



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

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

Members 10

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

Weather Radar Fundamentals

Samiee Espinosa – WX5JMD

Q and A

Close

### President's Report Sean Kelly –W5SPK

Apologized for his enforced absence of late. The United States Navy has changed plating specifications from Cadmium over E-Nickel to Black Hard Anodized + PTFE for certain configurations and Tin/Zinc for others. Suffice it to say, the hours have been long and the stress of managing two inventories is huge. In addition, there are several other projects that require my attention from Amphenol Corporate. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I work through the issues and lead my team.

Let us take a moment to remember the departure of two members;

Less Bannon, W5FE

Ollie Casteel, AF5QX

Decisions regarding Field Day 2021 are still pending.

Awaiting input from ARRL



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Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

### Programs

March 15, 2021

HF Mobile Installation and operation

Robert Evans – WW9W

April 19, 2021

ARRL & NTX Section News

Steven Smith, KG5VK

ARRL NTX Section Manager

### 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

### March Meeting Schedule

March 1, 2021 Board Meeting

March 15, 2021 General Membership Meeting

### April Meeting Schedule

April 5, 2021 Board Meeting

April 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting



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May 2021 Meeting Schedule

May 3, 2021 – Board Meeting

May 17, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

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

General Meeting Minutes

January minutes are in the newsletter and have been uploaded to PARK IO groups and are on the web site.

Any questions about the minutes?

None.

As of February 15, 2021, we have 77 paid members and 55 members belong to ARRL.

That gives us 71% of the voting membership is also a member of ARRL. ARRL requires 51% for the club to remain affiliated.

Any questions?

None

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.



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Park Members were presented with a proposal for a yearly budget for the recurring expenditures for the operating budget for the year of 2021.

Recurring expenditures include two separate insurance policies, the AT & T monthly bill, the yearly p o box fee, and the monthly fee for the church when we meet in person.

Approving this operating budget for the year allows the Treasurer to pay the bills when they come due. Then the payment of this expenditure is reported to the members during the next general meeting in the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve: Tim Johnson, K5TCJ

2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Campbell, W5ADC

Members voting by raising of hands

All approved

Motion passed

The members were presented with the names of new members since December.

They are;

Dillon Wylie – KI5LPN

Lester Cooper – N5LLC

Jerry Schieffer – WB%NRN

Bradley West – K5CMO

Robert Bytheway – K3DIO

David Fedorko – KF5PFC

Godwin Duan – KI5KGU



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Motion to accept these new members into the PARK group – Johnnie Young –  
KG5CQO

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

All members raised hands for approval

All hands were raised

Motion passed

Welcome to the 7 new members of PARK

Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

Working on diagrams for Hillcrest

Plano Presby needs cable – we will deliver cable to them

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Checked-in, then checked-out with phone (needed to conserve battery)

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



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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)

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

Nothing to report

Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

Old Business

None

New Business

Daniel Brookshire, KE5LHC, asked how were the repeaters handling the power outages?

The Prestige repeater has a back-up generator and a UPS. As of now, no site has lost power



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Tonight's Presentation –

Weather Radar Fundamentals

Samiee Espinoza, WX5JMD

NWA Local Chapters Liaison

Samiee presented information about radars systems and how they function and the types of information we can get from these systems. As good as they are they can not give us ground truth which is extremely important. She described types of clouds and explained how what is seen as ground truth can be verified with the radar information. She reminded us that information from radar systems is seconds old and can actually miss a rapidly developing weather situation. She also presented information about clouds and information we can get from clouds. In summary we need both, the radar systems, and spotters for the ground truth to give accurate weather info.

Thank you Samiee for you time and explanations all spotters need.

Motion to adjourn Kip Moavec – AE5IB

2<sup>nd</sup> John Hatch – KF5BSS

All agreed

Adjourned: 8:22 PM