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July 19, 2019

Minutes from the July 19, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on July 19th 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, N2BC, KB3FET, KB2MXV, K3VNN, W3OFD, N3OGG, KC3NPG, N3HHH, K3TE, and one guest Tara Hoban

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

Minutes were distributed via email; a motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

To accept the minutes of the June 21, 2019 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: K3VNN

Quarter 3 2019	June	July	August
Checking Account	$734.33	$560.92	
Donations to TWA	$127.00	$0	
Grove Maintenance	$50.00	$50.00	
Repeater Fund	$871.57	$753.51	
PayPal	$87.50	$87.50	
Dues Collected	$30	$22.50	
Monthly Meeting Donation	$12.00	$0.00	
Ball Drop Donation	$50.00	$50	
(Expenses)	(64.00) PO Box	Picnic & Field Day food ($44.85)	
	(165.41) Insurance for MV	Propane tank filled ($14.92)	
	Batteries ($231.06)	Grove Maintenance ($82.20)	
(Expenses Total)	($460.47)	($141.97)	
Total	$1501.93	$1382.46	
Active Members Paid	36 + 2Life & 1EMA	37+2Life & 1EMA	

There are currently 51 members on the roster along with County EMA Director

Motion was made by:
1: KB2MXV
2: N3OGG
To accept the Treasurer's report for July 2019, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

Bob, N3RZI sent an email out about ARES update before August 1st if you want to stay active with ARES.

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	

VE Session: WY3K

People have expressed interest in getting their amateur radio license. An email will be going out to the VE's about an upcoming test session on August 3rd. Please reply if you can make it or not. This way I have an idea who will be attending.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Totals		
2nd Quarter 2019	3rd Quarter 2019	4th Quarter 2019
50	22	

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
May 21st	Election Day- No Net		0
May 28th	KB3FET	8:04PM	1
June 4th	KC3CRS, N3TQM, KB3FET,	8:05PM	3
June 11th	KB3GTY, K3TE, KC3CRS, N3OGG, KB3DTC, KB3FET	8:11PM	6
June 18th	KB3JD, K3TE, WR1B, W3OFD, KB3FET	8:11PM	5

June 25th	KB3GTY, KB3CRS, W3TKR, KB3JD, K3TE, N3TQM, WR1B, KB3FET	8:12PM	8
July 2nd	N3HHH, KC3NPG, KB3GTY, K3TE, N3HHH, W30FD, KB3FET	8:12PM	8
July 9th	KB3VXB, KC3NPG, KB3GTY, KB3JD, WR1B, K3TE, N3OGG, KB3FET	8:14PM	8
July 16th	KB3JD, KC3CRS, WB2JAY, KC3NPG, N3TQM, KB3FET	8:22PM	6
		Total	72

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:

August 7th: K3TE

August 14th: KC3CRS

August 21st: KB2MXV

August 28th: WY3K

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	5	41
June	4	50
July	3	25
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	29	251

HF Net follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS

There will be an HF NET on August 14th following our Roundtable NET. KC3CRS will be NET controller.

Application for membership: K3TE

None at this time

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. On July 3rd, Jim, KB3FET, Jeff, N2BC, Tom, KC3CRS, and Tom K3TE visited Avenues and looked around for a possible site. See new business for update.
2. Commander Technologies – 27 repeater antenna - $866.49 plus shipping
3. Commander Technologies - Dipole antenna at Mountain Valley, original - $650 plus shipping

Bulletin Board Website: KB2MXV

Field Day pictures were uploaded

TWA Website: KB2MXV

Up to date

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Update on mass text messaging, Frank KB2MXV- work in progress, working on people with consumer cellular on how to get text messages.
2. Update on grant application(s), Jim KB3FET – Jim sent an email out and we did not get the Stayburger grant. I emailed Kevin, K3VNN and asked about the M&T grant.
3. Field Day wrap up – Frank KB2MXV submitted our log to ARRL
4. Grove Maintenance update, Tom KC3CRS – Tom cut the grass and replaced one of the picnic table tops. We now have three picnic tables that are in very good condition. KB2MXV will get rid of the old tabletop at the next trash night.

New Business:

1. I received an email from KC3DXS about TWA working the fireman's convention in Tamaqua on August 24th. I contacted Schlorf. He said he was the captain of the fire police and wanted to know if anyone from the fire department contacted us about working the fireman's convention scheduled for August. I said to my knowledge no one has asked for our assistance. He mentioned that TWA helped with the 2009 convention in Tamaqua. Bob said there is a meeting Monday night (July 10th) and he will let me know if we are needed. **I did not receive a follow-up phone call.**
2. With applying for grants, a budget is requested from the organization. Is there any interest in forming a finance committee to submit a budget? Chairman? After a discussion a motion to assemble a Finance Committee was made by:
    1. N3OGG
    2. N3HHH

    Motion passed

    Jim Munley KB3FET was nominated to chair the Finance Committee. A motion by:
    1. K3TE
    2. KC3NPG
    3. Motion passed

Following the selection of Chairperson, members were asked if they wanted to join the Finance Committee, the following members make up the Finance Committee:

Jim, KB3FET (Chair), WY3K, K3VNN, and K3TE

3. Updated our club information with ARRL on July 9th, they would like clubs to update every year but we are good for two years if we want to stay active with ARRL.
4. Anyone want to assist in teaching technician license for a few weeks, then run a test session? Grants are always talking about working with youths. After a discussion, K3TE will look into the matter further. At this time we are only in the discussion phase, K3TE will report back in August.
5. Update on Pottsville repeater site – On Monday July 15th, N3HHH was stationed at his QTH, KC3CRS, N2BC, and KB3FET drove around Pottsville, K3TE and WY3K were stationed at Avenues running a mobile radio as base. KC3NPG was there but had radio issues. After the test was over Mr. Keysock came out and we talked about installing a repeater on his property and a second test with a base antenna. He agreed and requested a copy of our liability insurance. We will retest in a week or so. If anyone is available please let me know. The site, according to my phone is at 850 feet.
6. Received a letter from Hope Coffee

7. Kevin K3VNN has come into possession of a 36-foot trailer for free. There was a discussion on what to do with Gary KA3FUL's trailer. Andy, N3HHH will talk to Gary and see what he wants to do with it. Then we will talk to the land owner, Danny. Kevin K3VNN said he could deliver the 36-foot trailer anytime.

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

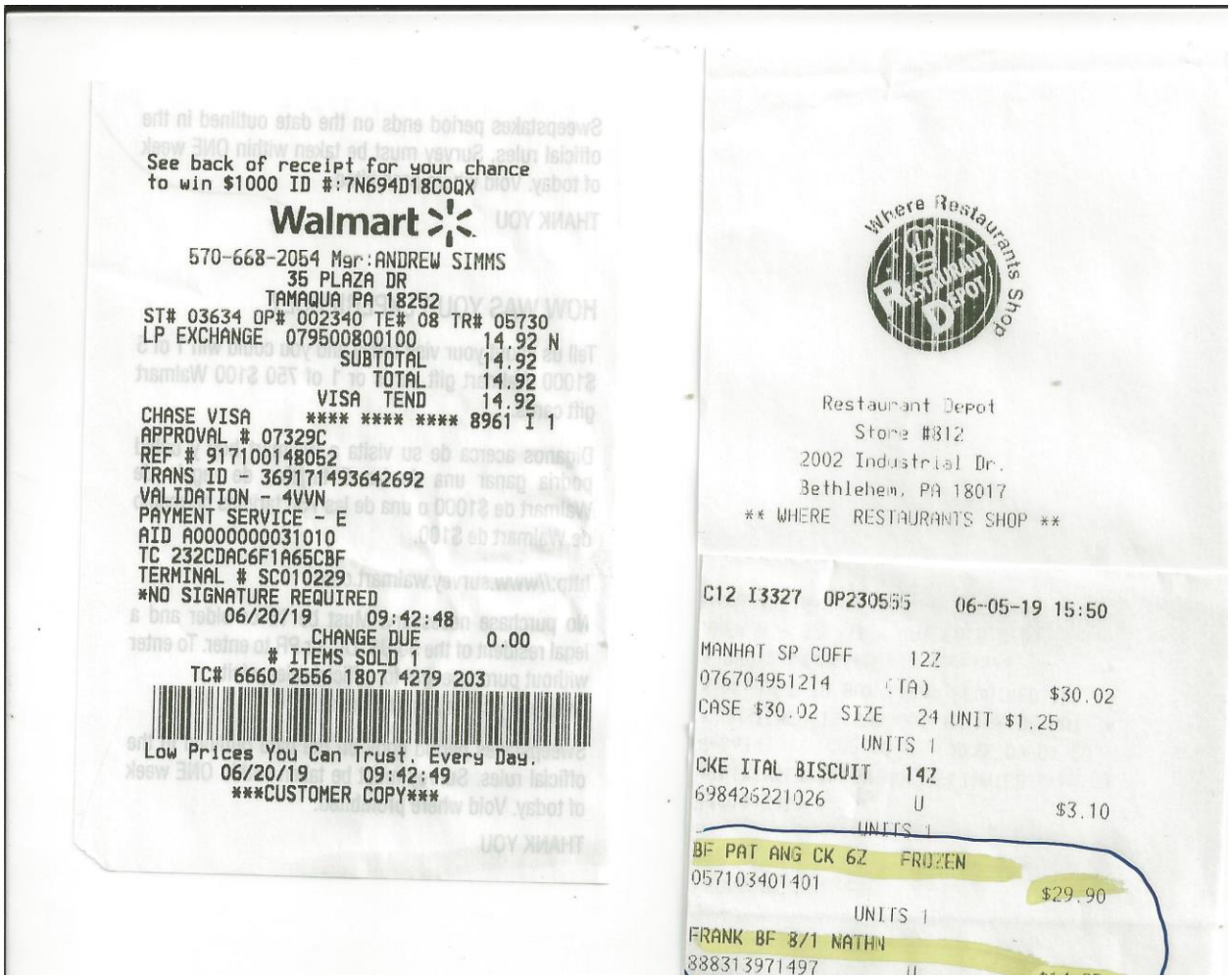
With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:17PM by

1. K3VNN
2. N3OGG

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Enclosure: receipts



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