

## **KPARC Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 02, 2015**

The KPARC Annual Meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM on Monday, December 7, in the Ripple Room in the Kings Point Club House. Linda Conklin, Secretary, ran the meeting due to the absence of President Wayne Conklin and Vice-President Greg Becker.

There was no meeting of the KPARC Board of Directors in December. The KPARC Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2015, were read by Secretary Linda Conklin, including the member approval of changes in the Constitution. There were no changes to the minutes. The motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Bill Love and seconded by Jim Brueggeman. All present voted "aye."

There was no current Treasurer's report due to the absence of the KPARC Treasurer, Monica Miller. The last Treasurer's report was as of November 2, when we had \$3,540.50 in our club account.

Proposed Slate of KPARC Officers: Secretary Linda Conklin called on Nominating Committee Chairperson Dotty Love to present the proposed slate of officers who have agreed to serve on the KPARC Board of Directors for 2016. Dotty Love presented the following candidates for the Board:

President: Wayne Conklin  
Vice President: Jim Key  
Secretary: Linda Conklin  
Treasurer: Doug Gatchell

Additional Board members in non-elected positions are:

Past President: Dick Bishop  
Trustees: Bill Miller and Bill Love

Linda Conklin called for nominations from the floor for any of the elected positions. All nominees must have agreed to serve, if elected. The request for nominations was made 3 times. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Sam Brandes moved that the nominations be closed, and Bill Love seconded. All present voted "aye." Linda Conklin then called for a motion that the Secretary be instructed to vote a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented. Sam Brandes so moved, and Bill Love seconded. All present voted "aye." Linda Conklin then declared that the slate of officers as presented have been duly elected into their appropriate offices.

The Skywarn Recognition Day took place on December 4 and 5, 2015. The National Weather Service Office in Ruskin participated from 6 to 10 PM on Friday, Dec. 4, and from 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, Dec. 5. This event was developed in 1999 between NWS and ARRL. One KPARC member checked into the net.

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The Tampa Bay area CERT groups are holding a half-day CERT exercise at John B. Sargeants Sr. Park in North Hillsborough County on Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 8 AM to 1 PM. There will be 4 groups with 10-12 participants in each group that will rotate through four 40-minute sessions:

1. Mapping for an External Line Search
2. Communications
3. Setting up a Command Post
4. Triage

After all the training sessions, there will be an External Search and Rescue Exercise lasting about 45 minutes, followed by a debriefing session. Participating groups include local CERT groups, the Red Cross, ARES/RACES, and possibly USF. All participants must sign up using Eventbrite at:

<http://tinyurl.com/HillsboroughCERT16>

Upcoming Events: Activities Chair Dotty Love reported that the combined KPARC and SCCARC Holiday Party will be held in the Florida Room of the SCC Community Center on Monday, December 14. Doors will open at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 a person, and must be purchased from Dotty today, because the final count has to go in this afternoon right after the meeting. Bring your own wine or beverage, and an unwrapped gift for a child under 12.

Today's planned program on "Amateur Radio Nets, how they function, and hints to make them productive" was cancelled because Mike Burk's computer died. Mike talked briefly about his new Yaesu radios with C4FM/FM digital capability (Yaesu's version of D-Star), the FT-991 all-mode all-band transceiver, and the FD1DR/XDR ht). Mike is hoping other folks in the area that might have the same units will let him know so they can work together. Mike also talked about the Special Events stations on the air today in honor of Pearl Harbor Day. Luckily, band conditions are fairly open today, allowing good DX'ing.

Doug Gatchell announced that the Arduino project is still going great, with Ken Taschner doing terrific presentations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, and hands-on labs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in the Ham shack where everyone works on hardware and software projects.

Instead of a program, Linda Conklin held a brainstorming session of suggested programs or speakers for the KPARC meetings in 2016. Program ideas include:

1. Dennis Blanchard's new book, where he followed his father's experiences during D-day.

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2. Geoff Haines, who has published a new article in QST magazine on antennas.
3. Mike Burks on SDR radio
4. Echolink servers using Raspberry Pi (local contact in Tampa)
5. Jordan: satellites for Ham radio (from Lakeland? – Dick Bishop was in touch with him). He may not be doing this anymore, but can give us another contact.
6. Mobile operations for RV's: have Dick Bishop and Mike Burks talk about how they installed radios in their RV.

18 members attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM. The next KPARC meeting is scheduled for Monday January 11, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the KPCH Ripple Room.

Linda Conklin  
KPARC Secretary