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February 15, 2019

Minutes of February 15, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on February 15, 2019 at the American Legion 206 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 6:59PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3VNN, KB2MXV, N3JWC, K3KAP, N3OGG, KB3CFV, K3ROS, KB3AYY, KA3FUL, N3HHH, WA3WIJ, W3OFD, KC3MIU, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

Motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

To accept the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN

Quarter 1 2019	January	February	March
Checking Account	$719.70	$673.33	$0.00
Donations	$0.00	$35.00	$0.00
Grove Maintenance	$50.00	$50.00	$0.00
Repeater Fund	$888.69	$845.57	$0.00
PayPal	$45.00	$45.00	$0.00
Dues Collected	$30.00	$35.00	$0.00
50/50	$0.00	$26.00	$0.00
(Expenses)			
Dinner for Schroeders	-$76.37		
Grounding Supplies	-$43.12		
(Expenses Total)	-$119.49	$0.00	$0.00
Total	$1,613.90	$1709.90	$0.00
Members Paid	22	22	

Dues for 2019 are now due. Because we changed our fiscal year, the people that paid in 2018 will be charged ½ price for 2019. Contact Kevin at K3VNN@gmail.com to make arrangements to pay your dues. Or just attend one of our meetings.

Motion was made by:

1: KB3AYY
2: KB3CFV

To accept the Treasurer's report, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL
Nothing at this time

ARES County EC: KC3CRS
Nothing to report at this time.

VE Session: WY3K
Our first test session is coming up on April 6th, Bill will send an email out to see who will be available

VE Test Sessions for 2019		
Month	Time	Location
April 6th	9AM	Tamaqua Borough Hall **Rear** of 320 E. Broad St.
June 1st	9AM	
August 3rd	9AM	
November 2nd	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KC3CRS
Jim Munley KB3FET has been running the NET on Tuesday night at 8pm.

Roundtable NET now at 8PM: K3TE
March's NET Control Operators are:

March 6th: Bill WY3K

March 13th: Tom KC3CRS – this will also be an HF NET.

March 20th: Ed KB3AYY

March 27th: Tom K3TE

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

Month 2019	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	5	40
February	2	13
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	7	53

HF Net follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS
February 13th: Start on 10 meters 28.360
March 13th: Start on 10 meters 28.360
July 10:
October 9th:

Application for membership: K3TE
None at this time

Technical Committee Chairman: K3TE
Mountain Valley lost power in January. It's time we install battery backup at this site. Frank, KB2MXV will check to make sure the DuraComm power supply is capable of charging batteries. Jeff N3JWC will get prices on deep cycle marine batteries.

We lost the Hegins site for our DMR repeater. Frank, KB3VXB is installing a multi-mode digital repeater at the Hegins site and he will use his Yaesu repeater to link to Mountain

Valley. There was a discussion on what is going on with our DMR repeater. At this it will be temporarily installed in Pottsville above the cemetery on Market Street.

Bulletin Board Website: KB2MXV

Up to date

TWA Website: KB2MXV

VE sessions, next meeting dates, article from December 8th 1941 was uploaded in to the archives section, audio transmissions have been archived.

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Insurance Certificates have been sent to Mountain Valley, ABC High-Rise Building.
    a. Follow up on:
        - Tamaqua Borough -Sent
        - American Legion - Sent
        - Schroeder family - Sent
2. Update on sponsoring New Year's Eve Ball Drop ($275 needed):
    a. K3TE - $50.00
    b. K3VNN -$50.00
    c. KC3MIU - $10.00
        i. K3TE will be in touch with Pat about sponsoring
3. Update on phone chain – Bob, KC3MIU will look into this. Hopefully he could come up with a system.
4. Update on providing emergency communications, Bob KC3MIU – Bob talked about what is needed for immediate and 3-day type emergencies. He suggested we get certified by Home Land Security. They have different levels of certification. Check DHS and ARRL information website at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ARESFieldResourcesManual.pdf Specifically page 10 and 11.
   Also, there is the link to get the FEMA Student ID number:

   https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid

   And this link gets you to the main menu for each class (100/200/700/800) that needs to be done.

   https://training.fema.gov/nims/

   Thanks Bob, this will carry over to the agenda for March

5. Update on membership campaign, Kevin K3VNN – Kevin has software to upload picture, and personal information and he will be sending out notices on dues to members that haven't attended a meeting in a year.
6. Update on Good Samaritan Hospital, Tom K3TE – Rich, W3OFD will assist in this and will be put on March's agenda.
7. Update on grant applications, Jim KB3FET – Jim will have the paperwork this week to apply for a grant.
8. Update on purchasing fluorescent Vests – thanks to Frank, KB2MXV for taking the time and ordering our new vests. They look wonderful, and heavy duty. If you would like to order a vest contact Frank at KB2MXV@gmail.com.

New Business:

1. We should be monitoring UHF National and VHF National for emergencies.
2. Joe Corbie's pizza fund raiser – no action taken.
3. Assisting in St. Patrick's Day Parade in Girardville on March 30th. After a discussion, members brought it up that if there was going to be a donation from the parade committee for assisting with the parade, TWA should be getting part of the donation.

With being no further business, a Motion to adjourn at 8:01PM by

1. KB3AYY
2. N3OGG

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE