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August 20, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on August 20, 2020 at the Schroeder's Family Farm. 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville, PA. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

The following members were present:

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB2MXV, KC3PJJ, KA3FUL, N3HHH, N3OGG, KB3AYY, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3TE

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

1. N3HHH
2. N3OGG

To accept the minutes of the July 16, 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. KC3CRS
2. N3OGG

To accept the Treasurer's report for August 20, 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 for August put on hold. September 12th, 12 noon. Family Picnic at the Grove. MXV will bring hotdogs and hamburgers, FET will bring BBQ, HHH will bring pretzels and chips. Karen, K3KAP will send an email out.

ARES County EC: KC3CRS

K3KAP reported that AERS will be doing their simulated drill.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Update on Schuylkill County Grant: Jim gave a report.

VE Test Sessions for 2020		
Month	Time	Location
~~April 4th~~	9AM	Tamaqua pool. AKA Bungalow.
~~June 6th~~	9AM	
~~August 1st~~	9AM	
October 3rd	9AM	

VE Session: WY3K

On August 1st there was 3 people that took the test. The test was moved to the Tamaqua Community Pool:

1. Patrick Sikorsky, Lehighton, upgraded to General Class- KC3PJG
2. Richard Gallageher, Kempton, Technician Class- KC3PTX
3. Thomas Mayka, Mountain Top Technician Class- KC3PHS

VE's for the test session: WY3K, K3KAP, N3OGG, KB3FET, and K3TE. See picture at the end.

There is a very good possibility November 7th will need to be moved. The borough will not be available to us. After a discussion, the November 7th date was changed to October 3rd. Bill will make the changes with ARRL.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Totals 2020			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
112	188	85	

Date	Check-In's Started at 8:00PM	NET Ended	Total
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
July 21st	KB3GTY, N3OGG, N3JJD, KB3VXB, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, W3BAS, KC3NWN, KB3AYY, WR1B, KC3NPG, KC3PTS, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:18	13
July 28th	N3HHH, KA3FUL, KB2MXV. KB3GTY, N3OGG, KC3NWN, N3JJD, WRIB, KC3CRS, W3TKR, KC3PJJ, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:19	12
August 4th	KB2MXV, KB3AYY, N3OGG, N3HHH, N3JJD, KC3NWN, WR1B, KC3CRS, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:13	9
August 11th	KB2MXV, N3OGG, W3BAS, N3JJD, WR1B, KC3OBY, KB3GTY, K3TE, KB3VXB, KC3CRS, KC3NPG, KB3AYY, KB3FET, (Net Control) – Silent Key WB3DYE	8:36	13
August 18th	KB3GTY, KB2MXV, KC3PJJ, KC3CRS, N3OGG, N3HHH, KC3NWN, N3JJD, W3BAS, KC3OBY, WR1B, KB3VXB, KC3NPG, KB3KVV, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:25	15
August 25th			
September 1st			
September 8th			
September 15th			
September 22nd			
September 29th			
October 6th			
October 13th			
		Total	85

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.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

September's NET Control Operators are:

September 2nd: K3TE

September 9th: KC3CRS

September 16th: WY3K

September 23rd: KB3AYY

September 30th: K3KAP

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	46
August	4	16
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	330

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET:

September 9th will be the next HF NET, KC3CRS will be NET control after our Roundtable NET

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

Nothing at this time.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. Update on Carbon County Airport repeater site: We were approved for installing a repeater near the airport. Certificate of Insurance needs to be sent before anything can happen. KB2MXV will contact our insurance carrier.
2. Packet update: Nothing at this time.
3. Update on Mountain Valley repeater: Repeater sent to NorthComm Technologies to see why the Arcom controller will not communicate to the MTR2000.
4. Update on Tamaqua repeater: Frank will try to get in Monday to see if the Tx radio or Amplifier is bad.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up-to-date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

None in the next 90 days.

Old Business

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 KC3CRS: After a discussion, members present decided to call the junk yard and see if they will take it. If so, Ed, KB3AYY will dispose of it.
4. Search and Rescue with the Tamaqua Rescue Squad, KB3AYY: Possibly September 19th at the grove.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Reimburse N3OGG $50.00 for the repairs done to trailer. Motion by
    a. KB3AYY and 2nd by N3HHH
2. An informal Zoom meeting was held on July 23rd at 7:17PM. Members present, WY3K, KC3CRS, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB3AYY, and K3TE. KB3AYY gave a report on a 70' tower and hardline available that might be purchased at a reasonable price. He will report back. Meeting ended at 7:46PM
3. Our next meeting is September 17th. After a discussion, on a motion by N3OGG and 2nd by KB3FET to change our regular meeting to the Family Picnic date. Our last meeting at the Grove will be Thursday September 12th. This will be the Family Picnic and monthly meeting. The Fall and Winter meetings will be on Zoom until further notice.
4. Work party to pack the grove up for the winter date: Will be determined at the September meeting.
5. Tower from Orwigsburg, KB3AYY: Ed gave an extensive report on the tower.

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 the 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 September 17th, 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. KB3FET
2. KB3AYY

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 7/1	$1,707.34
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 803.30
Ending balance on 7/31	**$804.04**
Average ledger balance this period	$1,396.38

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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TWA Account Activity Summary: 7/16/2020 Thru 8/19/2020

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
7/17/2020		Northcomm Technologies	Mountain Valley Repeater Equipment	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$183.30
7/17/2020		Sunny Communications	Mountain Valley Repeater Equipment	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$620.00
8/2/2020		Dean Delfranco - N1HNM	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
				Activity Totals	**$25.00**	**$803.30**
				Total Difference		($778.30)

	$0.00
General Fund	$891.90
Repeater Fund	$117.14
Account Balance	$1,009.04
Checking	$929.04
Cash on Hand	$80.00

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV Page 1 of 1

Behind the masks are from left to right, Karen K3KAP, Jim KB3FET, Tom K3TE, Frank N3OGG, and in the back Bill WY3K

