TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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February 18, 2021

OFFICERS:

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on February 18, 2021 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 the meeting:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, K3KAP, KB2MXV, KB3AYY, KB3ASZ, W3OFD, KC3RDI, N3OGG, W3PE, KC3PJJ, KC2MWJ N3JJD, WA3JDQ and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KB3AYY
2. W3OFD

To accept the minutes of the January 24, 2021 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. K3KAY
2. KB3AYY

To accept the Treasurer's report for January 24, 2021. Motion passed

The membership fee for 2021 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.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

QSO Today Ham Expo.com will be online this year.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Nothing at this time.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing at this time.

VE Session: WY3K

Nothing scheduled at this time.
Possible Boy Scouts testing soon. They will notify us and set something up. Maybe will be held at St. John's church or the Tamaqua Rescue Squad

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 Check-in's for 2021				
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total for 2021
83				83

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 5th	14	February 2nd	10	March 2nd	
January 12th	13	February 9th	7	March 9th	
January 19th	12	February 16th	11	March 16th	
January 26th	16	February 23rd		March 23rd	
				March 30th	

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

March's NET Control Operators are:

March 3rd: Mason, KC3PJJ

March 10th: Karen K3KAP

March 17th: JD N3JJD

March 24th: Tom, KC3NPG

March 31st: Tara, KC3NWO

Members are encouraged to check-in. You can find the list of repeater frequencies at www.w3twa.org.

Month 2021	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	4	59
February	4	47
March	5	
April	4	
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	106

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

1. John Bushar KC3RDI, regular membership:
    - He Would like to take part in Field Day
    - Help out with antenna crew
    - Help with the Halloween Parade

After a discussion, on a motion by: KB2MXV and 2nd by: N3OGG to accept John as a regular member.

. Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley update** – No issues at this time
2. **New Ringgold update** – Cut the gain back on the controller.
3. **Tamaqua update** – No issues at this time
4. **Pottsville update** – If the weather cooperates, hopefully soon.
5. **Carbon Site** – Ed, KB3AYY mentioned that he would like to make it a simplex repeater.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

KB3VXB April 19th due

Old Business

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV, ongoing
2. PPL Grant update K3TE – Submitted on 2/7/2021 for $4500.00. A new duplexer ($2000) for Mountain Valley and a new repeater ($2500) for Tamaqua

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Bears Head repeater location discussion – KB2MXV, tabled to next month
2. Boy Scout radio programming and radio etiquette class at St. John's Church – report at the end of the minutes
3. Christmas Party 2021 date and location? On a motion to book the train station N3OGG, KB2MXV Saturday December 11th 2 to 4PM
4. We were asked to attend the Boy Scouts Jamboree in October.
5. Received an email from John Matz.
6. DTMF codes going off during Net?
7. JD asked if TWA could use some mobile radios. The club agreed to take them off their hands.

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 Thursday March 18th 7PM online.

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

1. N3OGG
2. KB3AYY

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Bank Statement:

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 1/1	$3,962.70
Deposits/Credits	250.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 0.00
Ending balance on 1/31	**$4,212.70**

Account number: **8404743810**
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Pennsylvania account terms and conditions apply
For Direct Deposit use
Routing Number (RTN): 031000503
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Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

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Treasurer's Report

TWA Account Activity Summary: 1/21/2021 Thru 2/17/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
1/23/2021		Tom Lesisko - K3TE	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/25/2021		Kyle Snyder - KC3CRT	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/25/2021		Mason Thurs - KC3PJJ	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$15.00	$0.00
1/25/2021		Mason Thurs - KC3PJJ	Donation - Cash	Repeater Fund	$10.00	$0.00
2/4/2021		John Bushar - KC3RDI	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
2/14/2021		Ed Boerner - KB3AYY	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
				Activity Totals	**$125.00**	**$0.00**
				Total Difference		$125.00

General Fund	$760.21
Repeater Fund	$3,572.49
Account Balance	$4,332.70
Checking	$4,332.70
Cash on Hand	$0.00

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 — Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV — Page 1 of 1

Boy Scout Report:

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February 15, 2021

I was asked by Mike Graham from the Tamaqua Boy Scouts to provide some help with programming the Scouts radios and to go over some rules and regulations on how to use the radios.

Bill, WA3JDQ, Ed KB3AYY Bill WY3K, Frank KB2MXV, and Tom K3TE attended the Scout meeting at Saint John's Church on Tuesday February, 15th.

KB2MXV provided the programming for the radios and Bill, WY3K talked about radio etiquette. The Scouts asked questions and the rest of the staff helped out with how to use the radios. Below are some pictures of the event.

We were asked to help out with Jamboree on the Air again in October and we were told that there is more Scouts and Scout Leaders that would like to get their Amateur Radio License.

We would like to congratulate the following Scouts and Leaders for obtaining their license

1. Larry Bensinger – KC3QJE, Leader
2. Mike Graham – KC3QJG, Leader
3. Christopher Smith – KC3QJH, Scout
4. Thomas Graham KC3QJK, Scout
5. Grant Johns KC3QJI, Scout
6. Mason Derr KC3QJJ, Scout

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Lesisko
Secretary



In the above, Bill going over some general knowledge about amateur radio communications.



Above: Frank programming the radios.



To the left: Bill and Ed going over some radio