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Minutes from the April 19, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on April 19, 2019 at the American Legion 206 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3CFV, N3OGG, N3HHH, KB3AYY, K3KAP, KC3NGO, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

Motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. KB3CFV

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

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN

Quarter 2 2019	March	April	May	June
Checking Account	$721.33	$728.33		
Donations to TWA	$0.00	$0.00		
Grove Maintenance	$50.00	$50.00		
Repeater Fund	$858.57	$865.57		
PayPal	$87.50	$87.50		
Dues Collected	$0.00	$0.00		
Monthly Meeting Donation	$14.00 carried over to April	Money collected will be carried over to May		
(Expenses)				
(Expenses Total)	$0.00	$0.00		
Total	$1717.40	$1731.40		
Members Paid	22	22		

There are currently 46 members on the roster along with County EMA Director

Motion was made by:

1: N3OGG
2: KC3CRS

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

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

Nothing to report

VE Session: WY3K

On April 6th TWA offered a test session.
The following attended and past their test:

1. Jeff Coleman – Extra, Middleport, (N3JWC)
2. Scott Berger – Tech, Schuylkill Haven (KC3NGP)
3. Daniel Fallon – Port Carbon (KC3NGO)

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	

A letter was sent to each candidate congratulating them and seeing if they need help with amateur radio.

I would like to thank the following VE's for volunteering their time: N3OGG, KB3CFV, KB2MXV, WA3WIJ, and K3TE - WY3K

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET or KC3CRS

Nothing to report at this time

Roundtable NET now at 8PM: K3TE

May's NET Control Operators are:

May 1st: WY3K

May 8th: KC3CRS – this will also be an HF NET.

May 15th: K3KAP

May 22nd: KB3AYY

May 29th: 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	4	29
April	3	25
May		
June		
July		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	16	122

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)
May 8th: will be our next HF Net 28.360MHz
July 10:
October 9th:

Application for membership: K3TE

Dan Fallon KC3NGO, after review of the application, Motion by K3TE and 2nd by N3OGG to accept Dan as a member of TWA, motion passed.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. Follow up on batteries – Jeff, N3JWC $95 each for 675 cold cranking amps. These are deep cycle marine batteries.
2. Mountain Valley repeater was back online on March 16th, thanks to KB2MXV, KB3AYY, and WA3WIJ
3. Frank from Hegins is requesting we move our link radio to a different frequency do to the fact his radio is desensing his 500mW radio. Tom Lesisko has a price of $175.00 for a Motorola 900Mhz radio and three prices for an omni directional antenna from Tessco. $121.44 for a 3dB gain antenna, $277.79 for a 6dB gain antenna, and $732.00 for a 10dB gain. – No movement on this since Frank KB2VXB linked his system to us.
4. We are linked to Hegins. The frequency is 444.160 (+5MHz) with a tone of 82.5

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
    d. KB3VFV - $10.00 paid on 4/19/19
        i. We are looking for monetary donations to help sponsor the light bill for the ABC Highrise building for 2020.
        ii. Currently we have pledged $120 of $275. Looking for donors?
2. Anything else for the phone chain, Bob KC3MIU – absent
3. Update on providing emergency communication certification, Bob KC3MIU, absent
4. Update on sending letters to members, anything to report: K3VNN, absent
5. Anything else for Taxes for 2018, Kevin K3VNN – Email will be sent to get info for May
6. Update on Good Samaritan Hospital, Tom K3TE – Nothing to report
7. Update on grant application(s), Jim KB3FET – email was sent prior to meeting.
8. Update on Packet Radio (or APRS) – The club is not going to move on Packet Radio; however, members would like to look into APRS, Ed KB3AYY will get back to us in May
9. Follow up from the Girardville Parade March 30th – according to the members that attended, the parade went smoothly. There is a possibility that drones will be used next year and our services will not be needed.
10. PO Box renewal – Bill stopped in at the Post Office and they said we are not ready for renewal. – after discussion, the PO Box should be paid for from a club check, donations will be taken afterwards to help with the cost.

New Business:

1. The club decided not to move forward with Packet, but Ed KB3AYY will look into APRS for Mountain Valley.
2. Emailed Brian Longenberger to see if he is available to help cut the grass this year at the grove.
3. Some confusion for April's Work Party, Work Party for May – Date = Saturday May 11th 10AM will be the next date with Wednesday May 15th 10AM being the rain date.
4. May 17th will officially start the meetings at the grove. – Weather permitting.
5. Field Day 2019 June 22nd and 23rd. After discussion, TWA will host Field Day at the grove on the above dates, stay tune for additional information.
6. Tamaqua Summerfest! Sunday, June 21st 10:00AM-5:00PM – are we getting involved? There was no interest in setting up a stand for Summerfest, members thought we should put more effort into Field Day because it was the next weekend.

Good for the Order:

1. Schuylkill ARES NET Tuesday 8PM.
2. Thank you to all that have checked into the Roundtable NET, Wednesday's 8PM

With being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:52PM by

1.N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE