



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
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November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

The meeting was started at 7:00 by Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ, President. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we introduced ourselves around the room.

The Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA was accepted as presented on the website. There were no new members.

Treasurer's Report, given by James Frank KW5CW, was accepted as corrected.

Suggested purchases for the club:

Trailer decals -- 4 decals (\$750 for 3, 1 donated) After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to get 2 more quotes. Ralph Jerome and Roy Reed volunteered.

10x10 canopy (\$100 - \$230) -- It was suggested we buy a commercial grade one so it will last and can be repaired. Easy-ups are durable. 2 to 4 sides are nice. Increase it to approximately \$500. Roy will donate the leg / sand blocks.

Sound system (\$200 - \$300)

Tables (\$50 each) two?

Grill (\$200 - \$500)

Co-ax winder (\$50)

The whole list for \$1750 -- Moved and seconded. Passed.

Matt McClellan KJ5HTD gave an explanation of the repeater timing out and the practice of switching to other repeaters or simplex channels.

The Nominations for Board of Directors for 2026:

President: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA

Vice President: Steve Ollmann KC5NK

Secretary: Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN

Treasurer: Matt McClellan KJ5HTD

Nominations were opened to the floor. David Darcy nominated James Frank for first, President, then Vice President, the Secretary. James refused all 3. Elections were held by secret ballot. All 4 were elected.

It was moved and seconded that the new treasurer, Matt McClellan, be authorized by the club to take over the finances and budget of the club. Passed. It was moved and seconded to make the following changes to our First State Bank account signature card: Remove: Michael Higgins, Marvin Schiavone and James Frank. Add: Matt McClellan, Steve Ollmann, and Mark Armstrong.

Keep Cynthia VanSlogteren and James Shiplet (Director at Large). It passed. Signatures by the old and new Board of Directors are below.

Announcements:

Hungry Hams November 29 at Sweetberries Cafe in Sherman at 8 a.m.

Christmas Party Dec 16 -- at Calhoun's 2.0. 7 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$20.

Jan 20: Brainstorm ideas for the new year

Presentation: Panel of Ham Radio Operators who told of their history and practices with the hobby. Jimmy Patterson KC5OLH, James Hunt KI5DQ, Max Phipps AA5KK, Ralph Jerome KI5NUK, Dave Piekarski K5EEN. Tamara Higgins KI5ZIP asked questions about how they got into radio and what their favorite radios were, etc.

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawing was won by Darrell Elmore KC5TLH who won \$45 and donated it back to the club. The door prize was won by Tamara Higgins KI5ZIP-- a 64 GB memory card set.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Officer signatures:

_____ President Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

_____ President / Secretary Cynthia ('Jo') VanSlogteren
K5EKA

_____ Vice President / Officer at Large James Shiplet
KI5BMN

_____ Vice President Steve Ollmann KC5NK

_____ Treasurer James Frank KW5CW

_____ Treasurer Matt McClellan KJ5HTD

_____ Secretary Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN

_____ Officer at Large Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA

Attendance: -- 27, 3 guests

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone
KG5FDT Ricky Jessen
KG5SKM Andrew Bentley
AA5KK Max Phipps
KW5CW James Frank
KG5SJY James Johnson
K2AQ Howard Malone
K1KLM Kathleen Malone
WF5DRT David Turner
KC5OLH Jimmy Patterson
N3HT Butch Todd
KC5NK Steve Ollmann
WD5JBC Donald Levstik

KI5NUK Ralph Jerome
K5QOI Jim McGlynn
KK5MR Mark Rice
KD0VGO John Cash
KF5LKG David Darcy
KE5WZQ Greg Hatch
KG5QPI Doug Hotalen
KJ5LKN Mark Armstrong
KI5MRK Mark Poweski
KI5BMN James Shiplet
KI6LES Les Key
Michael Goforth
Ken Westfall

Guests:(new member), Tony Levstik, Aidan Potter, Linda Rice