TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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July 15, 2021

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Minutes from the July Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on July 15, 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, K3KAP, WA3JDQ, KA3FUL, W3OFD, KC3RWX, KC3SFT, KB3KVV, KB3CFV, KC3SJZ, KB3AYY, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email. Corrections were made, a motion was made by:

1. KC3CRS
2. KB3AYY

To accept the minutes of the June 17, 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. WA3JDQ

To accept the Treasurer's report for June 17, 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 July 11th Report- 11 people attended the monthly breakfast. W3OFD, KB3KVV, KC3RWX, KB3AYY, N3HHH, N3LHM, KB3ASZ, Sage, KB3AYY, KB2MXV, and K3TE. Everyone had a nice time. Andy N3HHH said he will bring the coffee pot and Jim KB3FET will bring the ketchup. Our next breakfast will be August 1st, 9AM at White Birch GC

Field Day June 26th Wrap-Up – Field Day number of contacts and points info is on the last page. We had great weather (maybe a little warm) all weekend. The food was spectacular and bountiful. Thank you to all who cooked at the grove and brought food. We had three stations set up with multiple people running the radios including some young ones! We had newspaper coverage and a visit from the county Emergency Coordinator, John Matz. The Schroeder's stopped by for breakfast on Sunday. A big thank you to all who participated and if you weren't able to make it this year, I hope you can come in 2022.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Bob, N3RZI said he plans on putting a class together sometime in the fall. According to Jim, Bob will be getting in touch with our section manager, George Miller to see what should be in the class.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim Munley said that there was an ad in the Pottsville Republican about applying for grants, Jim will follow up on it.

VE Session: WY3K

June 26th – Field Day Test

1. Frank Nemeth from New Philadelphia (KC3SJZ) took his test and past the Technician level. Congratulations Frank!

VE Test Sessions for 2021		
Month	Time	Location
~~May 22~~	~~9AM~~	~~Tamaqua Rescue Squad~~
~~June 26~~	~~9AM~~	~~Schroeder's Family Farm~~
August 7	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
November 6	9AM	

The following VE's were present for Franks Test. Karen, K3KAP, and Jim, KB3FET. Thank you, volunteers! **TWA's next test will be August 8th 9AM at the Tamaqua Borough Hall.**

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	117	10		277

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
April 6th	8	May 4th	7	June 1st	6	July 6th	5
April 13th	11	May 11th	11	June 8th	5	July 13th	5
April 20th	9	May 18th	8	June 15th	7	July 20th	
April 27th	12	May 25th	9	June 23rd	11	July 27th	
				June 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

August's NET Control Operators are:

August 4th: WY3K

August 11th: KC3CRS

August 18th: K3TE

August 25th: KB3AYY

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	63
July	4	26
August	4	
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	417

Application for Regular Membership: KB2MXV

1. Jack Provizzi – KB3AGZ, Advanced License. Jack is from Beaver Meadows. He can assist in Field Day operations. He belongs to the Anthracite Repeater Association. After a discussion. Motion 1 by: KA3FUL and Motion 2 by: KC3CRS
2. Frank Nemeth – KC3SJZ, Technician License, Frank is from New Philadelphia. He would like to help and assist with VE test sessions. Motion 1 by: K3KAP and Motion 2 by: W3OFD
3. Derek DeCindio – KB3KVV, Technician License, Derek is from Tuscarora. He would like to help with Field Day, help with the Halloween Parade. Motion 1 by: KC3RWX, and Motion 2 by: WA3JDQ
   Motion passed on all the above. Welcome all to TWA!

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – No issues at this time. Vegetation control is needed at the site. A voting system was purchased by KB3AYY and will be installed in our system soon.
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – No issues at this time.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – we are looking to upgrade the site with an RF amplifier currently the output power is at 10 watts.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – No issues at this time. Derek mentioned using NoCo box from Amazon for the battery boxes.
5. **Carbon Simplex** – Ed, KB3AYY, Ed talked about the tower and what he would need to put an antenna on it.

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: nothing to report
3. Battery backup at Pottsville – K3TE, 2 105Ah Deep Cycle Marine Batteries were purchased. Hopefully they will be installed soon.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Advertising on our repeater system? DVR – If you are interested in amateur radio? Visit www.w3twa.org for more information. We would love to hear you on this radio
2. Received an email from PPL Grant Foundation. We were denied again this year. I will try again next year.
3. Received a letter from Walter Korab. "Newly Resurrected Ham Fest" September 26th. An email was sent to the membership
4. Email from Bill (executivecommittee@gmail.com)– Flag Counter – USA 3324, China 289, Hong Cong 48, Germany 37, Ireland 26, Russia 25, Canada 19, France 13, Britain 10, and Spain 9
5. Banner – KB2MXV has the banner and will get it to Karen, K3KAP
6. Jim Munley asked if he could setup a meeting with the County Commissioners at Avenues for pictures for some time in September. Jim was told to see when they can get together.

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 August 19th 7PM at
   Schroeder's Family Tree Farm
   555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive

Barnesville, PA 18214 – in case of bad weather, we will meet at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:11PM by:

1. KB3FET
2. KB3AYY

Motion passed

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Bank Statement:

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 6/1	$1,885.78
Deposits/Credits	252.75
Withdrawals/Debits	- 150.64
Ending balance on 6/30	**$1,987.89**

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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Treasurers Report:

TWA Memo Activity Summary: 6/17/2021 Thru 7/14/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
6/18/2021		Robert Argust - KC3SFT	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
6/20/2021		Karen Putt - K3KAP	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
6/27/2021		John Provizzi - KB3AGZ	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$20.00	$0.00
			Totals: $70.00		**$70.00**	**$0.00**
6/27/2021		Ronald Creitz - KB3CFV	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$107.00	$0.00
			Totals: $107.00		**$107.00**	**$0.00**
6/22/2021	1027	Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Field Day	General Fund	$0.00	$73.48
6/27/2021	1030	Tom Lesisko - K3TE	Field Day	General Fund	$0.00	$29.00
			Totals: ($102.48)		**$0.00**	**$102.48**
6/27/2021	1029	Mason Thurs - KC3PJJ	Grove Maintence	General Fund	$0.00	$16.38
			Totals: ($16.38)		**$0.00**	**$16.38**
6/25/2021	1028	Minersville Auto Parts	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$191.98
6/27/2021	1031	Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$31.78
			Totals: ($223.76)		**$0.00**	**$223.76**
				Activity Totals	**$177.00**	**$342.62**
				Difference	**($165.62)**	

General Fund	$766.67
Repeater Fund	$1,029.24
Account Balance	$1,795.91
Checking	$1,795.91
Cash on Hand	$0.00

Saturday, July 10, 2021 — Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV — Page 1 of 1

Field Day Pictures and Summary 2021:



In the photo to the right, Anna with portable radio, Alaina with the microphone, Alyssa looking over Mason's shoulder and Dad trying to copy the person on HF.

Below, Ron, KB3CFV working HF











Alyssa and Mason making the HF contacts on the top page. Bill, Tom, Frank, and Jim enjoying fellowship.

Summary

Entry received at: 2021-06-30 23:12:40 UTC

Submitted by: **KAREN A PUTT, K3KAP** E-mail: k3kap@yahoo.com

Call Used: **W3TWA** GOTA Station Call: **(NONE)** ARRL/RAC Section: **EPA** Class: **3A**

Participants: **20** Club/Group Name: **Tamaqua Wireless Assn**

Power Source(s): **Generator, Battery, Solar**

Power Multiplier: **2X**

Preliminary Total Score: 1,460

Bonus Points:

Bonus	Points	Status
100% emergency power	300	
Media publicity	100	File [Field day 2021 - Radio enthusiasts scan globe for messages.pdf] previously uploaded
Natural power QSOs completed	100	File [W3TWA NATURAL.dup] previously uploaded
Site visit by invited served agency	100	
Youth participation (2 x 20, max of 100)	40	
Social media	100	
Entry submitted via web	50	
Total bonus points	**790**	

Score Summary - Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: W3TWA.dup

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	38	39	181		
Total Points	76	78	181	**335**	**Claimed Score** = (QSO points x power mult) = **670**

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
Band	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	3	100			62	100
40m	24	100			75	100
20m	7	100	39	100	43	100
15m	4	100			1	100
10m						
6m						
2m						
222						
432						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA						
Total	**38**		**39**		**181**	

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