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RE: Minutes of March 16, 2018 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on March 16th, 2018 at the American Legion hall in Tamaqua PA. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 19:00hrs. The following members were present;

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3TE, K3VNN, W3OFD, KA3FUL, N3RZI, KB2MXV

The minutes of the February 2018 regular monthly meeting have not been posted to the club website as of yet.

There was no Treasurer's Report given.

Committees:

ARES County EC: N3RZI
N3RZI spoke of the Girardville St. Patrick's Day parade is set for March 24th, 2018. He has 10 volunteers, pre-parade meeting starts at 10Am at the Boro Hall in Girardville. Parade starts at noon.

VE Session: WY3K
The February 17th VE session produced Two Technicians, One General, and One Extra class licensees. April 7th is the next test session at the Municipal building in Tamaqua.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: N3RZI
Additional Net Controllers are needed. Include W3TWA once the repeater system is back online.

Roundtable Net: KC3CRS
The net will be held on the 27 repeater until further notice. April net controllers will be WY3K, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, WY3K.

Application for membership: Secretary
No applications.

Technical Committee Chairman: K3TE
The UHF tower at MVGC collapsed during the March 2nd snow storm. All the equipment has been secured from the site. MVGC advised WA3WIJ that the club is welcomed back and to provide the golf course with a letter of future tower plans.

KB2MXV, K3TE and KC3CRS attempted to link the 27 machine to the KB3VXB repeater by erecting a second antenna at the 27 repeater site. Initial tests were unsuccessful, and further tests will take place this weekend.

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL
Nothing to report.

Club Bulletin - Splatter: K3TE
Will be out by the end of the month with an article on duplexers by K3TE.

TWA Website: K3VNN
K3VNN will perform minor updates to site, and will give KB2MXV administrator access to help update website as needed.

Club Archives: K3TE
Nothing to report

Old Business & Correspondence:
James Munley KB3FET has all 5013c forms ready to go. The filing fee is $400. The following members agreed to donate the following amounts for the filing fee. $75 by K3TE and N3RZI. $50 by K3VNN, WY3K, KB2MXV, KC3CRS, W3OFD. A motion was made by KC3CRS and seconded by N3RZI to proceed with filing. Motion passed unanimously.

Letters of incorporation need to be sent to Representative Goodman and Mrs. T's by KC3DSX.

2017 Tax Return is due by May. WY3K informed the club that an accountant has volunteered to prepare and E-File our taxes for no fee. WY3K is awaiting financial information from KB3AYY.

There will be no Summer Fest for 2018 due to road construction in Tamaqua. The club will participate in the Heritage Day festival in October.

K3VNN will look into the cost of equipment insurance from the ARRL in the amount of $10,000

New Business:
KB3AYY has resigned his position as Treasurer. A special election was held and K3VNN was nominated Treasurer for the remainder of 2018. A Motion was made by KC3CRS and second by K3TE. Motion passed unanimously.

A letter will be created by WY3K for MVGC once the club has secured a replacement tower. The letter will include all necessary construction needs as well as technical specs of tower system and antenna.

N3RZI provided a map for the Girardville St. Patrick's Day parade, with street closures and meeting time. (see ARES County EC). N3RZI requested W3TWA submit to him all man hours used during recent parades and public events performed by its members so he can forward information to ARRL.

WY3K advised that he is awaiting confirmation from Lehigh Paving on donating their current radio tower to the club. It was recommended that a site visit be scheduled to confirm the tower meets our needs.

Discussions took place on short term and long term goals to get the UHF MVGC repeater back online. A meeting will be scheduled with John Rizzo once a decision is made on our tower options.

K3TE is awaiting a response from KB3AYY if he can re-program the link radio at the 49 machine to see if we can link to KB3VXB.

KA3FUL advised the club of the passing of K3KNL Michael Cuttic that occurred this afternoon.

Motion to Adjourn made K3TE and seconded by W3OFD