently joined the Texas State Guard and some of my responsibilities are directly related to HAM communications – so, need to get back up to speed.

James McCormick – KG5KBP

James told the group a little about himself, why he became a ham and some of his other interest.

Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

### Programs

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Steven Lott Smith – KG5VK

June 21, 2021

Field Day 2021 – Mike Tharp – KG5TJF

July 19, 2021

Changes to FCC RF Exposure Rules 2021

Gregory Lapin – N9GL

Chairman ARRL Safety Committee (pre-recorded)



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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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### **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

### **August Meeting Schedule**

August 2, 2021 – Board Meeting

August 16, 2021 – General Membership Meeting



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Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

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

General Meeting Minutes for April 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 88 members, with 56 members of ARRL, 64%

Questions?

None

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, to give a more accurate available.



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Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

Had the repeater climb and replaced the antenna and other small items.

Checked other antenna and software.

Still have problems when it rains.

Split the receiver to a different antenna, but only a slight change.

Discussion about other antenna on the water tower not being grounded.

There are about 40 antenna, no way to determine which are not grounded and can not touch them.

Presby is having issues and will go to see if can help them this week.

Won a Mirco Grant from Irving for about \$477 for a remote base for the Allstar radio. Then can use it to link with those who do not have a link.

McKinney also won a grant to link to us the Melissa repeater to help cover the north part of Collin county.

There is a link via RF to the Denton network which gives of redundancy capabilities.

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Congratulated Kip Moravc -- AE5IB for his work on the grants as well as his work with the repeaters and antenna.

The members joined it.



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The MS Round up was last Saturday.

There were about 40 Hams and they raised \$1,000,000.

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Hope everyone got the newsletter

The newsletter is available through all the links.

PSK report article about how one can see links all over the world

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)

New place now

[k5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics](https://k5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics)

with #for sale – can list items for sale



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Send articles for the web site

Place to see all announcements

Any help with io groups

io groups is [k5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics](https://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](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

You can also network with other members

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

2021 Field Day Proposal

50% of responses – yes, field day in person

22/41 who answered the survey

would be low key

operate for one day – June 26

set up for 8:00 am





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operate until 2100

Location – Pavilion in Plano, Russell Creek is not available

Special safety consideration to follow current CDC guidelines

No sharing food or drink

Budget – not to exceed \$300 for

- Rental of the Pavilion

- Misc. Expenses

Configuration will be up to the planning committee

Who would like to be on the planning committee?

Likely have

- 20 M Phone

- 20 M CW/Digital

- 40 M/15M Misc

PARK will provide 2 ea radios and logging computers

Likely operate as a 2A or 3A

Discussion followed about how many members were need to help set up  
especially the antenna

Anthony Burokas will do a sign-up sheet

Plan to be presented at the June General Meeting



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Old Business;

Tony Campbell

Hamberlin Repeater has been sold for \$200 less shipping  
net \$193.90

New Business;

None

Tonight's Presentation –

Steven Lott Smith – KG5VK

Steven returns to K5PRK to provide another update as to what is going on at ARRL headquarters as well as new developments, actions, and appointments in the section. These talks always provide insight – sometimes not always reported in QST. Pertinent questions are most welcome.

Mentor Fest had 6 presentations on April 24<sup>th</sup>

It was the first virtual by zoom and live on utube

October 9<sup>th</sup> will have an in person Mentor Fest at the Hella Shrine in Garland

Looking for presenters

YL section was introduced and added to the NTX section filling a need for  
inclusion

ECOM – we all need to be prepared and need to consider simplex



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Need to keep up with ARRL

through news, calendar, ARES

Need a web master

uses word press

need to add updates and do maintenance

email Steve

Nest Town Hall is June 1<sup>st</sup> as requested by club officers

ARRL

can edit your profile

ARRL has 146,105 members

NTX has 4,441 members

RF – by 2023 must evaluate your station

if station has been changed or moved, then must evaluate again

Will do Field Day site visits

Will start in the west to try to visit the ones missed before

Q&A followed

Door prizes

1—John Hatch – KF5BSS

2 – Kip Moravec – AE5IB



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Thank you for attending  
Stay healthy! Stay safe!

Motion to adjourn

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

All agreed

Adjourned: 8:25 P