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July 16, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on July 16, 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, KC3CRS, K3KAP, KB3FET, N3HHH, KA3FUL, KC3PJJ, KB3AYY, and 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 June 18, 2020 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV (absent), read by K3TE

See attachment(s)

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

1. K3KAP
2. KC3CRS

To accept the Treasurer's report for July 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. 32 members are paid for the 2020. 9 unpaid.**

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast on August 2nd: Karen said that she would like to have our August breakfast at Mountain Valley. She will ask Ron KB3CFV if he would like to cook. An email would go out to see if anyone would be interested. A nominal fee would be charged for the food and supplies

Field Day 2020 report: Karen said Field Day was a huge success given the current circumstances. We had over 100 contacts and over 300 points that were submitted to ARRL.

Also, DX Engineering is offering a virtual Hamfest July 25th see their website for more info. ARRL will also do a virtual Hamfest on August 8th and 9th see their website for more info.

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

N3RZI updated the preamble to include TWA for the last Tuesday of the month. The acting EC George Miller sent an email out about a webinar on DMR.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim gave his report on the update on Avenues. No word on money being released. We are in a wait and see.
Tom did hear back from the PPL Grant. We were denied. See below.

"Thank you for submitting your sustaining grant request to the PPL Foundation this spring.

Unfortunately, we received many more worthwhile requests for support than we can accommodate. This required us to make hard choices.

Your Sustaining Grants to PPL Foundation has been declined.

Organization Name: Tamaqua Wireless Association Inc.
Project Title: Mountain Valley Repeater (Request ID: 59779533) Requested Amount: $8,000.00

Please continue to persevere in your efforts. Your initiative and drive are truly commendable."

VE Session: WY3K

Next test session will be held on August 1st. Possibly at the Tamaqua Community Pool.

According to the borough's web page, they are closed to the public due to Covid-19.

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	

Bill said he would reach out to the borough and see if we are allowed in the meeting room. If not, he will ask for the community pool pavilion and will update ARRL ASAP.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Totals 2020			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
112	188	26	

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, W3ERH, WB3ANT, AC3CM, KB3FET, Net-Control	8:42	20
June 23rd	KB3AYY, KB2MXV, N3RZI, N3OGG, N3HHH, W3TKR, KA3HYC, KB3VXB, KA3PVA, N3JJD, KC3OBY, WR1B, KC3NWN, K3KAP, KB3GGH, N3TVV, KB3GTY, KC3PJJ, KB3FET, Net- Control	8:42	19
June 30th	1. KB3VXB Frank in Hegins on the 39 repeater. 2. N3HHH Andy in Minersville on the 16 repeater. 3. N3JJD John in Gordon on the 39 repeater. 4. N3OGG Frank in Tamaqua on the 27 repeater. 5. KB3AYY Ed in Tamaqua on the 49 repeater. 6. KB3FUL Gary in Pottsville on the 39 repeater. 7. KC3NWN Jim in Schuylkill Haven on the 27 repeater. 8. K3TE Tom in New Ringgold on the 27 repeater. 9. W3OFD Rich in Barnesville on the 775 repeater. 10. WY3K Bill in West Penn on the 27 repeater. 11. N3TVV Eric in Jim Thorpe on the 27 repeater. 12. KC3NPG Tom in Hometown on the 49 repeater. 13. KC3NWO Tara in Hometown on the 49 repeater. 14. KB2MXV Frank in Barnesville on the 775 repeater. (Net Control Station)	8:30	14
July 7th	KB3GTY, KB2MXV, N3HHH, N3JJD, KC3CRS, N3OGG, KC3NWN, KC3OBY, WR1B, KB3AYY, W3BAS, KC3NPG, K3KAP, KB3FET Net-Control	8:34	14
July 14th	KB3GTY. KC3CRS. N3OGG. KB3VXB. N3JJD, K3TE, KC3PPJ. KC3OBY. KC3NWN. W3OFD. KC3PIW. KB3FET. (Net Control)	8:21	12
		Total	214

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 their repeater system. June 30th will be our first.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

August's NET Control Operators are:

August 5th: K3TE

August 12th: KC3CRS

August 19th: K3KAP

August 26th: KB3AYY

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	35
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	303

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET:

Nothing at this time

Application for Regular Membership: K3TE

None

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. Update on Carbon County Airport repeater site: nothing at this time
2. Packet update: nothing at this time
3. A different tone us put on Hegins input to Mountain Valley. K3TE
4. 27 linking radio had some issues, oxidation on the antenna in the shed. Checked SWR's not an issue.
5. MV is deaf, MXV and myself spent some time up at the site on Thursday July 9.
6. CRS and myself spent time up at MV on Sunday with a simplex radio.
7. K3TE gave a report on the repeater at Mountain Valley. After a discussion, on a motion by 1. K3TE and 2nd by K3KAP to purchase a Motorola MTR2000 for $575 and a programming cable from North Comm Technologies for $164. 7 Yeas, 1 No, and 1 abstain. Motion passed.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

None at this time

Old Business & Correspondence:

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV
2. Advertising at local business – on hold due to current circumstances.
3. Update on moving trailer to Zaprazny's Junk Yard? N3OGG was supposed to look into this, he was absent. KC3CRS said he will ask the owner if he wants the trailer or remove it.

New Business:

1. Ed asked if the club would help out with an APRS search and rescue demonstration with the Tamaqua Rescue Squad. Members present had no issues as long as the land owner approved. Ed will look into this and report back in August.

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 August 20th, Thursday 7PM at Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road, Barnesville or online.

With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:11PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. KB3FET

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 6/1	$1,750.69
Deposits/Credits	7.50
Withdrawals/Debits	- 50.85
Ending balance on 6/30	**$1,707.34**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,709.87

Account number: **8404743810**
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Pennsylvania account terms and conditions apply
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Routing Number (RTN): 031000503
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