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MINUTES & NEWSLETTER

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Minutes of August 17, 2018 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on August 17th 2018 at the American Legion 206 West Broad Street, Tamaqua due to inclement weather. Presiding wasWY3K, the meeting was called to order at 1901hrs.

The following members were present:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, K3TE, N3OGG, W3OFD, and N3HHH

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Members were emailed a copy of the minutes. A printed copy will be available to review for anyone who did not get an email. If you plan on changing your email address let me know so I could keep you informed of TWA activities. And of course if you do not want to receive any correspondence email me.

Motion was made by:

1. N3OOG
2. N3HHH

To accept the minutes of the July 2018 meeting
Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN was absent, K3TE did the report

Dues for 2018-2019 are the same as last year, $15 for individual or $20 for multiple family members. Please contact Kevin K3VNN at 570-449-9274 to make arrangements to pay your dues. You could now use PayPal on our website, or you could mail your dues to:

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17 Member are paid for the year

Motion was made by:

1: N3OGG

2: KC3CRS

To accept the treasurers report

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County Emergency Coordinator: KC3CRS

Walt Jones will attend the September meeting; Jim Munley gave a report on the flooding in Pottsville.

VE Session: WY3K

There was a test session on August 4th three people tested. One walked in with nothing and walked out with a General License. One passed his Technician License and one upgraded to Extra. Our last regularly scheduled test session is November 3rd. **There has been a request by WY3K to email a response back to him, this way he has an idea who is planning on attending the VE session.**

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KC3CRS

N3RZI is looking for NET controllers for the Tuesday Night NET. There was a discussion about TWA alternating the SCETN on its network. Bob McClintock is supposed to attend TWA's meeting in September and at that time he will be asked.

Application for membership: K3TE

None at this time

Roundtable Net: K3TE

See chart for check-ins

September's NET Control operators are:

September 5th: Bill WY3K

September 12th: Tom KC3CRS

September 19th:

September 26th: Frank KB2MXV

If you cannot work your assigned date communicate!

Members are encouraged to check-in.

Repeater Frequencies and Location

- 449.775 (-5MHz) – Mountain Valley – 131.8
- 147.390 (+600KHz) – Hegins – 82.5
- 146.490 (+1MHz) – Tamaqua – 131.8
- 147.270 (+600KHz) – New Ringgold – 131.8
- EchoLink, anywhere there is internet coverage.

Month 2018	Number of Weeks	Number of check-ins
January	5	63
February	4	32
March	3	21
April	4	25
May	5	41
June	4	43
July	4	28
August	4	31
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	33	284

Technical Committee Chairman: K3TE

1. Took controller at Mountain valley and swapped it with 270 repeater. Rebuilt the Duracomm power supply from Mountain Valley. – all electrolytic capacitors were replaced.
2. Update on new Kenwood repeater – K3TE report – I talked to Ken at Arcom. He said to wait. Kenwood's DMR repeater will not work with the RC210 controller the way we want it to. Ken has been in touch with Kenwood and expects them to update their DMR repeater sometime in the fall.
3. The Tamaqua repeater has some audio issues with the link radio – Frank and I will get there next week to adjust controller
4. Jim Munley checking into Nativity High School, I sent an email to John Matz asking for a contact at Good Samaritan Hospital as a back-up to Nativity High School.
5. Grounding guy wires. – sales tax exempt
6. Rich, W3OFD gave me a name of Hank outside of Bloomsburg. Hank has an ROHN 45 tower for sale. It is on the ground, 90 feet. Has everything but the anchors. Guy wire, brackets, nuts, bolts, ground plate, etc. He will give us the gin pole he used to take it down. He is asking $1000.
7. We lost time on the Mountain Valley Controller, 4 hours once, and then 6 hours. Emailed Arcom to see if firmware is the issue.
8. If there is an issue don't wait – call us and follow up with an email tlesisko@ptd.net and kb2mxv@gmail.com and let us know.

Current Events: KB2MXV

Up to date

TWA Website: KB2MXV

Frank added a Bulletin Board to do a rag chew and also to post things for sale.

Club Archives: K3TE

Nothing to report

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Christmas Party update –
    a. Date: Saturday December 8th at the Tamaqua Train Station
    b. Time: 3PM to 6PM, they will allow us to have a meeting following diner provided they do not have another party booked for 6pm in the private room. She did say they would work with us.
    c. Private room with no room charge, the room holds up to 24 comfortable.
    d. Separate checks, they will add the party size gratuity to the separate checks
    e. Order off the menu, she said they will have prime rib.
    f. There will be no bartender fee as you will be able to purchase your beverages yourselves at the bar.

2. Retaining wall and pavers for Mountain Valley, if they allow us does anyone have any extra at home? Frank N3OGG said he has a few at his house and will gladly donate some pavers.
3. October Heritage Day – Who will be bringing radios and a canopy and banner? Jim Munley will donate BBQ, Tom Lesisko will donate the Halushki, and we are looking for donations on paper plates, spoons, water, soda, soup, etc. This was a good fundraiser for us last year! We did get fliers from ARRL. We need to get the banner from Jim KC3DXS.

New Business:

1. Meeting with accountant – WY3K said the account has all the stuff needed and we are waiting to hear from her.
2. Feedback from our HF test on July 27th and 28th a summary of the event was sent out any suggestions…
3. Jim Munley - Operation "Get the Word Out" sent an email to Jim and the group on 7/21 about introductory of TWA with nonprofit status
4. Update on West Penn Lions meeting on 8/15, WY3K, K3VNN, WA3WIJ, and K3TE attended the Lions invitation. We were fed a delicious meal and thanked them for inviting us. K3TE and WY3K gave a presentation and thanks to K3VNN for bringing the radios for a demonstration.
5. Bylaws committee and update: N3JWC, KB3FET, KC3CRS, K3VNN, WY3K, KB2MXV, and K3TE. We met at the grove on Sunday August 5th from 1PM until 3:20PM. Additions are in red and deletions are underlined. The committee reviewed the corrections via email and responded. A preliminary copy was issued to attending members on Friday August 17th.
6. We are having a picnic on September 29th more information to follow.
7. ARRL VHF QSO Party – September 8th to September 10th.
8. PA QSO Party – October 13th to October 14th. If anyone wants to have an ad-hoc QSO party at the grove for the ARRL or PA QSO Party you are welcome to use the generator, antenna's, etc. if you would kindly email me that would be appreciated so I could let members know who is going.

Motion by: N3HHH and KC3CRS to use the grove for QSO Parties, motion passed.

9. Any interest in TWA being in the Tamaqua Halloween Parade and the Andreas Halloween parade with a float?
10. There was an HF test following the August 1st NET.
11. HF NET on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 8PM? Frequencies would be:

6 meters	50.125	50.185	50.200
10 meters	28.360	28.370	28.380
17 meters	18.130	18.140	18.150
20 meters	14.185	14,195	14.205
40 meters	7.200	7.220	7.230
60 meters	5330.5	5371.5	5403.5
75/80 meters	3.870	3.880	3.890

The proposed would be the band we would be using and the frequency. Listed would be the 1st frequency, if that is busy then we move to the right for the next frequency and so forth.
The starting frequency would be 28.360

12. Posting used equipment for sale on TWA's website – KB2MXV Bulletin Board report
13. Sales Tax Exempt – K3TE report
14. Membership – in an effort to get ALL emails I will reach out to the following members:

- Glenn Sipple KC3JJJ General
- Ethan Chernock KC3JQN Tech
- Dean Padfield KC3AMN Tech
- Andrew Kane Jr. KB3ACD Tech+
- Andrew Conway KC3LNT Tech

15. Updated member application to reflect Social Membership – provided the Bylaws are passed
16. Post Office Box needs to be paid for in November

Motion to adjourn at: 20:44 hrs by:

1. N3HHH
2. KC3CRS

Minutes prepared and submitted by – K3TE