TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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April 15, 2021

OFFICERS:

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on April 15, 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, KB3AYY, WA3JDQ, KC3RDI, KC3RMV, W3OFD, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. W3OFD
2. KB3AYY

To accept the minutes of the March 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 March 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.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast April 11, - 8 members attended our first breakfast. Our next breakfast will be Sunday May 2nd at the White Birch Golf Course. 9AM.

Field Day is coming up. Karen, K3KAP will be sending an email out about ordering Field Day Swag.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

KC3CRS - Nothing at this time. FET said no drills coming up.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing for finance

VE Session: WY3K

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

As soon as Bill gets the dates available from the Rescue Squad meeting room Bill will put an email out.

Looking at May for the test.

VE Test Sessions for 2021 ***There are NO TESTS Scheduled at this time. Due to Covid-19. Stay tuned for updates***		
Month	Time	Location
May	9AM	Tamaqua Rescue Squad 19 Pine Street Tamaqua PA 18252

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
150	19			169

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 5th	14	February 2nd	10	March 2nd	11	April 6th	8
January 12th	13	February 9th	7	March 9th	7	April 13th	11
January 19th	12	February 16th	11	March 16th	9	April 20th	
January 26th	16	February 23rd	15	March 23rd	12	April 27th	
				March 30th	13		

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

May's NET Control Operators are:

May 5th: WY3K

May 12th: KC3CRS

May 19th: KC3RDI

May 26th: K3TE

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	84
April	4	32
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	245

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

1. William Wirtz (regular membership) – KC3RMV, General, lives in Mahanoy City, would like to help with antenna crew, Field Day, and Tamaqua Halloween Parade communications.
   Motion by: KC3RDI and 2nd by KC3CRS.
2. Jeremy Smoyer (regular membership) – KC3QLX, Technician, lives in New Ringgold (West Penn Township) would like to help with Scouting events.
   Motion by: W3OFD and 2nd byKB3AYY,

   Both motions passed.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley update** – No issues at this time
2. **New Ringgold update** – No issues at this time
3. **Tamaqua update** – John Matz delivered the antenna to the high rise on 3/17. Installation? Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday
4. **Pottsville update** – Controller was sent back to Arcom and the RF power was turned back on the amplifier.
5. **Carbon Site** – Ed, KB3AYYwork in progress

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date.

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

None

Old Business

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV, ongoing
2. Bears Head update:
3. Christmas Party 2021 December 11th 2PM to 4PM – Mark your calendar. We are booked!
4. Battery backup at Pottsville – KC3RDI will look in to it.
5. Letter emailed to JD thanking Schuylkill County Fire Police donation
6. Radio donation to KC3NPG – KB2MXV?

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Crossbanding to other repeaters in the county, K3TE – We are not looking to crossband to any repeater without the membership approval.
2. PO Box fee – May, they put a notification in the PO Box
3. Work party for Grove opening – Saturday April 24 from 9:30AM until Noon. Sunday April 25th will be the rain date.
    a. Motion to pay for supplies for the grove 1. W3OFD 2. KC3RDI. Motion passed.

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 May 20th 7PM at**
   Schroeder's Family Tree Farm
   555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive
   Barnesville, PA 18214 – weather permitting…

With their being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:12PM by:

1. KC3RDI
2. KC3CRS

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Bank Statement:

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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Questions?

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☑ IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

The following dedicated text telephone/telecommunication device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) lines are being retired on March 5, 2021: 800-877-4833, 800-419-2265 and 800-600-4833. We accept relay-assisted calls, including calls from the 711 service, when customers call any Wells Fargo customer service toll-free phone number. Wells Fargo will continue to provide excellent service to our deaf or hard of hearing customers and customers with speech disorders.

Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 3/1	$4,332.70
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 2,229.10
Ending balance on 3/31	**$2,103.60**

Account number: **8404743810**
TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION
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: 3/18/2021 Thru 4/14/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
3/18/2021		Dean Padfield - KC3AMN	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
3/22/2021		Robert Pickett - KC3MIU	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
4/5/2021		William Wirtz Jr. - KC3RMV	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$18.75	$0.00
4/6/2021		Walter Brainer Jr. - KC3CEY	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
4/6/2021		Tom Hoban - KC3NPG	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
4/6/2021		Tara Hoban - KC3NWO	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$15.00	$0.00
4/11/2021		Andy Hitzel - N3HHH	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$133.75		$133.75	$0.00
4/6/2021		Tom Hoban - KC3NPG	Donation	Repeater Fund	$10.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$10.00		$10.00	$0.00
3/26/2021		USPS	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$29.10
		Totals:	($29.10)		$0.00	$29.10
				Activity Totals	$143.75	$29.10
				Difference	$114.65	

General Fund	$893.96
Repeater Fund	$1,353.39
Account Balance	$2,247.35
Checking	$2,222.35
Cash on Hand	$25.00