



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021



Start time: 7:01 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ -- President

Members 23

Guest 4

President Tim Johnson, K5TCJ

Not in Attendance

Meeting Agenda:

Officers Reports

Call to Order/Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Officer Reports

Old Business

New Business

Break

Raffle

Program Presentation

Adjournment

Pledge led by Kip Moravec, AE5IB



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President's Message

Thank you for the confidence you the membership has shown in selecting me as the next President of PARK. Together we can make the most of the many opportunities for community service, many opportunities for getting on the air, and getting those elusive DX QSO's in our logs. 73, Tim K5TCJ

My apologies for being absent for tonight's meeting. While this meeting is in session (3:00 PM Hawaii time) I will be on a previously scheduled pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor and the USSS Arizona and the USS Missouri.

Congratulations to our newly elected:

Treasurer – Michael Tharp KG5TJF

Public Relations Director – Anthony Bourkas KB5DVS

Activities Director – Richard Seitz KG5HCJ

And a hearty round of applause for our outgoing:

President – Sean Kelly W5SPK

Treasurer – Ross Watson AF5QK

Public Relations Director – Brian Trent KF5VFM

Activities Director – Tony Campbell W5ADC

Thank you all for the countless hours (actually years) of service you gave to our club. Your contributions to PARK are immeasurable and greatly appreciated.



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Vice-President's Report

Report given by Kip Moravec, AE5IB

Programs

Tonight – November 15

DX-peditions – Bill Engel K5DHY

December 20

Christmas Party – Spring Creek BBQ Richardson

January 17

AllStarLink Networking – Kip Moravec AE5IB



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Secretary's Report

October 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Posted in Groups.io

Posted on the PARK website

Included in the newsletter

The recent Fox Hunting winner received her certificate from PARK and her picture was in this months' newsletter



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During the September meeting, Katherine Forson KT5KMF was presented the ARRL 2021 Hiram Percy Maxim Award. The Klub received the following note from Katherine

Thank you so much for all your hard work planning the Hiram Percy Maxim Award presentation, including inviting so many people that were there to support me. It was such an honor to receive that award and I'm so grateful for the effort you put into making the night of the presentation special. Again, thank you so much for everything you have done for me. Katherine – KT5KMF

Congratulations Katherine

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Treasurer's Report

Balance with expenditures and deposits reviewed and explained the bank account with outstanding debits and reminder the membership of monies needed to complete a previous approved project and monies needed to run the club annually. Also reminded the membership that when the available monies are under \$4000.00 we, as a club, do not approve any large projects

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Communications Director's Report

Still waiting to get lines pulled at Presby

Work order is completed, but nothing has been done as yet

Winlink station – Vara has been having issues

Testing to discover the problem

Presby Repeater has been received and is getting AllStar loaded

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Newsletter Editor's Report

Hope everyone got to see the newsletter and found something interesting to read

Attended a Saturday event and included that in the newsletter

Be sure to send articles you enjoyed to be placed in the newsletter

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Webmaster's Report

Web site has had some technical changes

Changed from GoDaddy to Google

Google has so cost

K5PRK.com is now K5PRK.net

The link for K5prk goes to the web site

All should sign up for an account on the web page and

for groups io at www.K5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics

Any issues or questions email John at webmaster@K5prk.net

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Public Relations Director's Report

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

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Activities Director's Report

Recurring Events

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

Weekly Fox Hunt

Every weekend in Richardson, Plano or McKinney

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting – 1st Monday 7:00 PM

General Meeting – 3rd Monday 7:00 PM

Upcoming Activities

2021 Christmas Party

When: December 20th

Dinner starts at 1900

Raffle and Gift Exchange starts at 1945

Where: Spring Creek BBQ Richardson, Tx

US 75 North Bound Access Rd. North of Beltline Rd

Raffle for club provided prizes

1 free ticket for early club membership renewal

Tickets -- \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

White elephant Gift Exchange

If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift to exchange

Under \$10.00 value please

Or a treasure from your junque box!



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Field Day Coordinator's Report

Winter Field Day – will speak with Tony Burokas and check for a site

Summer Field Day scores are in

Were low in the 1,000's, but good for only 6 hours

Dave Koch got at least half the points with CW contacts

For next summer, will start looking for a site in January



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None at this time



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New Business

The Vice-President position is vacant with one year remaining on the current term.

PARK's constitution calls for an election as soon as possible to fill that vacancy.

The Vice-President's primary task is to fill in, in the absence of the President

PARK's VP is also tasked with arranging interesting and informative programs / presentations for our general meetings

This is much easier than it sounds and takes very little time

**If you are willing to serve, please let any member of
the Board of Directors know.**

PARK NEEDS YOU

Resuming In-Person Meetings

PARK will resume in-person meetings beginning with the January 17, 2022 general meeting

1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd/ Spring Creek Pkwy

The meeting slide deck and audio will be simulcasted via Zoom, but in this hybrid environment Zoom participants will be in watch / listen only mode

We are informed that the Church has signs posted saying that masks are required, but that they are not going to police that



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Members are encouraged to attend, and take whatever personal measure (wearing a mask, social distancing) they feel necessary

North Texas Section – Club Officers Forum Report

This is a bi-monthly Zoom call hosted by the NTX Section Manager
Steve Smith KG5VK

Mentor Fest moving from Garland to Denton?

Section Manager will generate a poll for additional input

More to follow

2022 State Fair of Texas Promo/Demo/SES

The idea has been floated to have a Ham Radio presence at the 2022 State Fair of Texas

The NTX Section is taking a leadership role in EXPLORING this idea. This EXPLORATION effort includes polling NTX Hams as to gauge willingness to participate, followed by possibly forming a committee to discuss the idea with State Fair leadership

The scope of this State Fair presence, and NTX's ability to do this is very much TBD and entirely dependent on NTX Hams participation

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Tonight's Program

DX-peditions -- presented by: Bill Engel – K5DHY

Bill lives in Murphy, Tx and is a member of the Garland ARC, the DFW Contest Group, the Lone Star DX Association, and the International DX Association. He has twice been on DX-peditions to St. Paul Island – CY9C (on the leadership team for the 2nd trip) and is on the leadership team for a planned 2022 DX-pedition to Sable Island CY0C.



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Bill went over many of the aspects of a DX-pedition. There are many places a team can go, but you want to choose one where not many other groups have gone. An DX-pedition of this kind requires lots of planning. You want to pick a site that is rare for ham radios. There are 100 or more entities (places) and different band and different modes to choose from. Some of these places are hard or near impossible to get to and there are some places you are not allowed to enter. You will need a license to work in these places and you need approval of ARRL. Besides the necessary equipment, tents, antenna, power source, food, water, back up equipment, you will need insurance, medical personal, and a PayPal account for unexpected needed funds. You will need to advertise and have a donate button on a web site. Sometimes you will need the services of a helicopter. Thus, you need finances and a budget. As you can tell from just this small amount of information, a DX-pedition sounds like a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Thank you to Bill for the insight on what a DX-pedition is all about.

If you want a copy of this presentation, send a note to Bill Engel at K5DHY@arrl.net

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

2nd of motion – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Thank you everyone for attending

See you on the air.



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K5PRK/R 444.250 + (PL79.7)

And on

WWW.K5PRK.NET

K5PRK on Groups.io

K5PRK on Facebook

PARK on HamClubOnline.com

de K5PRK SK



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Tonight's Presentation

Robert Evans – WW9W

not in attendance

his presentation is cancelled

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Digital Mode – FT8

Digital Mode is cool and fun. It is only for making contacts, not for rag chewing. These exchanges are short, 15 seconds. You need a USB capable transceiver and antenna and a PC with a sound card. Tim went over the process of how it works and the different parts of the visual on the computer. He also shared some tricks.

Thank you, Tim for stepping in and sharing info about the digital mode.

Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ

Test after the Tech Class

Daryl was having audio issues so Johnnie Young – KG5CQO reported 15 students in the class received their Tech License and one student also took his General and passed. One of the new Techs was a very young boy.

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

New members



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Two brand new hams

Andy Ulrich – KI5ROD

Jason Tyra – KI5RKU

Plus, two additional members

Thomas Yenny – K5LOL

Kim Walter – KK1WWW

New member as of tonight

Albert Dube – KF5NEE

Sean asked the membership

All in favor of accepting these new members.

All responded 'I'

Welcome to our new members. We are happy to have you join us.

Fox Hunt – Katherine Forson – KT5KMF

not in attendance

Names from Wheatley's last outing are on the wheel –

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

And the winner is 'Lisa Williamson – K5WCL

She wins a \$25 gift certificate to HRO

Congratulations to Lisa

Motion to adjourn;

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ



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2nd of the motion

Neil Gould – NE5IL

Adjourned – 8:38 PM

Thank you for attending

Stay healthy! Stay safe!