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June 18, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on June 18, 2020 at the Schroeder's Family Farm. 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville, PA. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present:

WY3K, KB2MXV, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB3AYY, WA3WIJ, N3OGG, N3HHH, KA3FUL, KC3PJJ, KB3VXB, & K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE

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

1. KA3FUL
2. KB3FET

To accept the minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See attachment(s)

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

1. KB3AYY
2. N3OGG

To accept the Treasurer's report for June 18, 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. 30 members are paid for the 2020. 9 unpaid.**

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Field Day 2020 update: Members feel that TWA could have a Field Day, you are asked to bring your own food. A turkey was donated. There was talk about KB3CFV having breakfast on Sunday. N3HHH, KB3AYY, and K3KAP will bring camping equipment. N3HHH will bring potato salad, KB3FET said he will bring Barbecue. There will be 3 or 4 stations working. Members are encouraged to work different radios if they want to work different bands.
Also, breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month was discussed. After a discussion, we will try for the 1st Sunday in August. Karen, K3KAP will send an email out as we get closer to August.

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

N3RZI sent an email out about needing an assistant Emergency Coordinator. Karen, K3KAP participated in a scaled down EC Event. She said she used WinLink in the exercise. There will be another exercise in September. There is an advanced Skywarn Training coming up. If you have the basic training you are encouraged to sign up. The training is online.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Update on grants: Nothing to report.

VE Session: WY3K

There were 9 candidates and they all passed.
VE's that attended, K3KAP, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, and KB3FET

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	155		

Date	Check-In's Started at 8:00PM	NET Ended	Total
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
April 21st	KB3AYY, KB2MXV, W3TKR, N3OGG, N3TQM, N3JJD, KC3NPG, KC3CRS, KA3HYC, KC3DDY, KB3VXB, WB2JAY, KA3FUL, N3TVV, N3TB, WR1B, N3MBX, KB3FET, Net Control	8:31	18
April 28th	N3JJD, KB3GTY, WB2JAY, KA3FUL, KB3VXB, KC3CRS, N3TB, KB3AYY, KB2MXV, KA3HYC, WR1B, WB3IOS, N3OGG, KC3MLI, KB3FET, Net Control	8:38	15
May 5th	KB3AYY, WB2JAY, KB3GTY, KC3NWN, KC3CRS, KC3NPG, KACHYC, N3JJD, N3OGG, KB3VXB, KB3DTC, WR1B, N3TB, K3SRB, KC3DDY, KACFUL, KC3OBY, KB3RFF, KA3DVA, KB3ZG, KB2MXV, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:47	22
May 12th	KB3GTY, WB2JAY, KC3NPG, W3TKR, N3HJJD, N3TVV, WR1B, KB3AYY, KA3HYC, KC3NWN, KB2MXV, N3RZI, N3TB, KA3FUL, KA3PVA, KB3VXB, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:33	17
May 19th	WB2JAY, KA3PVA, N3TB, KA3HYC, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, W3BAS, KC3NWN, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:17	9
May 26th	KB3GTY, KC3NPG, KC3NWO, N3JJD, WR1B, KA3PBA, K3KAP, W3BAS, KC3DBY, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:28	10
June 2nd	KC3NPG, KB3GTY, KB3VXB, WB2JAY, N3TB, W3BAS, N3JJD, K3KAP, KC3CRS, KC3OBY, WR1B, KB3AYY, KB3FET, Net Control	8:26	13
June 9th	No Report, repeater not working		0
June 16th	N3HHH, KB3GTY, K3NPG, KB3VXB, KA3PVA, KB2MXV, W3BAS, KC3CRS, KC3NWN, KA3HYC, N3JJD, K3KAP, KC3PVY, WR1B, N3OGG, KC3BVR,	8:42	20

	W3ERH, WB3ANT, AC3CM, KB3FET, Net-Control		
June 23rd			
June 30th			
July 7th			
July 14th			
		Total	155

If you have a minute or two, tune in to 145.370 at 8PM. Jim would love to hear from you.

On the last Tuesday of the month TWA will host the Schuylkill County ARES Net on there repeater system. June 30th will be our first.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

July's NET Control Operators are:

July 1st: K3TE

July 8th: KC3CRS

July 15th: WY3K

July 22nd: KB3AYY

July 29th: KB2MXV

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	50
May	4	56
June	4	41
July	5	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	268

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET:

Nothing to report

Application for Regular Membership: K3TE

Mason Thurs, KC3PJJ – After a discussion, on a motion by:

1. KA3FUL
2. KB3AYY

To accept him into the organization. Motion passed.

Technical Committee -KB2MXV

1. Update on Carbon County Airport repeater site: nothing to report
2. Update on 220-repeater at Mountain Valley: repeater is up and running.
3. Update on moving 27-repeater: on hold right now.
4. Update on painting and tree branch removal on Mountain Valley – Painting was done on June 14th by KB2MXV. K3TE will get up there and do some brush removal.
5. ARCC update for Tamaqua – The PL has officially been changed to 131.8
6. ARCC update for Pottsville- we were put on a waiting list. We will be using 147.195 with a plus 600KHz plus offset and a PL of 131.8.
7. Packet would be installed on the 27-repeater site. Karen K3KAP and Ed KB3AYY will be in touch.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV
Added ARES NET information on our homepage.

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV
None at this time.

Coffee Klatch NET
Final report: 57 check-ins', thank you Rich for running this NET.

Old Business & Correspondence:
1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV
2. Advertising at local business – ARRL handouts – when school resumes.
3. Work party update – a lot of work has been completed at the grove. Now, the Mountain Valley site needs to be looked at. There is a work party scheduled for 9:30AM for Friday June 19th. KB2MXV, KB3AYY, and N3HHH said they would be available to work. The plan is to reinforce the guywire anchors, paint, and remove brush near them. Frank KB2MXV said he completed painting the wood support and metal boxes that house the repeater system there. See attached photos.
4. Insurance has been paid on Mountain Valley.

New Business:
1. Trailer update: there was a discussion if we should keep the trailer or take it to the dump. After a discussion, it was recommended that we offer the land owner the trailer first. If he does not want it. We would move the trailer to Zaprazny's junk yard.

    Motion by:

    1. N3OGG
    2. KB3FET

    Motion passed.

Good for the Order:
1. Schuylkill ARES NET Tuesday 8PM – 145.370
2. On the last Tuesday of the month, the ARES NET is on TWA system
3. TWA Roundtable NET Wednesday 8PM
4. Looking for NET Control Operators. You will only work once a month!
5. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 16th, Thursday 7PM (virus permitting.) at Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road, Barnesville

With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:20PM by:

1. N3OGG
2. WA3WIJ

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Treasury Report:

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 5/1	$1,916.10
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 155.41
Ending balance on 5/31	**$1,760.69**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,884.08

Account number: **8404743810**
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Updated report

TWA Account Activity Summary: 5/21/2020 Thru 6/17/2020

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
5/21/2020		ARRL Insurance	Equipment Insurance	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$165.41
5/21/2020		USPS	Post Office Box - 1 Year	General Fund	$0.00	$63.00
5/21/2020		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Donation	General Fund	$63.00	$0.00
6/5/2020		M&S True Value	Mountain Valley Maintence	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$50.85
6/6/2020		General Fund	Donation	General Fund	$5.00	$0.00
				Activity Totals	**$68.00**	**$279.26**
				Total Difference		($211.26)

	$0.00
General Fund	$854.40
Repeater Fund	$920.44
Account Balance	$1,774.84
Checking	$1,699.84
Cash on Hand	$75.00

Radio Test on June 6th 2020









