TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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April 16, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on April 16, 2020 on line using Zoom. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM.

The following members were present on Zoom and on the air:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, K3KAP, W3OFD, WA3WIJ, KB3FET, KB3CFV, KB3AYY, N3OGG, N3JJD, and 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 March 19, 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. KB3AYY
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the Treasurer's report for April, 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. 27 members are paid for the 2020.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Everything is on hold. Maybe field day? We have to wait and see.

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

N3RZI said our section chief Walt Jones asked to send an email out looking for volunteers. He stressed nothing is needed right now but he would like to have an idea of people available. It seems that N3RZI does not communicate with us.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Called Gary Bender, no report yet.

VE Session: WY3K

Scheduled for June the 6th, two individuals are interested. It all depends if they relax the social distancing guidelines.

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
112	31		

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	KB3GTY, KB2MXV, N3OGG, K3TE, W3BAS, N3TBB, KB3VXB, KB3FET - Net Control	8:17PM	8
March 3rd	N3JJD, WR1B, KC3CRS, N3OGG, KB3FET - Net Control	8:13PM	5
March 10th	KB3GTY, KB3VXB, KC3CRS, N3TBB, N3TB, KB3FET Net Control	8:14PM	6
March 17th	WB2JAY, KB3GTY, KC3NPG, N3JJD, KB2MXV, K3TE, W3BAS, KC3CRS, WR1B, KB3FET Net Control	8:21PM	10
March 24th	KC3CRS, WR1B, KA3FUL, KB3DTC, N3RZI, KB3GTY, KB2MXV, KB3VXB, W3BAS, KC3NPG, N3OGG, N3TVV, KB3NXT, KC3LSF, N3JDD, KB3FET, Net Control	8:39	16
March 31st	K3TNPG, KB3GTY, KB2MXV, KC3CRS, K3TE, N3OGG, WR1B, N3JJD, KB3AYY, WB2JAY, KB3DTC, KA3FUL, KB3FET, Net Control	8:29	13
April 7th	WR1B, KB3GTY, KC3NPG, WB2JAY, N3TQM, N3JJD, KA3FUL, KC3NPG, W3BAS, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, N3OGG, KB3AYY, KB3DTC, K3TE, KB3FET, Net Control	8:26	16
April 15th	KB3GTY, NI3H, KC3NPG, KB2MXV, KA3HYC, N3TB, W3TKR, N3JJD, KC3DDY, K3KAP, WR1B, N3QLB, WB2JAY, KB3DTC, KB3FET, Net Control	8:42	15
		Total	143

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

May's NET Control Operators are:

May 6th: Ed, KB3AYY

May 13th: Tom, KC3CRS

May 20st: Frank, KB2MXV

May 27h: Tom, KC3NPH

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	37
March	4	42
April	5	36
May	4	
June	4	
July	5	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	157

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET:

KC3CRS
HF NET, May 13th after our Roundtable NET

Application for Regular Membership: K3TE

Nothing at this time

Technical Committee -KB2MXV

1. Power went down on Mountain Valley for 4.5 days. We were on battery backup for 3.5 days
2. Adjusted controller software so repeater does not announce every half-hour. Also, fixed the tone while on backup power.
3. Wind damage to the 27 repeater on April 11, 2020. Bill WY3K, Tom KC3CRS, and Tom K3TE did some emergency repairs. A second brace, 2 straps and a guide wire were installed.
4. Bill suggested that we start looking into moving the 27, we have about a year before more problems arise with the tower.
5. Franks repeater is backup and running.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

Andy – N3HHH Expired
Jim – KB3FET Expires soon
Dean – N1HNM Expires soon

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Update on Schuylkill County Commissioners Office: KB3FET updated us on county
2. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV
3. Advertising at local business – ARRL handouts
4. Boy Scout update – KB3CFV called and said he is enrolled to be a Merit Badge councilor and K3TE has received paperwork for it too.
5. Club jacket update KB3FET – Ed, KB3AYY looked into it and sent info out on our new meeting online site.
6. Packet Service update K3KAP – Working progress, WY3K said he has a power supply
7. Port-A-Potty update for the grove K3TE and KB3CFV- On hold for now.

8. Work party update for Mountain Valley WA3WIJ – KC3CRS asked to have a small work party to get the grass cut and picnic tables.
9. Platform for Mountain Valley by the repeater

New Business:

1. Severe weather alert, storm spotter brought up on our 3/25 NET from Roy W3TKR
2. KB2MXV and K3KAP took the online Storm Spotter Course
3. TWA paying for internet domain. After a discussion, on a motion by K3TE and 2nd by N3OGG to reimburse Kevin K3VNN for TWA's domain name for 2020. Motion passed.
4. WY3K asked to have K3TE put on the agenda for October for us to pay the domain for multiple years.
5. Can we get a group together for a Skywarn training at the Tamaqua Borough? May 7th 6PM is the next online training.
6. As long as you are a train spotter, start a NET on any repeater, have your radio on scan.
7. N3JJD ask for TWA to have a Skywarn Coordinator.
8. "Coffee Clatch" Net, Rich W3OFD, Karan K3KAP, and Frank KB2MXV sent an email reply interested in doing a Net. After a discussion, Monday's and Friday's 9AM. Informal.
9. ARRL wants to make a talk group on DMR radio in Eastern PA.
10. KB3AYY has a site at Jake Arhner airport on a 60-foot telephone pole. Ed was looking for insurance and a letter from the club. On a motion by KB3AYY and 2nd by W3OFD to install a repeater at that site. Motion carried.
11. There is a 220-repeater installed at Mountain Valley 224.300 PL 131.8 with a minus (-1.6MHz).

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 May 21st, Thursday 7PM (virus permitting.) at the Municipal Building, 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua.

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

1. N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Treasury Report:

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Activity summary

Beginning balance on 3/1	$1,848.10
Deposits/Credits	25.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 0.00
Ending balance on 3/31	**$1,873.10**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,866.64

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

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TWA Memo Activity Summary: 3/19/2020 Thru 4/15/2020

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
3/19/2020		Don Spvak Jr	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
3/19/2020		Don Spvak	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$0.00		$0.00	$0.00

Account Balance	$1,893.10	Activity Totals	$0.00	$0.00
Checking	$1,873.10	Difference	$0.00	
Cash on Hand	$20.00			

Monday, April 13, 2020 Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV Page 1 of 1

Club Jacket info thanks to Jim Munley:


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SILVER REFLECTIVE TAPE
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