TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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January 16, 2020

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Minutes from the January Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on January 16, 2020 at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, K3KAP, KB3CFV, WA3WIJ, K3TE, and one guest John, AB3ZI

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE

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

1. KC3CRS
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the minutes of the December 7, 2019 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

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If anyone wants to see the bank statement email me.
Motion was made by:

1. KB3CFV
2. KC3CRS

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

The membership fee for 2020 has been set at $25.00. Please make arrangements with Frank, KB2MXV at kb2mxv@gmail.com or find him on our repeater network, or attend a meeting. Thank you for your support of TWA and amateur radio.
18 members are paid for the 2020.

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

Nothing from N3RZI in months.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET absent, K3TE

1. Taxes for the 2019 year have been submitted electronically by KB2MXV.
2. Debit card for purchases in April. After a discussion, on a motion by:
   1. K3KAP 2. K3TE

to get a debit card for our checking account. Motion passed.

3. Membership approval of the 2020 TWA budget. After a discussion, on a motion by:
   1. KB3CFV 2. K3KAP

Accept the 2020 operating budget. Motion passed.

VE Session: WY3K

Test session dates for 2020 are listed. If you would like to become a VE contact Bill and he will get you started. We are always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Bill will send out an email a week before the test date to see if anyone could help volunteer. Please reply back to Bill so he knows who is planning on attending.

VE Test Sessions for 2020		
Month	Time	Location
April 4th	9AM	Tamaqua Borough Hall **Rear** of 320 E. Broad St.
June 6th	9AM	
August 1st	9AM	
November 7th	9AM	

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	Total 2019
Unknown	50	102	43	195

Date	Check-In's Started at 8:00PM	NET Ended	Total
October 1st	KB2GTY, KC3NPG, N3OGG, KB2MXV, KC3CRS, W3OFD, N3RZI, WR1B, KB3FET	8:20PM	9
October 8th	KB3GTY, WN3HF, N3JJD, W1RB, N3RZI, KB2MXV, W3OFD, KC3CRS, N3OGG, KC3NG, KB3FET	8:30PM	11
October 15th	KB2MXV, WN3LIF, N3JJD, N3TQM, WR1B, N3OGG, KB3FET	8:16PM	7
October 22nd	N3OGG, KC3CRS, N3TQM, W3OFD, N3JJD, WB3DYE, N3RZI	8:00PM	7
October 29th	No Report Given		0
November 5th	No Report Given		0
November 12th	No Report Given		0
November 19th	No Report Given		0
November 26th	N3TQM, KB3VXB, KB2MXV, WR1B, N3OGG, KB3FET	8:09PM	6
December 3rd	W3BAS, KB2MXV, KB3FET	8:06PM	3
December 10th	N3OGG, WR1B, KB2MXV, WB2LUJ, KB3VXB, KB3FET	8:14PM	6
December 17th	KB2MXV, W3TKR, KC3CRS, KB3VXB, WB2JAY, N3TB, W1RB, W3BAS, KB3FET	8:14PM	9
December 24th	No Report Given		0
December 31st	K3TE, KB3AYY, N3OGG, KC3CRS, KB3FET	8:11PM	5
		Total	43
January 7th	KB3GTY, N3TB, KB2MXV, N3TQM, KC3CRS, WR1B, KB3AYY, K3TE, W3BAS, KB3FET	8:18PM	10
January 14th	KB3GTY, KC3CRS, KB3AYY, WR1B, W3XJW, KB3FET	8:17PM	6

. 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
Summary of NET check-ins

2018- 51 weeks, 375 check-ins (Tower fell)
2019- 51 weeks, 435 check-ins (Halloween parade)

February's NET Control Operators are:

February 5th: K3TE

February 12th: K3KAP

February 19th: WY3K

February 26th: KC3CRS

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	4	40
September	4	36
October	4	33
November	4	32
December	4	35
Total	51	435

Month 2020	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	3	23

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS

January 8th HF NET result: there was no HF NET. KB2MXV asked to have the HF NET following a large turnout on the Roundtable NET. Possibly sometime in the 1st quarter of 2020

Application for Regular Membership: K3TE

None

Technical Committee -KB2MXV

1. Frequency Coordination for the Pottsville repeater has been submitted to ARCC to protect our investment.
2. Don Spivak met with Frank about the installation of antennas at Pottsville. Update from KB2MXV
3. K3TE is working on current pricing for the repeater
4. As we get closer to April we will need to meet and discuss in more detail about the site.
5. Recommendation to insure the Pottsville repeater.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

Andy – N3HHH Expires soon

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Update on Schuylkill County Commissioners Office: we are in the budget for April 2020
2. Update on Avenues K3TE: an email was sent to the Executive Director stating that the repeater project will happen after April 15th
3. Bylaws update K3TE: Bylaws were printed and distributed to members present at the January meeting. If you want a paper copy email him.

4. Follow up from ABC Highrise donation. No donation was made due to the large community turnout of donations.
5. Christmas Party wrap up K3TE, for the most part the party went well. Some people did not reply to my email. This is why the restaurant was still setting up while we were there. December 5th 2020 3PM to 6PM. KB2MXV requested a horse shoe type seating for 2020. K3TE will look into it.
6. New Officers are listed on the front page of this report

New Business:

1. Certificate of Insurance request was made for: Avenues of Pottsville, Mountain Valley Golf Course, ABC High Rise Building, Schroeder's Tree farm, Tamaqua Borough, Lesisko, and American Legion. K3TE will mail them out.
2. Frank, KB2MXV sent out a questionnaire with notification of your fee this year. Please fill out and send it back to Frank.
3. Letters were sent via USPS to members that are in arears or considered inactive. Emails of members have been removed from TWA distribution list until their membership have been updated. After a discussion. February is the drop meeting. If the people that received a letter did not reply they will be removed from the roster.
4. We did hear from Andrew Kane, he wanted to say "hello to the old timers." We also heard from Tim Brady.
5. PP&L Community Grant available from January to March – The Tamaqua Library received $5K in 2019. We will need to give them our checking account and routing number. After a discussion, a motion by KB2MXV and 2nd by KB3CFV to apply for this grant. Motion passed.
6. Contact Argall's office for additional Grant monies for 2020.
7. Boy Scout Merit Badge? KB2MXV will look into it.
8. Hang a sign or two at Tamaqua High School, Walmart, Boyers, promoting Amateur Radio. Also, Home Depot, and other Pottsville "community bulletin boards" KB2MXV will look to see if ARRL has anything we could post.
9. After the installation of the Pottsville repeater, notify Pottsville Republican for some press coverage with Avenues, Commissionaires, and John Matz.
10. Fund raising for 2020? – Joe Corbies Pizza? Tommy's Pizza and Hoagies, or Piercaini's Market?
11. Jackets for the club? https://shop.aramarkuniform.com/style?assort=catalog&style=401
12. We received an email about holding a class on Technician Level test. Any interest in promoting a test session on our website to see if there is any interest?
13. Received a Christmas Card back from Representative Neal Goodman.
14. Received an email from W3OFD about section manager: George Miller EPA Section Manager w3gwm@arrl.org (570) 250-1007. K3TE will send Mr. Miller an email to see if he could attend March or April, September, October, or November's meeting.
15. K3KAP and AB3ZI talked about packet again. K3TE asked Karen to take this over and look into it more. The West Penn repeater would house this service.
16. We received a letter from Ed Sheganoski, KB3ACD. He has had some health issues and once he is able to drive again, he is planning on attending field day 2020.
17. WY3K wanted to thank everyone for their efforts towards this organization successful and moving it forward. Without you TWA would not be where it is today.

Good for the Order:

1. Schuylkill ARES NET Tuesday 8PM.
2. TWA Roundtable NET Wednesday 8PM
3. Looking for NET Control Operators. You will only work once a month!
4. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 20th, Thursday 7PM (weather permitting) at the Municipal Building, 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua

With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:50PM by:

1. KB3CFV
2. KB2MXV

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Activity summary

Beginning balance on 12/1	$1,676.81
Deposits/Credits	100.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 114.84
Ending balance on 12/31	**$1,661.97**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,669.65

Account number: **8404743810**
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Pennsylvania account terms and conditions apply

For Direct Deposit use
Routing Number (RTN): 031000503

For Wire Transfers use
Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

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TWA Memo Activity Summary: 12/7/2019 Thru 1/15/2020

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
12/7/2019		KC3CEY	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
12/7/2019		K3VNN	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
12/8/2019		KC3CRT	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
12/8/2019		KC3AMN	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
12/8/2019		KC3MIU	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
12/18/2019		W3OFD	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$125.00		$125.00	$0.00
12/7/2019	1017	American Legion	Donation	General Fund	$0.00	$25.00
		Totals:	($25.00)		$0.00	$25.00
12/7/2019	1018	Tamaqua Train Station	Schroeder's Dinner	General Fund	$0.00	$114.84
		Totals:	($114.84)		$0.00	$114.84

Account Balance	$1,674.47	Activity Totals	$125.00	$139.84
Checking	$1,636.97	Difference	($14.84)	
Cash on Hand	$37.50			

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January 1st, 2019

2020 Budget

Below is the Tamaqua Wireless Association 2020 Budget Line Items. Any changes during the physical year needs to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Entertainment/Meals	$250.00
Grove Maintenance	$220.00
Insurance	$400.00
Repeater Equipment - Repairs & Maintenance	$300.00
Office/Administrative Supplies	$90.00
Post Office Box	$70.00
Postage	$50.00
Pottsville Repeater Project	$10,500.00
Total Out	**$11,880.00**
Club Fee's 30 Members @ $25	$750.00
Donations	$200.00
Pottsville Repeater Project from Schuylkill County	$10,500.00
Total In	**$11,450.00**
Final Budget	**-$430.00**

Finance Committee Members: WY3K – K3TE – WA3WIJ – KB2MXV – KB3FET

Bill Dale – WY3K	Thomas Lesisko – K3TE	Frank D'Amato – KB2MXV
President	Secretary	Treasurer