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Minutes of June 15, 2018 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on June 15th, 2018 at the Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs.

The following members were present:

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3VNN, KB2MXV, K3TE, KC3LFP, N3JWC, N3HHH, WA3WIJ, KA3FUL, N3OGG, KB3FET, KC3LNT, and KC3LNU

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE

Motion was made by:

1. KC3CRS
2. KA3FUL

To accept the minutes of the May 2018 meeting

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN

Treasures Report was given.

Motion to accept the Treasures Report by:

1: N3OGG

2: KB2MXV

Committee Reports:

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

No report

VE Session: WY3K

4 people tested at our 3rd test session: Thor DeBauyn, Grant DeBauyn, Alexander VanPatten passed their Technician License and Jeffery Coleman passed his General License. Follow-up emails were sent congratulating all candidates. VE's present: Bill Dale, Jim Moyer, Ron Creitz, Bob Carolyn, Jim Munley, Tom Lesisko, Kevin Marchetti, Frank D'Amato, Tom Smith, and Frank Bobick. Thank you to all that help make the test session go smoothly. Our next VE test session is August 4th.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KC3CRS

No report

Roundtable Net: K3TE

Check-ins are posted to the right.
July's NET Control operators are:

July 4th: Tom Lesisko K3TE

July 11th: Tom Smith KC3CRS

July 18th: Brian Longenberger KC3LFP

July 25th: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV

Members are encouraged to check-in. You can find the list of repeater frequencies at www.w3twa.org

2018 Month	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	5	63
February	4	32
March	3	21
April	4	25
May	5	41
June	2	24
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	23	206

Application for membership: K3TE

1. Jeffrey W Coleman N3JWC – General

Motion 1:N3OGG Motion 2: N3HHH

2. Amy Kabana KC3LNU – Technician
3. Andy Conway KC3LNT – Technician

Motion 1: K3VNN Motion 2: KB3FET
New members were welcomed in the club

Technical Committee Chairman: K3TE

1. I would like the club to purchase coaxial cable for the 440 repeater. Below are prices for new coaxial cable and grounding supplies.

Tessco: 7/8" $4.54 /ft., (2) 7/8" N-Males $26.80 each, cable ground kit $26.46, lightening suppressor $49.90. **Total for 45 feet $334.26**

or

½" $1.98/ft., (2) 1/2" N-Males $18.85 each, cable ground kit $16.62, lightening suppressor $49.90. **Total for 45 feet $193.32**

The ½ hard line option was voted on and approved
Motion 1: WA3WIJ Motion 2: KB2FET

2. Any interest in connecting a weather warning device to our system? - at this time we will look into the cost of the equipment and how to install it into our system

3. 440 Seizing up – borrowed Kenwood…- Frank, KB2MXV talked about the issues we were incurring with two mobile radios.

4. Fundraiser for **new** Kenwood UHF repeater $1800 from Arcom **or** $2200 from North Georgia Communications for Motorola both prices are for analog and DMR. – Jim KB3FET will get an updated price from Frank Rakus and Frank D'Amato will keep an eye out for a used repeater on EBay. The radios that he purchased will be sold and the money collected will be put into the repeater fund to help with the fundraising.

5. DMR repeater operational at Hegins site. Currently set to CC7, 442.290 +5MHz. Talk groups are listed on our homepage. – Kevin gave a report on the DMR repeater in Hegins and talked about a location in Pottsville.

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

On Saturday June 16th we plan on installing the long wire at the grove and cleaning out the trailer.

Online Current Events: "What's Happening": KB2MXV

Up to date, it is running a diary of stuff

TWA Website: KB2MXV

Website is continuously updated. If you have anything you would like added to the site email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com

Club Archives: K3TE

Nothing to report

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Insurance - emailed KB2MXV a copy of the equipment from 27 and 49 repeater locations. – After a discussion, it was voted on that we insure Mountain Valley site for $15,000.00. Kevin will contact our insurance carrier at a cost of $150.00 per year Motion 1:N3HHH Motion 2: KB2MXV

2. Nonprofit status – As per Kevin, the form has been submitted on 6/2/18. It takes 2 to 4 weeks for approval. Thanks to Jim KB3FET for his leg work on this project without getting us incorporated and the proper forms filled out in a timely manner we would still be in committee with this project. Thanks Jim!

New Business:

1. As per Jim Shellhamer's Email. A motion to accept his resignation as Secretary by:
   Motion 1: KA3FUL Motion 2: N3OGG

2. Emailed Jeff DePolo and Bill Powell and asked them what is needed to change PL tone on the Tamaqua repeater to 131.8. Bill Powell replied with an application. It was filled out and returned. I received a "Speedy Reply" from them on 6/4. They have the form.

3. Updated club information on ARRL's website on 5/21/18, it is due yearly or we go inactive after two years of no contact.

4. Frank D'Amato will look into area restaurants to book our Christmas Party. Stay tune…

5. Bill Dale paid $31.00 for 6 months of PO Box service. Our new address is PO Box 165 Tamaqua, PA 18252

6. **Any interest in forming an HF committee?** Some ideas: can the county be covered with HF if no repeater? Do we need to do a club email on equipment and what capabilities do we have? How about using digital communications? What is PEMA doing? – An email will go out to members seeing what equipment they have and if they would be interested in the test.

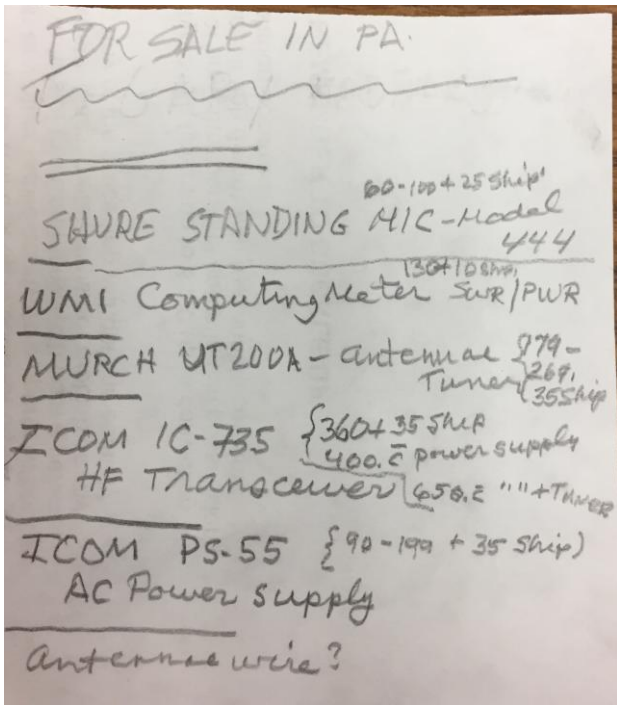
7. There was an executive board meeting following the June 2nd test session. Nonprofit status was on the agenda.

8. Emailed Jim Munley for a list of dignitaries so I could send our nonprofit status.

9. Added John Matz to our roster and email list as a member at large.

10. West Penn Lions Club would like TWA to put a demonstration on for them this summer. Bill contacted Ray McElvoy on June 5th. Ray said the Lions organization is having a community day in August and thought it would be nice to have an amateur radio display at the event. Ray will get back to Bill with a date and time.

11. Field Day 2018 – Who? What? And most importantly Food? What about *Times News*?
    The club will purchase hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, and condiments. Other members are encouraged to bring a covered dish, drinks, and a lounge chair. Tom Lesisko will contact the Times News. Also, we will only be doing Filed Day on Saturday! With Sunday being cleanup. An email will go out inviting members.
    Contact Tom Lesisko via email or he will send out his cell phone number to the group on who is bringing what.



12. Bob W3RDC has some HF equipment he would like to sell. See photo on what he has to offer. Contact Bob if you are interested.

13. Tom Smith asked if there was any interest in moving our Wednesday Net's to 8PM. With the nice weather in the summer some people might forget about the Net. After a discussion we will bring it up at next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn at: 21:05 hours by:

1. KB2MXV 2. KB3FET

Minutes prepared and submitted by – K3TE