TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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November 19, 2020

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on November 19, 2020 online using the Zoom platform provided by Kelly Boerner. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present for our meeting and Picnic:

WY3K, KC3CRS, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB2MXV, WA3JDQ, N3JDD, KB3AYY, KB3ASZ, WA3WIJ, N3OGG, KC3PJJ, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. W3OFD
2. KB2MXV

To accept the minutes of the October 15, 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. K3KAP
2. W3OFD

To accept the Treasurer's report for October 15, 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. 37 members are paid for the 2020.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

The following members attended the Boy Scout's Jamboree on Saturday October 17th 2020. WY3K, K3KAP, KB3CFV, and K3TE.
A report along with pictures is at the end of these minutes.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

The Finance Committee met on October 26th at Moyer Instruments to discuss the upcoming budget for 2021. Present was KB3FET, KB2MXV, WY3K, and K3TE. The meeting started at 4:55PM and ended at 6:15PM. A copy of the budget is at the end of these minutes.

Comments on the 2021 budget:

VE Session: WY3K

On October 17, we had 5 Boy Scout's and 2 Scout Leaders pass their Technician test. VE's present: WY3K, K3KAP, KB3CFV, and K3TE. A District representative from the Boy Scouts was there and he liked what we did and will check with other scout's in the area to see if they want to test for their Amateur Radio License.

VE Test Sessions for 2021 ***These dates are tentative and dependent on Covid-19 update***		
Month	Time	Location
April 3rd	9AM	Tamaqua community pool. AKA Bungalow.
June 5th	9AM	
August 7th	9AM	
November 6th	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Totals 2020			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
112	188	162	69

Date	Check-In's Started at 8:00PM	NET Ended	Total
October 5th	KC3NWN, KB2MXV, W3BAS, N3OGG, N3SUR, WR1B, KC3CRS, W3MEL, W3TKR, KB3VXB, KC3PJJ, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:28	12
October 12th	KB3GTY, W3BAS, N3NWN, KB3AYY, KB3VXB, N3OGG, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:23	7
October 19th	KB3GTY, N3TQM, KB3AYY, N3JJD, KC3NWN, KC3PWR, W3BAS, N3OGG, WR1B, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:17	10
October 26th TWA	K3TE, KB3VXB, W3TKR, N3HHH, KC3CRS, WY3K, KB3AYY, KC3NWN, K3KAP, N3JJD, KB3FET, KB2MXV (Net Control)	8:25	12
November 3rd	KB3GTY, WR1B, W3TKR, KC3CRS, KC3OVY, N3JJD, KB3VXB, N3OGG, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:18	9
November 10th	KB3GTY, N3HHH, KA3FUL, KB3VXB, N3JJD, KC3NWN, WR1B, W3BAS, N3OGG, KC3PPB, KB3AYY, N3TVV, KB3FET (Net Control)	8:31	13
November 17th	N3TQM, N3JJD, KC3NWN, N3TVV, KA3FUL, KB3FET, (Net Control)	8:14	6
November 24th TWA			
December 1st			
December 8th			
December 15th			
December 22nd			
December 29th TWA			
January 5th 2021			
January 12th 2021			
		Total	69

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

December's NET Control Operators are:

December 2nd: K3TE

December 9th: KC3CRS

December 16th: KC3NPG

December 23rd: KC3NWO

December 30th: W3OFD

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	32
September	5	47
October	4	48
November	4	41
December	5	
Total	52	482

HF NET follows the Roundtable NET:

Nothing at this time

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

William Vogler II – WA3JDQ, Bill is from Texas, moved to PA recently and helped out with the Jamboree on the Air in October. Bill said he would like to help with licensing, assist in VE sessions, and present to the club on tech nights. Bill currently lives in Owl Creek.

Motion to accept Bill, WA3JDQ as a member, 1st KB3FET 2nd by KB2MXV Motion passed.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley update**: thanks to a grant from the Snayberger's we were able to upgrade our power supply to a Samlex SEC 80BRM. The new power supply replaces the aging DuraComm power supply. The new Samlex provides up to 80 amps of current. The old power supply was only capable of 25 amps. Also, the new power supply has battery backup. Because of the new power supply Bill, WY3K had to upgrade the AC outlet and the fuse to 20 amps.
2. **New Ringgold update** – We need to meet with the West Penn Township and see what we could come up with a site.
3. **Tamaqua update** – we still need to get in there and adjust the potentiometers
4. **Pottsville update** – Supplies for this repeater have been ordered. Frank has been in contact with the installer and the owner of the property. We are hoping to have this repeater online by end of December
5. **Carbon Site** – I would like to visit the Carbon County Commissioners to see if they could help us out with funding a repeater.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

None at this time

Old Business

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV, ongoing
2. Grove update – We would like to thank Tom KC3CRS, Frank KB2MXV, and Bill WY3K for cleaning up the grove and getting the grove ready for winter. Hopefully, we have a mild winter and we can get back there in April.
   KC3CRS – we will need to look into replacing the lawn mower (tractor) next year. Picnic tables put away, should last for another year. We need a new tarp. The son took over the grove. We need to talk to him for any items we need to do.
3. Boy Scouts Jamboree on the air update – see report at the end of the minutes
4. Letters to members about dues for 2021 along with monetary and/or equipment donations.
5. Update on FCC licensing fees, WY3K – Nothing new, ARRL is looking for help from members about the increase in fees proposed by FCC.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Update from Pottsville, KB2MXV – Duplexer will be here on Tuesday, the controller will be here hopefully next week.
2. Election of officers for 2021
   a. President – WY3K
   b. Vice President – KC3CRS
   c. Treasurer – KB2MXV
   d. Activities – K3KAP
   e. Public Relations – KB3FET
   f. Secretary – K3TE

   With no objections, officers are elected for another year.
3. Christmas Party has been cancelled this year. I sent an email to Melanie at the train station.
4. Thank You, cards will be sent to Snayberger, and County Commissioners this month.
5. Liability Insurance, KB2MXV – $200 club insurance needs to be paid. After a discussion on a motion by N3OGG and 2nd by KB2MXV to pay the club liability insurance. Motion passed.
6. Certificates of Insurance need to go to Tamaqua Borough, ABC High Rise, Avenues, Mountain Valley Golf Course, Carbon County Airport Authority, Schroeder Family Farm.
7. We have to be consistent with the ARES NET – TWA is the last Tuesday of the Month. KC3CRS will be the backup for KB3FET.

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 December 17th Thursday 7PM online.

With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:10PM by:

1. KB2MXV
2. W3OFD

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Bank Statement

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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☑ IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

We're making important changes to the terms and conditions of several of our accounts. If these changes affect you, a detailed message is included below your transaction detail for each impacted account.

Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 10/1	$1,543.41
Deposits/Credits	10,590.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 3,553.29
Ending balance on 10/31	**$8,580.12**
Average ledger balance this period	$3,141.68

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

For Direct Deposit use
Routing Number (RTN): 031000503

For Wire Transfers use
Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

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Treasurer's Report

TWA Account Activity Summary: 10/15/2020 Thru 11/18/2020

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
10/19/2020		ARRL Insurance	Equipment Insurance	General Fund	$0.00	$23.93
10/21/2020		Tom Hoban - KC3NPG	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
10/21/2020		Tara Hoban - KC3NWO	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$15.00	$0.00
10/21/2020		Bob Bloor - KC3IYX	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
10/21/2020		Willaim Vogler II - WA3JDQ	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
10/21/2020		Willaim Vogler II - WA3JDQ	2020 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
10/27/2020		Arcomm Controller	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$443.71
10/27/2020		Pottsville Repeater Fund	Grant	Repeater Fund	$10,500.00	$0.00
10/27/2020		Northcomm Technologies	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$173.90
10/27/2020		Ham Radio Outlet	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$561.00
10/27/2020	1021	TeleWave	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$1,638.14
10/27/2020		North Georgia Communications	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$2,350.00
10/31/2020		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Donation - Tangible	Tangible Donation	$17.15	$0.00
10/31/2020		Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Donation - Tangible	Tangible Donation	$13.77	$0.00
10/31/2020		Tesco	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$1,880.97
11/6/2020		ARRL Insurance	Liability Insurance	General Fund	$0.00	$200.00
11/8/2020		Walmart	Christmas Cards	General Fund	$0.00	$38.80
11/16/2020		TeleWave	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$65.00
				Activity Totals	**$10,620.92**	**$7,375.45**
				Total Difference		**$3,245.47**

General Fund	$703.54
Repeater Fund	$4,074.42
Account Balance	$4,777.96
Checking	$4,757.96
Cash on Hand	$20.00

Monday, November 16, 2020 — Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV — Page 1 of 1

Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air 2020 report.

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operators ham shack. Many times, you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee.

On October 17, 2020 members of the Tamaqua Wireless Association attended the Boy Scouts Jamboree at 141 Mountain Road in Tamaqua. 11 Boy Scouts were present along with 5 Scout Leaders

Members that attended were Bill, WY3K, Karen K3KAP, Ron KB3CFV, and Tom K3TE. The program started at 9AM with the members talking about Amateur Radio and how important it is to the community. Then we broke into groups, half went with Bill WY3K and Ron KB3CFV. They ran a Technician Class Introduction Class. The items covered were the requirements are for an Amateur Radio operator holding that class of license. The other half went with Karen K3KAP and Tom K3TE. They gave an introduction to soldering, safety, holding the iron, and general use of the soldering iron was discussed. The students then practiced their skills soldering resistors, capacitor, IC, and LED's to a circuit board. Upon completion, students swapped locations and the same was discussed.

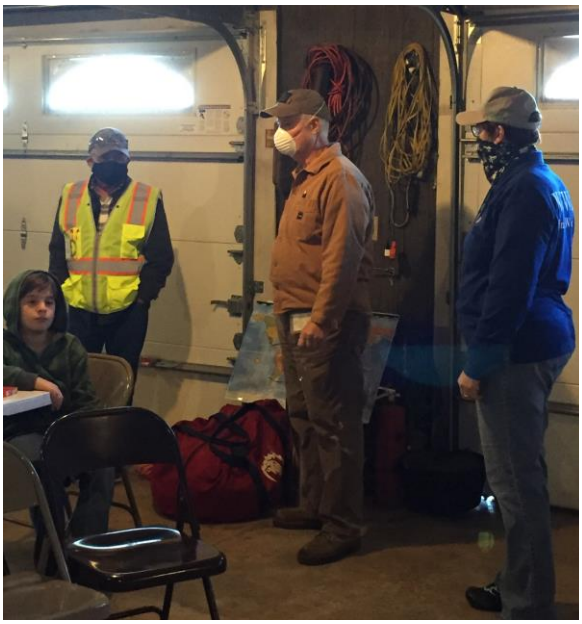
Prior to lunch the group spent two hours reviewing the Technician pool questions. Following lunch, the students that wanted to take the Technician test were given the opportunity. 5 Boy Scouts and 2 Scout Leaders were given the test and passed.

Tom K3TE requested that the leaders contact the Tamaqua Wireless Association when they get their licenses and we will then conduct another class for them on programming their radios, repeater etiquette, and general items on how to conduct themselves on the air. The class ended at 2:45PM.

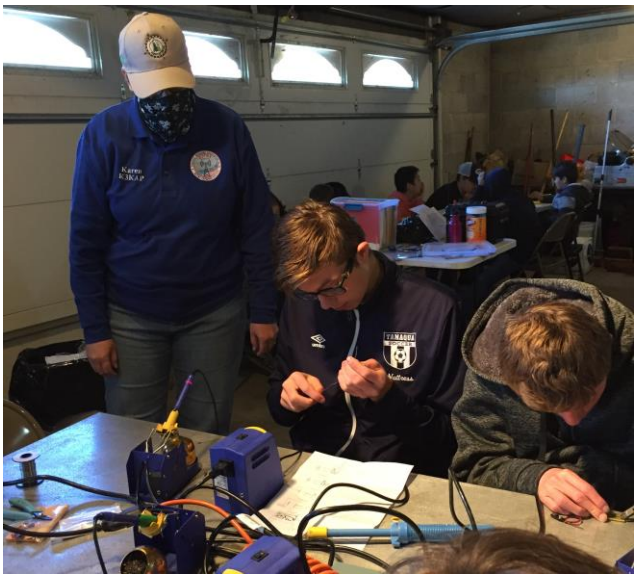
Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Lesisko
Secretary
Tamaqua Wireless Association

Jamboree on the Air 2020



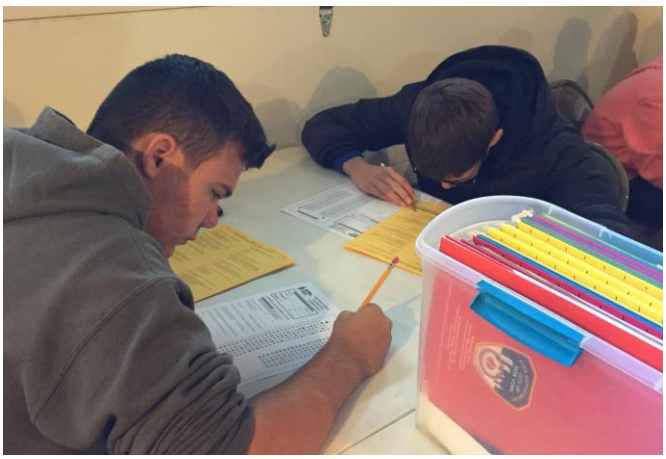
In the photo above, Bill WY3K is going over the introduction to Amateur Radio. Looking on is Karen K3KAP, and Ron KB3CFV and a Boy Scout

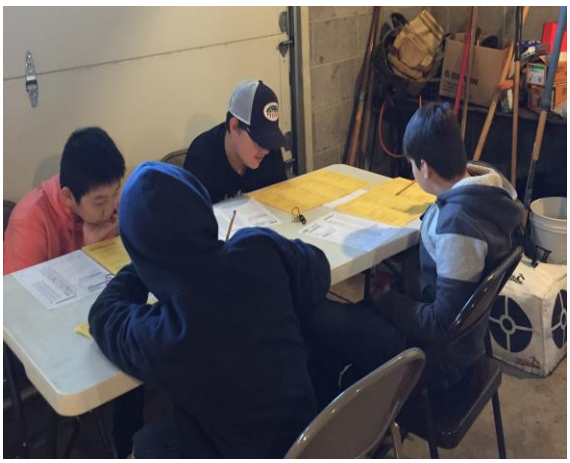


In the photo above, Scouts are working on soldering their project.



All the Boy Scouts along with Bill WA3JDQ getting instructions on taking the Technician Level Test.





In the above photo, various Scouts taking the Technician level test.



Tom K3TE, explaining how to solder



Scouts soldering their project.



