



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

Start time: 7:05 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 26

Guest 7

Pledge led by Sean Kelly – W5SPK

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Changed from in-person meeting to virtual meeting after Church restrictions changed, as per letter sent by Sean Kelly – W5SPK, president to the membership.

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 Trant -- KF5VFM
Activities Director Tony Campbell -- W5ADC
Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp -- KG5TJF



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Officer Reports

Old Business

 From the floor

New Business

 Resumption of in person meetings

Tonight's Presentation

 Mobile Maintenance Matters

 Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Q & A Session

Close

President's Report Sean Kelly – W5SPK

September's meeting will be truly special as we honor one of our own. There will be an awards presentation, local dignitaries present and some media presence. PARK will be providing appropriate deserts and refreshments.

A gentle reminder ... October is right around the corner which means elections are rapidly approaching. To paraphrase President Kennedy. "Ask not what PARK can do for you. Ask what you can do for PARK"

Open Positions;

 President – Tim Johnson, K5TCJ is running

 Treasurer – Michael Tharp, KG5TJC is running

 Activities Director – Need a volunteer

 Public Relations Director – Need a volunteer

 due to health reasons Brian Trant, KF5VFM needs to step down



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Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Programs

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Maintenance Matters

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

September 20, 2021

Special Award Ceremony and Reception

Guests of Honor include John Robert Stratton, N4AUS
and Steve Lott Smith, KG6VK

Media will be present

October 18, 2021

Mobile Antenna Installations

Robert Evans, WW9W

Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

secretary@K5prk.net

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

Any questions about the minutes?

None



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Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Report given by Johnnie Young, KG5CQO

No changes, nothing to report

PARK Recurring Activities

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

September 2021 Meeting Schedule

September 7, 2021 – Board Meeting

Labor Day September 6, 2021 – one day delay

September 20, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

October 2021 Meeting Schedule

October 4, 2021 – Board Meeting

October 18, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

November 2021 Meeting Schedule

November 1, 2021 – Board Meeting

November 15, 2021 – General Membership Meeting



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Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

Presby has not responded to a number of contacts

Plano Hospital is full

Working on Pi boxes on the repeater site

Repeater is not being used

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Hope everyone got the newsletter

The newsletter is available through the web page. Be sure to register for an account

The announcement about Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, arrived in time to include in the news letter

Thanks for the pictures about the balloon flight

There is a good SWR article

Need more contributions for the newsletter

Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in

Send items to newsletter@K5prk.net

Anything you have to share, please send



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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

Sign up for the website, newsletter and groups io which has forums and discussions about the high-altitude balloon launch

Any problems send an e-mail through K5prk.groups.io/g/main

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

Blackland Tri is coming up and will need some volunteers

PARK will be represented at the St Jude Carnival

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp, KG5TJF

Field Day info has been submitted

Old Business

none



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New Business

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

The club will meet virtually until the end of the year.

We need to meet in September in person to recognize one of our own.

Need suggestions where to meet for this event.

Kip Moravec – AE5IB suggested an outdoor pavilion

Tony Campbell – W5ADC suggested Haggard Park in Plano

This will be discussed at the next board meeting

Tonight's Presentation

Sean Kelly, W5SPK, is the son of Patrick W. Kelly (WQ6N-SK). Sean currently serves as the Director of Supply Chain for Amphenol Fiber Systems International in Allen, Texas. Sean is a three-time graduate of the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He holds two Bachelor of Arts Degrees and a Masters of Business Administration. He holds a Certificate of Languages in Russian from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He also holds licenses as a Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials – Operations, Driver-Pump Operator and Emergency Medical Technician. He is the husband of Shannon E Kelly (W5SEK) and the father of Conor (KG5UPJ), and Grace (KG5APE). Sean started his love of the amateur radio when he earned his Technician Class (callsign KD5HGS) in May of 1999. He has since earned his General and Extra class Licenses. Sean's interests in amateur radio include the following; HF mobile and portable operations, antenna homebrew, and emergency communications. He will be sharing lessons learned as the result of declining mobile HF performance attributable to lack of maintenance.

Sean's HF mobile rig started having issues. His presentation went through step by step the issue, what he did to fix it, how he did it, including grunts and groans a male will do when nothing works and the issue is still there. As he went through his procedures, he learned many lessons that he shared with the group. Especially about wearing your oldest most bummed up clothes, covering your eyes and nose and mouth,



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and that his HF rig really needed to be cleaned and cleaned again. However, none of this work fixed the issue. In fact, he still had RF feed back with nothing else powered up. Sean learned various ways to test different parts of his rig and probably fixed things that would have had issues later. He talked out the issue with various knowledgeable friends. Finally, he spoke with Fred Varian – WD5ERD, who told him to check the ground screw, that it was probably loose. Well, it was loose all right, so loose it wasn't there anymore. Such an easy fix and so simple. So, first thing to try from now on, check all and I do me all connections.

Thanks, Sean for a good presentation in a story format which gave us a great visual as you attempted to resolve the issue.

New Members:

July new members;

Welcome to... Richard Jennings, N5PMU

not in attendance

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO recommended Richard Jennings, N5PMU for membership in PARK

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ 2nd the recommendation

Members agreed

Welcome to Richard Jennings, N5PMU



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Monthly Fox Hunt – Katherine Forson, KT5KMF

Names given to Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

And the winner is N5MCB – Marvin Baumgartner

Congratulations to Marvin Baumgartner – N5MCB for winning the Monthly Fox Hunt

Certificate to be delivered.

Motion to adjourn;

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

2nd of the motion

Kip Moravec – AE5IB

Adjourned – 8:13 PM

Thank you for attending

Stay healthy! Stay safe!