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May 17, 2019

Minutes from the May 17, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on May 17, 2019 at the Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road, Barnesville. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3VNN, N2BC, KB3FET, KB2MXV, KC3MIU, WA3WIJ, W3OFD, KC3NGO, N3OGG, KB3CFV, N3HHH, K3KAP, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

Motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. KC3MIU

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

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN was given by K3TE

Quarter 2 2019	March	April	May	June
Checking Account	$721.33	$728.33	$734.33	
Donations to TWA	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Grove Maintenance	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	
Repeater Fund	$858.57	$865.57	$871.57	
PayPal	$87.50	$87.50	$87.50	
Dues Collected	$0.00	$0.00	$15.00	
Monthly Meeting Donation	$14.00 carried over to April	$12.00 Money collected will be carried over to May	Money collected will be carried over to June	
Ball Drop Donation			$10.00	
(Expenses)			(52.99)	
(Expenses Total)	$0.00	$0.00		
Total	$1717.40	$1731.40	$1758.40	
Active Members Paid	22	22	23	

There are currently 47 members on the roster along with County EMA Director

Motion was made by:

1: KC3CRS
2: N3HHH

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

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

Nothing at this time

VE Session: WY3K

June 1st is our next VE session, an email will go out to see who could help.
4 people have contacted Bill.

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: KB3FET

Date	Check-In's	NET Ended	Total
April 2nd	No NET	8:00PM	0
April 9th	W3OFD, KB3JD, KC3CRS, VE3HOH, N3SUR, KB3AYY, KB3FET	8:14PM	7
April 16th	KB3JD, N3AS, K3ALE, W3TKY, KB3DTC, KB3FET	8:11PM	6
April 23rd	KB3DTY, K3TE, W3TKR, KB3DYE, KB3FET	8:12PM	5
April 30th	No NET	8:00PM	0
May 7th	KB3JD, KB2MXV, KC3CRS, KB3FET	8:11PM	4
May 14th	K3TE, KB3DTC, W3TKR, KC3CRS, KB3FET	8:11PM	5
		Total	27

If you have a minute or two, tune in to 145.370 at 8PM. Jim would love to hear from you.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

June's NET Control Operators are:

June 5th: WY3K

June 12th: KC3CRS

June 19th: K3KAP

June 26th: KB2MXV

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	4	38
May	3	23
June		
July		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	24	149

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)
June 12th: Starts on 28.360MHz – will be the next HF NET
June 12:
October 9th:

Application for membership: K3TE

None at this time

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. Follow up on batteries – Jeff, N2BC $95 each for 675 cold cranking amps. These are deep cycle marine batteries. After a discussion, a motion to purchase two deep cycle marine batteries by:
    1. N3OGG
    2. KC3MIU

    Motion passed

Bulletin Board Website: KB2MXV

Up to date

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. KB3CFV - $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, Frank KB2MXV will look into sending a group text to members prior to a meeting so members know where to go for a meeting. This way if there are any last-minute changes members would get a text message of the change
3. Update on sending letters to members, anything to report: K3VNN, Kevin will send the list to KB2MXV and K3TE to update the website and to have for records.
4. Taxes were filed on: 3-23-19 by: Kevin, and Jennifer from H& R Block.
5. Update on Good Samaritan Hospital, Tom K3TE – Will call this month
6. Update on grant application(s), Jim KB3FET – Contact Jerry Knowles Office, get in contact with Micah Gursky. Jim will call Monday May 20th
7. Update on APRS, ED KB3AYY – Absent, but Bill WY3K said APRS is operational at Mountain Valley
8. PO Box renewal – $64 check was given to Bill to pay for one year of service
9. Work party May 11th update – Thanks to N3HHH, KC3CRS, WY3K, WA3WIJ, KB2MXV, K3VNN, and his son for helping out with the grove we are ready to officially open the grove. K3TE

New Business:

1. Looking for volunteers to help maintain the grove during the summer months. – Brian Longenberger said he was available. After discussion, Tom KC3CRS will be in charge of the grove maintenance. Please contact Tom if you could help.
2. Keep an eye out for the weather prior to a meeting.
3. Insurance on Mountain Valley Repeater was paid. ($165.41) We are paid up until 07/02/2020
4. Field Day 2019 June 22nd and 23rd
    a. Set up date: June 15th 10AM, with a rain date of June 19th at 6PM
    b. Picnic prior: Yes, this will also be our club meeting night. Hot dogs, Hamburgers and chips will be provided. Bring your own liquid refreshment.
    c. Attending: There are many people attending and a few said they would stay overnight. K3TE was asked to invite Schuylkill EMA Director and the Commissioners. KB3FET will invite the Pottsville Republican to do a write-up.
    d. Equipment: Radios will be provided by members for anyone to use.
    e. Food and Beverage: N3HHH said he would provide a turkey and suggested we eat at noon. Everyone else is asked to provide a cover dish. Please reply to my email so we could get an idea what people are bringing.
    f. Teardown: Sunday will be the teardown. Members are encouraged to help.
5. VE Test session, any candidates? Approximately four people have expressed intrest in taking the test in June. An email will go out from WY3K to get an idea on who will be attending.

6. Email from Bob N3RZI - ARRL EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications Course Class Room Course in the September time frame. Need 10 people for class in Schuylkill County. Jim KB3FET has already volunteered. – An email was sent to N3RZI on Sunday May 19th about hosting a class at this end of the county. 11 members (N3OGG, KB2MXV, KB3FET, WY3K, N2BC, KC3NGO, N3HHH, KC3MIU, K3KAP, KC3CRS, and K3VNN) have expressed interest.
7. I called the Director of the Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce, Jack Kulp on Thursday May 2nd. Left a message, on Wednesday May 8th I was able to talk to Jack, I told him what we do and what we are available to do. Do we want to join the Tamaqua Chamber? Under their website "Services" the yearly cost is $150.00.
8. Picnic table top replaced at the grove. After a discussion,
    1. Motion to purchase 2x6x6 pressure treated planks and remove and replace the top of the worn-out table.
        a. KB3FET
        b. N3HHH

        Motion passed.

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 their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:35PM by

1. W3OFD
2. KC3CRS

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Receipts:



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