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February 20, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on February 20, 2020 at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

The following members were present

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, K3KAP, KB3FET, KC3NGO, KB3CFV, WA3WIJ, W3OFD, KB3AYY, KC2MWJ and K3TE

Prior to the meeting getting started. The pledge of allegiance was spoken and a round of introductions was done.

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE

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

1. WA3WIJ
2. KC3NGO

To accept the minutes of the January 16, 2020 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. KB3FET
2. W3OFD

To accept the Treasurer's report for January 16, 2020, 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.
22 members are paid for the 2020.

Committee Reports:

Antenna Crew: KA3FUL

Absent

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

Nothing to report. The Girardville St. Patty's Day Parade is March 28th

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

1. The 2020 operating budget was passed on January 17th 2020
2. Our 2019 income tax was submitted to the IRS by KB2MXV

VE Session: WY3K

Dates are posted. A reminder will be sent out prior to the testing date about VE's volunteering for the test.

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 2020			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
54			

Date	Check-In's Started at 8:00PM	NET Ended	Total
January 7th	KB3GTY, N3TB, KB2MXV, N3TQM, KC3CRS, WR1B, KB3AYY, K3TE, W3BAS, KB3FET – NET Control	8:18PM	10
January 14th	KB3GTY, KC3CRS, KB3AYY, WR1B, W3XJW, KB3FET – NET Control	8:17PM	6
January 21st	KB3GTY, KC3CRS, N30GG, KB3AYY, W3BAS, KB3FET – NET Control	8:11PM	6

January 28th	N3XJW, KC3CRS, WN3LIF, WR1B, AB3ZG, KB3GAV, K3TE, KB3GTY, KB3FET-Net Control	8:19PM	9
February 4th	KB3GTY, N3OGG, WR1B, WB3LUJ, KB3AYY, KB2MXV, KC3CRS, KB3FET-Net Control	8:12PM	8
February 11th	KB3GTY, N3OGG, WR1B, WB2JAY, W3BAS, N3JJD, KC3CRS, KB3FET - Net Control	8:18PM	8
February 18th	KB3GTY, KB3VXB, N3JJD, KB2MXV, WR1B, W3BAS, KB3FET- Net Control	8:13PM	7
February 25th			
March 3rd			
March 10th			
March 17th			
March 24th			
March 31st			
April 7th			
		Total	54

. 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

February's NET Control Operators are:

March 4th: KB2MXV

March 11th: KC3CRS

March 18th: W3OFD

March 25th: K3TE

Members are encouraged to check-in. You can find the list of repeater frequencies at www.w3twa.org.

Month 2020	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	5	42
February	4	27
March	4	
April	5	
May	4	
June	4	
July	5	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	69

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET: KC3CRS

Sometime in early Spring we will have our HF NET.

Application for Regular Membership: K3TE

None at this time

Technical Committee -KB2MXV

1. Like to add 6 Meter input to Mountain Valley location. After a discussion. On a motion by KC3CRS and 2nd by WA3WIJ to install a 6M Beacon when weather, time, and equipment become available. Motion passed.
2. Received two quotes for antenna installation.

Proposal 1

1. Supply and install mount on chimney, install 2 antennas and one cable per antenna and three banding supports. Paint all mounting apparatuses to match chimney.
2. Lift and operator- $900
3. Labor - $900
4. Mount and cable support- $400
   Total -$2200 – originally, I budgeted on $1272 (-$928.00)

Proposal 2

1. Supply and install mount on chimney, install 2 antennas and one cable per antenna and three banding supports. Paint all mounting apparatuses to match chimney.
2. Crane is 200/hour with 6 hours minimum
3. Labor @ 175/hour/man (2-man Job) 6 hour minimum
4. Mount and supports- $500
5. Estimate is based on job completing in 6 hours portal to portal
   1200- crane
   2100 Labor
   500 parts
   Total -$3800 – originally, I budgeted on $1272 (-$2528.00)

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: KB3FET
2. Bylaws update K3TE: Bylaws were printed and distributed to members present at the January meeting. Printed bylaws will be available for the February meeting also. If you want a paper copy email me and I will send it to you if you cannot make a meeting.
3. Certificate of Insurances were mailed on January28th to Mountain Valley Golf Course, John Rizzo's home, Tamaqua High-Rise, Kevin Steigerwalt of the Tamaqua Borough, American Legion, Schroeder's Family Tree Farm and Avenues were sent copies.
4. Frank, KB2MXV sent out a questionnaire with notification of your fee this year. Please fill out and send it back to Frank.
5. PP&L Community Grant – K3TE – will be submitted soon.
6. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV gave a report
7. Advertising at local business – ARRL handout: KB2MXV gave a report
8. Boy Scout Merit Badge? How about the Friday before Field Day 2020 at the grove? http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb093.asp
9. Any interest in getting Jackets for the club? KB3FET will look into a place in Mount Carmel.
10. K3KAP packet service – working on getting equipment for packet and will keep us posted.

New Business:

1. KB3FET gave a report about the Snayberger grant.
2. Should we continue advertising on Cable TV? – It was decided that we will continue to advertise on cable.
3. Local Cub Scout Troops:

1. Saint John's UCC
   150 Pine St.
   Tamaqua PA 18252
   Contact: Nathan Johns
   Phone: (570) 778 – 9552

2. 236 E Market St
   Orwigsburg PA 17961
   Contact: Ronald Schwartz
   Phone: (610) 390 - 9822
   Email: ronald.g.schwartz@gmail.com

1. 1 Andreas Road
   Andreas PA 18211
   Contact: Hans Krause
   Phone: (610) 476 - 2341

2. 104 E Abbott St
   PO Box 58
   Lansford PA 18232
   Contact: Andrew Darrohn
   Phone: (570) 391 - 7762
   Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cubscoutpack765/

4. Local Boy Scout Troops:

1. West Penn
   20 First St
   Tamaqua PA 18252
   Contact: Damon Krall
   Phone: (570) 778 – 2482

2. St. John's Church
   150 Pine St
   Tamaqua PA 18252
   Contact: Kevin Steigerwalt
   Phone: (570) 668 - 1252
   Email: steigerwalt@ptd.net

1. Orwigsburg
   90 E. Independence St
   Orwigsburg PA 17961

   Contact: Michael Barner
   Phone: (570) 449 - 8589
   Email: tramp52@hughes.net
   Website: http://www.orwigsburgt624.org/

5. Ron KB3CFV gave a report about the Boy Scout merit badge for radio and what we have to do to offer it. Ron will contact Troop leaders and see if there is any interest. Ron will give a report in March.
6. Antenna Crew chairperson position. After a long discussion. A motion to dissolve the Antenna Crew chairperson position WA3WIJ and 2nd by W3OFD. Motion passed with one abstain- KB3FET.
7. KB3FET brought up about moving the Antenna Crew under the Technical Committee. After a discussion. A motion by KC3NGO and 2nd by KB2MXV. Motion passed.
8. Monthly Breakfast – KB2MXV, Frank said Rich asked about TWA having a monthly breakfast? On the 1st Sunday of the month TWA will hold a breakfast at the Mountain Valley Golf Course. Karen, K3KAP will put out an email to remind people about it.
9. Sympathy card will be sent to Todd Deem on behalf of his brother's death.
10. Members in arears have been removed from the website.
11. Talked about installing Job-Johnny's at the grove for May through September. K3TE and KB3CFV will look into prices.
12. WA3WIJ asked to get a work party to inspect our Mountain Valley site for vegetation control and possible installing a deck on or around the repeater.
13. Sometime in May or June K3TE will bring a service monitor to a meeting and check for RF compliance.

14. KC3NGO talked about State Farm donating money to our club. Dan will get look into it more and get back to us.

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 March 19th, 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 8:38PM by:

1. KC3NGO
2. K3KAP

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Activity summary

Beginning balance on 1/1	$1,661.97
Deposits/Credits	20.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 55.37
Ending balance on 1/31	**$1,626.60**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,637.43

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

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