TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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March 18, 2021

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on March 18, 2021 online using the Zoom platform provided by Kelly Boerner. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PMPM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, K3KAP, KB2MXV, N3OGG, W3OFD, KB3ASZ, KB3AYY, KC3RDI, N3JJD, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3OGG
2. KB2MXV

To accept the minutes of the February 18, 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. KC3CRS
2. KC3RDI

To accept the Treasurer's report for February 18, 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.
An email will be sent to members behind in dues

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Field Day 2021- June 26th, K3KAP will be putting an email together about ordering supplies about
April – Opening the grove, KC3CRS will look into it. Possible first breakfast will be April 11th contact Karen K3KAP if interested.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Nothing at this time

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing at this time. Is Avenues up to date? - Yes

VE Session: WY3K

Nothing planned for now, still waiting for the Boy Scouts to contact us. Next months meeting, Bill will schedule a May test session at the Tamaqua Community Pool

VE Test Sessions for 2021 ***There are NO TESTS Scheduled at this time. Due to Covid-19. Stay tuned for updates***		
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
125				125

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 5th	14	February 2nd	10	March 2nd	11
January 12th	13	February 9th	7	March 9th	7
January 19th	12	February 16th	11	March 16th	9
January 26th	16	February 23rd	15	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

April's NET Control Operators are:

April 7th: Ed KB3AYY

April 14th: Kelly, KB3ASZ

April 21st: John, KC3RDI

April 28th: Tom, KC3CRS

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	70
March	5	51
April	4	
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	180

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

None at this time

. 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** – John Matz delivered the antenna to the high rise on 3/17. We need to install it now.
4. **Pottsville update** – The antennas were installed on Saturday March 6th. See pictures at the end of the minutes
5. **Carbon Site** – Ed, KB3AYY mentioned that he would like to make it a simplex repeater.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date. Put pictures on the web on the install at Pottsville

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

KB3VXB updated to 4/19/2031

Old Business

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV, ongoing
2. Bears Head location update: Use 2 CDM1250's, need controller, duplexer, link radio, link antenna.
3. Christmas Party 2021 December 11th 2PM to 4PM

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Hamvention is cancelled for 2021
2. Programming cable for Pottsville site – KB2MXV – Not at this time
3. Battery backup at Pottsville – KC3RDI will get prices on deep cycle marine batteries
4. Should we cut the Roundtable Net to 1 round? - Will stay two rounds
5. Consulting for possible GMRS and link repeater – KC3RDI talked about Reading Anthracite. The technical committee will help out their cause. Motion, KB2MXV and 2nd by K3KAP to provide technical help to Reading Anthracite. Motion passed.
6. Radio Donation from Fire Police – N3JJD, thank you card to…
7. VHF radio donation to KC3NPG – KB2MXV

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 April 15th 7PM online or at the grove?

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

1. KB3FET
2. KC3RDI

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 2/1	$4,212.70
Deposits/Credits	195.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 75.00
Ending balance on 2/28	**$4,332.70**

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 Memo Activity Summary: 2/18/2021 Thru 3/17/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
3/6/2021	1023	Don Spvak Jr	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$2,200.00
		Totals:	($2,200.00)		$0.00	$2,200.00
				Activity Totals	$0.00	$2,200.00
				Difference	($2,200.00)	

General Fund	$760.21
Repeater Fund	$1,372.49
Account Balance	$2,132.70
Checking	$2,132.70
Cash on Hand	$0.00

Pottsville Antenna Install: It was a long day on March 6th 2021. We were there from 9AM to 5:30PM.









