TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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August 16, 2019

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Minutes from the August 16, 2019 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on August 16, 2019 at the Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road, Barnesville. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, KB2MXV, KC3NGO, W3OFD, N3HHH, KC3NPH, KC3NWO, KC3NPG, K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE.

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

1. KC3CRS
2. W3OFD

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

Motion passed.

Prior to the Treasurers report, an email was received from Kevin, K3VNN. Due to health reasons Kevin resigned from the Treasurer's position.

Motion to accept his resignation

1. KB2MXV
2. KC3NPH

Motion passed.

After a discussion, the members wished him a speedy recovery so he could be active again in the club.

WY3K asked for any nominations for the Treasurer's position. Frank KB2MXV was the only one. On a motion from

1. N3HHH
2. W3OFD

To accept Frank KB2MXV as TWA's new Treasurer, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See Last Two Pages

Motion was made by:

1. KC3CRS
2. KC3NPH

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

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS, email from Bob, N3RZI

If you haven't done so yet, please watch for an email from productionbcc@volunteerhub.com or from ARESCONNECT@arrl.org. That will have your initial password to log on. Only after you log in will your registration be complete. Reporting will take place on this page. This includes participation in the Schuylkill County Emergency Service Net (1 hour), parades, public service events, etc. If you do not report the time you participated you and our county will not receive credit for it.

VE Session: WY3K

We had five candidates take and pass their test on August 3rd.

General License:

1. Tom Hoban (Hometown) KC3NPG
2. John Smell (Coaldale) KC3NPI
3. Glenn Karlik (Lansford) KC3NPH

Technician License:

1. Tara Hoban (Hometown) KC3NWO
2. James Pothering (Schuylkill Haven) KC3NWN

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	

We have one test session left, November 2nd. Thanks to the following VE's for attending: N3OGG, N2BC, K3KAP, K3FET, KB2MXV, and KC3DXS.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Totals 2019			
1st Quarter 2019	2nd Quarter 2019	3rd Quarter 2019	4th Quarter 2019
Unknown	50	55	

Date	Check-In's	NET Ended	Total
July 2nd	N3HHH, KC3NPG, KB3GTY, K3TE, N3HHH, W30FD, KB3FET	8:12PM	7
July 9th	KB3VXB, KC3NPG, KB3GTY, KB3JD, WR1B, K3TE, N3OGG, KB3FET	8:14PM	8
July 16th	KB3JD, KC3CRS, WB2JAY, KC3NPG, N3TQM, KB3FET	8:22PM	6
July 23rd	KB3GTY, K3TE, KB3MXV, KB3VXB, N3TVV, N3OGG, N3TQM, W3TKR, KB3FET	8:20PM	9
July 30th	KB3GTY, KC3NPG, KB2MXV, KB3JD, N3OGG, K3TE, KB3FET	8:14PM	7
August 6th	N3HHH, KB3GTY, WB2JAY, KB3JD, N3OGG, N3TQM, KC3NPG, K3TE, KB3FET	8:15PM	9
August 13th			9
		Total	55

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

September's NET Control Operators are:

September 4th: K3TE, Tom

September 11th: KC3CRS, Tom

September 18th: WY3K, Bill

September 25th: K3KAP, Karen

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	5	42
August	2	21
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	33	289

HF Net follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS

There was no August 14th NET

Application for Regular membership: K3TE

1. Glenn Karlik – KC3NPH, Lansford
2. John Smell – KC3NPI, Coaldale
3. Tara Hoban – KC3NWO, Hometown

After a discussion, a motion by:

1. N3HHH
2. KB3FET

To accept the above as a regular membership into the club. Motion past.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. On July 24th, members did a second test at Avenues. This test was much better now that we had a base antenna installed.
2. On August 5th Frank, and myself met with Mr. Keitsock. He will allow TWA to install a repeater. We toured the daycare center, absolutely no room. Then we went to the 3rd floor of the building, looked at the middle chimney, his concern was drilling into the chimney, we would use ratchet straps. Electric is right there, I asked if we could use his WIFI to log unto the controller so we don't have to make many stops, he agreed. We said we would like to have the antenna up before bad weather starts and hopefully, we would be completed no later than spring 2020.
3. I received an email from Arcom. Their controller is on sale for $304.95, regular price $349.95
4. An antenna must be purchased, mast, Yagi antenna to communicate back to Mountain Valley, LMR400, hardline, ends, and lightening suppressor. Along with brackets to mount mast and installation.
5. An antenna installer has been contacted.

Bulletin Board Website: KB2MXV

Pictures of the VE session have been uploaded to the website

TWA Website: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

In an effort to make sure all members have a valid callsign, Frank KB2MXV made a program that will tell him when your callsign is close to expiration. If you callsign appears in this section you need to update your license.
N3HHH – 4/3/2020

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Update on Knowles Office, KB3FET – Jim will contact them and see when he could come in and talk to them about grants.
2. Update on Technician License class, K3TE - I was on ARRL's website, there is some material there to use. A discussion on how many classes was discuss, and site to offer it.
3. Update on Avenues, K3TE – members met with Mr. Keitsock on August 5th
4. Update on trailer, K3TE – I received a call from N3OGG, Danny the land owner will allow us to install a 36' trailer. He would like Breiner's trailer moved between two cones. Kevin, K3VNN was informed about the move and his donation.

New Business:

1. Are we going to have a stand for Heritage Day? A $25 check will be needed for site. No movement on this, it will be on the agenda for next month
2. Volunteers for food donation?
    a. Jim Munley said he would donate BBQ
    b. Tom Lesisko would donate too.
3. End of year picnic date is Saturday September 14th at noon, the club will buy hotdogs, hamburgers and buns. Rain date is September 15th - email was sent to the masses
   Motion to purchase hotdogs, hamburgers, buns
        1. N3HHH
        2. KC3NPH

   Motion passed

4. Tear down and packing the grove up for the season date? – this will be brought up at the next meeting.
5. ARRL VHF QSO Party – September 14th to the 16th
6. PA QSO Party – October 12th & 13th
7. Halloween Parade is around the corner. We need volunteers! – this item will be brought up at the next meeting
8. In the absence of our Secretary for September and October, Jim Munley, KB3FET has volunteered for the position.
9. Dues for 2020 should be reviewed along with family membership.
10. I contacted our insurance provider. Our agent's name is Scott Brelie. He supplied Certificate of Insurance for the following. (along with, MV, Highrise, Avenues)
        1. Schroeder's Family Farm
        2. Tamaqua Borough
        3. American Legion
11. Membership needs to be looked at. We are carrying people that should be removed.
12. I contacted Micha Gurski to see if he is still involved with grants. Sent contact info to both Jim Munley and Micah Gursky.
13. Insurance update from local company: KB3FET
14. PPL Foundation Grant for $5000 to Tamaqua Public Library

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, we are always looking for NET Control Operators.

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

1. KC3NGO
2. KC3NPG

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

WELLS FARGO

BUSINESS CHECKING
...3810

$1,416.96
Available balance

Activity Summary

Ending collected balance as of 08/14/19	$1,416.96
Current posted balance	$1,416.96
Pending withdrawals/debits	$0.00
Pending deposits/credits	$0.00
Available balance	**$1,416.96**
Monthly Service Fee Summary	
Routing numbers	

Activity

The Available Balance shown above reflects the most up-to-date information available on your account. The balances shown below next to the last transaction of each day do not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when the transaction posted. If you had insufficient available funds when the transaction posted to your account, fees may have been assessed.

First
Previous
Next

Date	Description	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Daily Balance
Pending Transactions				
No pending transactions to view.				
Posted Transactions				
08/05/19	PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 190803 1006264478015 TWA TREASURER		$0.31	$1,416.96
08/05/19	PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 190803 1006264478014 TWA TREASURER	$0.17		
08/05/19	PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 190803 1006264478012 TWA TREASURER	$0.14		
07/31/19	DEPOSIT MADE IN A BRANCH/STORE #97682905	$1,385.09		$1,416.96
07/22/19	CHECK # 1013		$82.00	$31.87
Totals		**$1,698.40**	**$1,072.89**	

TWA Account Activity Summary: 7/19/2019 Thru 8/15/2019

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
7/19/2019		KB2MXV	Picknic Food	General Fund	$0.00	$59.77
7/19/2019		KB2MXV	Donation	Repeater Fund	$59.77	$0.00
7/24/2019		N1HNM	2019 Club Dues	General Fund	$15.00	$0.00
8/1/2019		General Fund	Balance as of 7/22/2019	General Fund	$31.87	$0.00
8/1/2019		General Fund	Deposit Check - K3VNN	General Fund	$1,385.09	$0.00
8/1/2019		General Fund	Transferred to Repeater Fund	General Fund	$0.00	$796.51
8/1/2019		Repeater Fund	Transferred from General Fund	Repeater Fund	$796.51	$0.00
8/3/2019		KC3NPI	2019 Club Dues	General Fund	$7.50	$0.00
8/3/2019		KC3NPH	2019 Club Dues	General Fund	$7.50	$0.00
8/5/2019		Paypal	Confirmed Bank Account	General Fund	$0.14	$0.00
8/5/2019		Paypal	Confirmed Bank Account	General Fund	$0.17	$0.00
8/5/2019		K3PCN	2019 Club Dues	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
8/5/2019		KC3AMN	2019 Club Dues	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
8/6/2019		Paypal	Confirmed Bank Account	General Fund	$0.00	$0.31
				Activity Totals	$2,303.55	$856.59

General Fund	$585.68
Repeater Fund	$856.28
Monthly Total	$1,441.96
Account Balance	$1,441.96