TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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May 20, 2021

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Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on May 20, 2021 at the Schroeder's Family Tree Farm. 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road Barnesville. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, KB2MXV, K3KAP, WA3JDQ, KB3AYY, KB3CFV, W3OFD, KC3PJJ, N3OGG, KC3RMV, KC3RWZ, KC3RDI, KA3FUL, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3OGG
2. KB3FET

To accept the minutes of the April 15, 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. W3OFD
2. KB3AYY

To accept the Treasurer's report for April 15, 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 May 2nd Report- KC3RDI, KC3CRS, and KB2MXV attended. Next month will be on June 6th 9AM at the White Birch Golf Course. Hope to see you there.

Field Day June 26th – more information to follow. There will be plenty of radios, food, and fellowship available. Karen will be sending out an email to see what you are bringing. Stay tuned…

KB3FET was asked to put a letter together to invite the county commissioners, support staff and John Matz for field day.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Bob sent an email out about having a class on Zoom to do the ARES Net.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim asked if he can have a report on what was spent on the Pottsville repeater. KB2MXV said he would get an email out to him. As a follow-up, an email was sent that same night.

VE Session: WY3K

We have a test session set up for this Saturday at the Tamaqua Rescue Squad at 9AM.

Bill said he will keep in contact with the borough. As soon as they give us permission to host the test there, he will book the room.

VE Test Sessions for 2021		
Month	Time	Location
May 22	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	64			216

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
April 6th	8	May 4th	7	June 1st		July 7th	
April 13th	11	May 11th	11	June 8th		July 13th	
April 20th	9	May 18th	8	June 15th		July 20th	
April 27th	12	May 25th		June 23rd		July 27th	
				June 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

June's NET Control Operators are:

June 2nd: Frank, KB2MXV

June 9th: Tom, KC3CRS

June 16th: Tara, KC3NWO

June 23rd: Tom, K3TE

June 30th: Mason, KC3PJJ

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	61
May	4	39
June	5	
July	4	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	313

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

None at this time.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley update** – No issues at this time. However, Frank KB3VXB said we have too much of a delay?
2. **New Ringgold update** – No issues at this time
3. **Tamaqua update** – Attempted to install the antenna, it needs to be pulled up the side of the building. Tony asked for an update on the antenna sitting at the high-rise. After a discussion, Monday May 24th, 4PM the antenna will be installed.
4. **Pottsville update** – No issues at this time. Gary had some issues with Pottsville, Ed, KB3AYY said he would look into it.

5. **Carbon Site** – Ed, KB3AYY, he tried it for a few days, was successful. KC3RDI said he could get a bucket truck and help install the antenna at the top. Ed was hoping to have AC at the site.

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. Bears Head update: Frank gave a report
3. Battery backup at Pottsville – KC3RDI.
4. Work party to spruce up the grove for our May meeting. Thank you to all that help get the grove ready for tonight's meeting – Special thank you to KC3CRS for making sure the grass is cut...

New Business & Correspondence:

1. PO Box fee – May, a notification in the PO Box. On a motion by N3OGG and 2nd by KB2MXV to pay the $64 fee for the year. Motion passed
2. Insurance, KB2MXV – on a motion to pay for our equipment insurance around $250. N3OGG and 2nd by K3KAP, motion passed.
3. Hamvention May 20th – 22nd – online this year.
4. Programming wire for Pottsville site around $30. Motion by KC3CRS and 2nd by 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 June 17th 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 8:07PM by:

1. KC3PJJ
2. WA3JDQ

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Treasures 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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 — Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV — Page 1 of 1