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Minutes from the March 15, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on March 15, 2019 at the American Legion 206 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3VNN, KB2MXV, N3JWC, KB3FET, N3HHH, KC3MIU, KA3FUL, K3KAP, W3OFD, WA3WIJ, N3OGG, KB3CFV, and K3TE. There were two guests, John AB3ZI and a gentleman from Perryville.

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

Motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. N3HHH

To accept the minutes of the February 15, 2019 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN

Quarter 1 2019	January	February	March
Checking Account	$719.70	$673.33	$721.33
Donations	$0.00	$35.00	$0.00
Grove Maintenance	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Repeater Fund	$888.69	$845.57	$858.57
PayPal	$45.00	$45.00	$87.50
Dues Collected	$30.00	$35.00	$0.00
Monthly Meeting Donation	$0.00	$26.00	$0.00
(Expenses)			
(Expenses Total)	-$119.49	$0.00	$0.00
Total	$1,613.90	$1683.90	$1717.40
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.

There are currently 46 members on the roster and County EMA Director

Motion was made by:

1: KC3CRS
2: N3JWC

To accept the Treasurer's report for March 2019, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Nothing to report

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

St. Patrick's Parade March 30th, 10AM, meet at the municipal building.

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. 7 check-ins for the month of March.

Roundtable NET now at 8PM: K3TE

April's NET Control Operators are:

April 3rd: K3KAP

April 10th: KC3CRS

April 17th: KB2MXV

April 24th: 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	4	28
March	2	14
April		
May		
June		
July		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	11	82

HF Net follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS

February 13th: Start on 10 meters 28.360
March 13th: Start on 10 meters 28.360 – 4 check-ins (N3OGG, KC3CRS, W3OFD, and K3TE)
July 10:
October 9th:

Application for membership: K3TE

None at this time

Technical Committee -K3TE

Follow up on batteries – Jeff, N3JWC $95 each for 675 cold cranking amps. These are deep cycle marine batteries.

Mountain Valley repeater is off line. It is having a receive problem.

Bulletin Board Website: KB2MXV

Items are posted

TWA Website: KB2MXV

Up to date

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Update on sponsoring New Year's Eve Ball Drop ($275 needed):
    a. K3TE - $50.00
    b. K3VNN -$50.00
    c. KC3MIU - $10.00
        i. We are looking for monetary donations to help sponsor the light bill for the ABC Highrise building for 2020.
2. Update on phone chain, Bob KC3MIU – Bob looked into an internet type communications tool but that was not economical. He talked about a group folder on you cell phone. Bob will take volunteers to check out the communications. Contact Bob @ bobpickettsr@gmail.com if you want to participate.
3. Update on providing emergency communication certification, Bob KC3MIU – Frank will post on our website what certifications Bob looked into with Homeland Security.
4. Update on sending letters to members, Kevin K3VNN – Letters were sent to 19 members that haven't attended or contributed to TWA
5. Update on Taxes for 2018, Kevin K3VNN – Accountant has our paperwork
6. Update on Good Samaritan Hospital, Tom K3TE – Tom received a contact at Good Sam and will follow-up with it.
7. Update on grant applications, Jim KB3FET – applied for Snayberger Trust Grant on March 5th.
8. Update on Packet Radio – should we appoint someone or people to see what we would need to connect it up to MV in conjunction with Dennis Williard KA3BVJ and John – AB3ZI. John was the guy who came to our January meeting.
9. Update on Girardville Parade March 30th – According to Jim, SARA was paid between $250 to $300. When the parade is rescheduled, he doesn't think SARA received any donations.

New Business:

1. Talked to Pat at the ABC Highrise building. She said 6 people have expressed support for the ball drop. TWA is now the 7th.
2. Schedule a meeting with the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jack Kulp. Who would be able to make the meeting?
3. Email was sent to John Matz about possible grants for TWA to apply. John did respond and an email went out.
4. PO box renewal? Bill thinks the PO renewal is in May.
5. Small Game of Chance 50/50. After a discussion, members motioned to change the name of our 50/50 to "Monthly Meeting Donation." The Motion by KC3MIU and 2nd by N3JWC to change the name and to direct 50% into Grove Maintenance and 50% into repeater fund. Motion passed.
6. Possibly moving checking account from Wells Fargo. A motion by N3OGG and 2nd KB3CFV to change the checking account if they don't get anywhere with WF. Motion passed.

7. Tom Lesisko is working on submitting an $8000 grant to PPL to replace the Mountain Valley repeater. After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Tom Lesisko to submit an electronic grant to PPL with an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form. With 5 members voting for the grant and 7 members voting against the grant, the motion failed. Under the discussion, Tom Lesisko noted that he will no longer pursue or write grants for TWA. He suggested that you contact Jim Munley (jjmunley1@gmail.com) or Kevin Marchetti (K3VNN.73@gmail.com) if you want TWA to apply for a grant.
8. Email from Bob N3RZI: He has 10 volunteers: Bob N3RZI, Jim KB3FET, JD KB3JD, Andy N3HHH, Todd KB3IKX, Kevin K3VNN, Tom. KC3CRS, Gary KA3FUL, Ed KB3AYY, and Kelly KB3ASZ. He needs food orders from K3VNN, KC3CRS, and KA3FUL. If you are interested in working the Girardville Parade email Bob before March 18th.

Good for the Order:

1. Opening the grove for 2019 is scheduled for April 17th weather permitting. An email will go out reminding members for the 10AM opening.
2. If weather is good, meet at the grove for April's meeting. An email will go out if there is a change. Stay tune!
3. Work party for the grove. Contact Jeff, N3JWC or Tom KC3CRS to help volunteer. On a request from Tom Smith. A motion to replace the tarp at the grove by N3OGG and 2nd by KC3MIU to purchase a tarp not to exceed $50 to be paid through the grove maintenance fund. Motion passed.
4. Roundtable NET every Wednesday's 8PM

With being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:48 PM by

1. KB2MXV
2. N3OGG

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE