TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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June 17, 2021

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Minutes from the June Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on June 17, 2021 at the Schroeder's Family Tree Farm. 555 Tuscarora Mountain Road Barnesville. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KC3CRS, KB3FET, KB2MXV, K3KAP, KC3PJJ, WA3JDQ, KB3AYY, W3OFD, N3OGG, KC3RWX, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

To accept the minutes of the May 21, 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. KC3PJJ
2. KB3AYY

To accept the Treasurer's report for May 21, 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 June 6th Report- 10 people attended the breakfast on June 6th. It was nice to see a lot of people attending. Due to the July 4th holiday, the next breakfast will be held on July 11th at 9AM, White Birch Golf Course

Field Day June 26th – Approximately 13 people are planning on attending. We are setting up equipment on Friday June 25th from 5PM to 6PM. If you are available, we need to install a few HF antennas. There will be some hotdogs and hamburgers available after the install. Bring a drink for yourself.

Field Day will start with a VE Test session at 9AM. For lunch, we are planning on chicken, bake potato, and a vegetable. For supper, hotdogs, hamburgers, Bar-B-Que, and other fixings will round out the 5PM meal. If you are planning on attending, please bring a covered dish and liquid refreshments

As for radios, 5 to 6 radios will be used, our classification will be 5A -EPA, starts at 2PM and will go to late night. Plenty of equipment to work. Bring your lounge chair, water, etc. Plan on a long day.

Jim Munley, KB3FET delivered indentations to Schuylkill County officials. A copy of the invite is at the end of the minutes. Jim also notified the Pottsville Republican Newspaper.

On Sunday, Ron, KB3CFV is planning on a breakfast. Currently there are 5 people signed up.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

N3RZI is not in the area he won't be back until the 27th. Rich, W3OFD said he is taking a Zoom class on Win-link on Saturday June 19th

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report at this time.

VE Session: WY3K

Three people took the test

1. Dan Cook – KC3RWX upgraded to General Class
2. Bob Argust – KC3SFT passed his Technician Class
3. Gentleman from Lewisburg passed both his Technician and General Class test. Congratulations to all! Our next test will be on Field Day.

VE Test Sessions for 2021		
Month	Time	Location
May 22	9AM	Tamaqua Rescue Squad
June 26	9AM	Schroeder's Family Farm
August 8	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
November 1	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
150	93			225

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
April 6th	8	May 4th	7	June 1st	6	July 7th	
April 13th	11	May 11th	11	June 8th	5	July 13th	
April 20th	9	May 18th	8	June 15th	7	July 20th	
April 27th	12	May 25th	9	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

July's NET Control Operators are:

July 7th: K3TE

July 14th: KC3CRS

July 21st: KB3AYY

July 28th: KB2MXV

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	54
June	5	41
July	4	
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	369

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

1. Daniel Cook (KC3RWX) – General Class License, Dan lives in Pottsville, he would like to become a VE and help with test sessions, antenna crew, and help with the Tamaqua Halloween Parade.
2. Bob Argust (KC3SFT) – Technician License, Bob lives in Hometown, he would like to take part in Field Day, and other annual events, help with antenna crew, and assist in the Tamaqua Halloween Parade.
   After a discussion, on a motion to accept these two members was made by

   Motion 1: KB2MXV, Motion 2: KB3AYY Motion passed.

   Welcome Guys!

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley update** – No issues at this time. Vegetation control is needed at the site.
2. **New Ringgold update** – I had some trees removed, because of that I had to disconnect the hardline and the link antenna. We had an issue on May 30. There should be no problems now.
3. **Tamaqua update** – Antenna has been officially installed at the Tamaqua High Rise. We would like to thank John Matz for securing the money for the antenna. Photos are up on our Facebook page and are at the end of this report.
4. **Pottsville update** – No issues at this time.
5. **Carbon Site** – Ed, KB3AYY, not on line yet.

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

Nothing expiring soon

Old Business

1. Advertising on Cable – Community Bulletin Board: KB2MXV, ongoing
2. Bears Head update: report was given
3. Battery backup at Pottsville – KC3PJJ gave a report on deep cycle batteries. $95.99 is the cost on each. On a motion by KC3CRS and 2nd by K3KAP to purchase two batteries. Motion passed.
4. PO Box fee paid – KB2MXV
5. Insurance paid – KB2MXV
6. Programming cable for Pottsville – KB2MXV

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Received an email from Andrew McLuckie, W3ZW. He is the Eastern PA Youth Coordinator. He suggested we contact Boy Scouts and get them interested. I invited him to our next meeting and told him to check our November 2020 Minutes.

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 July 15th 7PM at
   Schroeder's Family Tree Farm
   555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive
   Barnesville, PA 18214 – incase of bad weather, we will meet at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA.

   ED, KB3AYY mentioned that there are two HamFests coming up.
   1. Fire Cracker HamFest, July 3rd
   2. Wilkes-Barre HamFest July 4th.

If you are interested in these you can contact Ed for more information. His email is eboerner@KB3AYY.com

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:09PM by:

1. KB3FET
2. W3OFD

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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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 5/1	$2,297.35
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 411.57
Ending balance on 5/31	**$1,886.78**

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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Treasures Report:

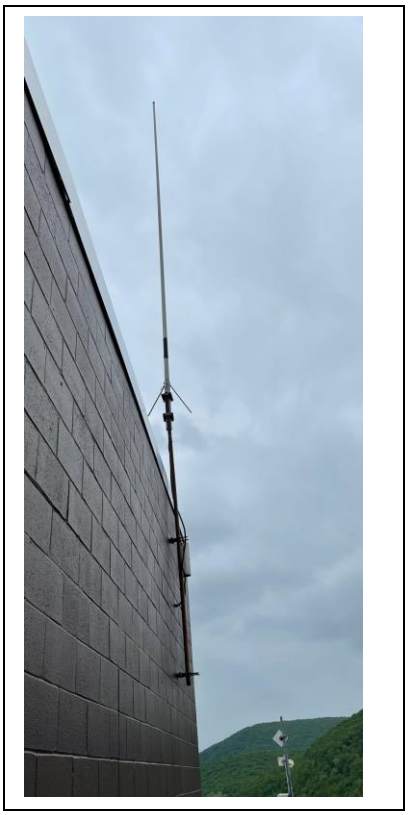
TWA Memo Activity Summary: 5/20/2021 Thru 6/16/2021

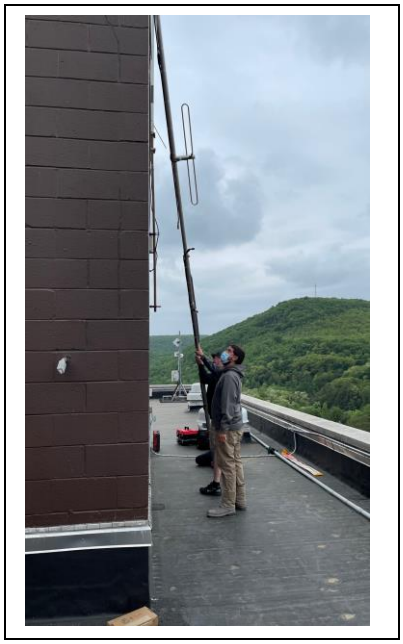
Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
6/6/2021		Daniel Cook - KC3RWX	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$18.75	$0.00
			Totals: $18.75		$18.75	$0.00
5/20/2021		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$32.00	$0.00
5/20/2021		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$68.64	$0.00
			Totals: $100.64		$100.64	$0.00
5/20/2021		ARRL Insurance	Equipment Insurance	General Fund	$0.00	$268.86
			Totals: ($268.86)		$0.00	$268.86
5/20/2021		Tom Smith - KC3CRS	Grove Maintence	General Fund	$0.00	$21.97
			Totals: ($21.97)		$0.00	$21.97
5/20/2021	1026	USPS	Post Office Box - 1 Year	General Fund	$0.00	$64.00
			Totals: ($64.00)		$0.00	$64.00
5/20/2021		Paypal	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$31.75
5/20/2021		Fromm	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$68.64
			Totals: ($100.39)		$0.00	$100.39
				Activity Totals	$119.39	$455.22
				Difference	($335.83)	

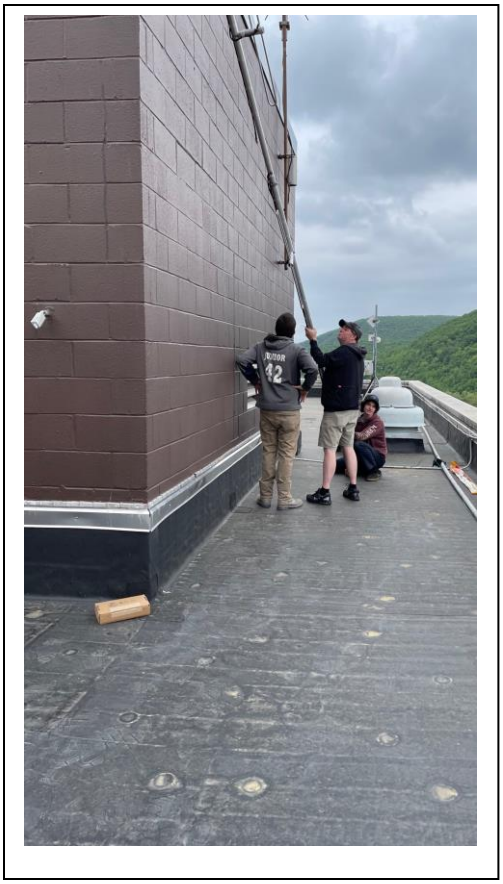
General Fund	$708.53
Repeater Fund	$1,253.00
Account Balance	$1,961.53
Checking	$1,904.53
Cash on Hand	$57.00

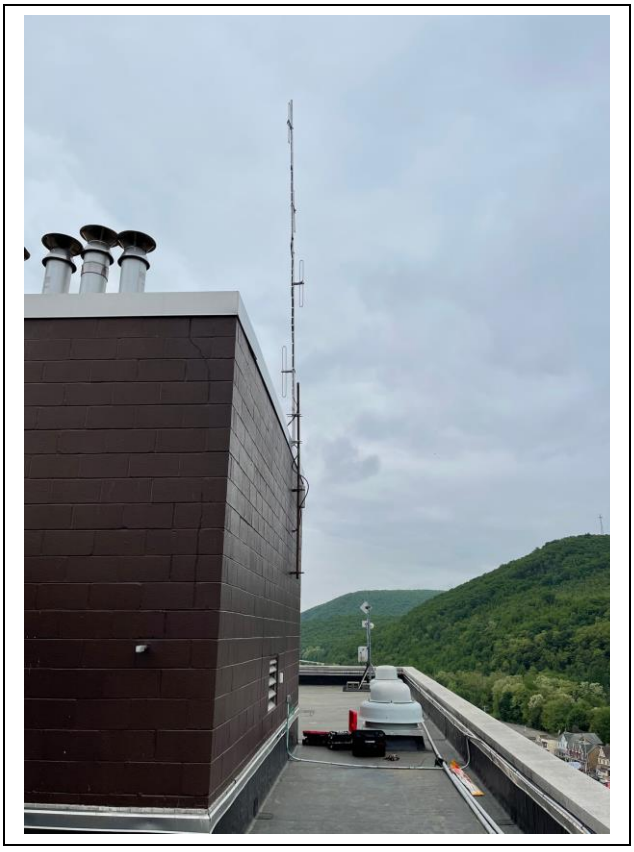
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High-rise Antenna Install – May 24, 2021









A Huge Thank You to the following:

TWA would like to thank John Matz for securing the funds needed to purchase the antenna.

TWA would like to thank Tony Fannock, Tony is the operations director for ABC High-rise building. Tony was instrumental in getting the antenna from the ground to the 16th floor for us.

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Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners

Re - Field Day

The Tamaqua Wireless Assoc. extends an invitation to you and Your family to our annual Field Day On Saturday and Sunday June 26, 27. Starting at 2:00 Pm Saturday and Ending AT 2:00 Pm Sunday. We will be using different modes of Communications, and we will Have food and Lite Refreshments. As Always we greatly appreciate you help and support of Amateur Radio.

Jim Munley

Public Information Officer