TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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August 19, 2021

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
Vice President: Tom Smith KC3CRS
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Activities Manager: Karen Putt K3KAP
Treasurer: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

TRUSTEES:	MISC. CONTACTS:
W3CMA: Jim Shellhamer KC3DXS	**Website Host:** Kevin Marchetti
W3TWA: Tom Lesisko K3TE	**Webmaster:** Frank D'Amato

Minutes from the August Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on August 19, 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, K3KAP, KB2MXV, N3OGG, WA3JDQ, KC3SOY, KC2MWJ, KC3SJZ, KB3KVV, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3OGG
2. KB3FET

To accept the minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See attachment(s)
Emails were sent to members in arears for 2021

If anyone wants to see the bank statement email me.
Motion was made by:

1. WA3JDQ
2. N3OGG

To accept the Treasurer's report for August 19, 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 August 1st Report- 13 people attended. A nice time was had by all. Our next breakfast will be September 5th, 9AM at White Birch GC

End of summer picnic: Saturday, September 11th 12 noon will be the regular business meeting followed by a family picnic. Karen, K3KAP will be sending an email out shortly. Please reply to her if you and your family are planning on attending.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Received an email from Bob, N3RZI on 7/27/21 at 5:15PM reminding us that no one stepped up to take over his position. I nominated Frank, KB2MXV on 6/10/20 for this position.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim received report from Avenues

VE Session: WY3K

We had two people for the test session.

1. Derek DeCindio, KB3KVV, from Tuscarora, passed his Extra Class License.
2. Edward Evans, from Lansford came in with no license and left with a General Class License. KC3SOY Congratulations go out to Derek and Edward! See pictures below.

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: Karen K3KAP, Bill WA3JDQ, Jim KB3FET, and Tom K3TE

We are planning a closed VE test session for the Boy Scout's on Saturday October 23rd. More info to follow.

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	56		323

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
July 6th	5	August 3rd	7	September 7th		October 5th	
July 13th	5	August 10th	12	September 14th		October 12th	
July 20th	6	August 17th	9	September 21st		October 19th	
July 27th	12	August 24th		September 28th		October 26th	
		August 31st					

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

September's NET Control Operators are:

September 1st: Tom, KC3CRS

September 8th: Karen, K3KAP

September 15th: Ed, KB3AYY

September 22nd: Tom, K3TE

September 29th: Frank, 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	63
July	4	54
August	4	35
September	5	
October	4	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	480

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

1. Edward Evans, from Lansford, Ed is active with the Boy Scout's, Ed can help with writing articles for the website, help with antenna crew, and help with Field Day. After a discussion, on a motion by N3OGG, and 2nd by KB3FET to accept Ed as a member of TWA, motion passed.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – No issues at this time. The weeds were cut back on Saturday July 31. There are a few trees and branches that need to come down. Also, the turn-buckles could use some lubrication and the cement posts holders need to be sprayed with Rust-oleum. KC3CRS noted a "tinging sound", he said it happens when the wind is blowing.
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – No issues at this time. KB2MXV said there was a hum coming from the 27.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – No issues at this time. Talked about an amplifier for this repeater.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – No issues at this time. Two batteries were installed on August 10th. I would like to thank John KC3RDI for carrying the batteries up three flights of stairs. See pictures below.
5. **Carbon Simplex** – Ed, KB3AYY, no report given.

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 at this time
3. Grant info from the Pottsville Republican ad, KB3FET – submitted grant application to Schuylkill Area Foundation on 8/3/21. We need to replace the duplexer at Mountain Valley. According to the application, December we should hear something
4. Update on pictures with the Commissaires, KB3FET – Commissioner Gary Hess said when we are ready, they will be available for pictures.
5. Advertising on TWA repeater. After a discussion, KB2MXV will look into it.
6. Ed Shangoskie update: KB3FET gave an update.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Website hosting fee – KB2MXV, paid by the club, donated back by Kevin, K3VNN
2. Email addresses were deleted from the list of officers on front page.
3. Discussion – KB3FET, there was a discussion about Emergency Coordinator.
4. October Halloween Parade. Frank, N3OGG mentioned that we need to get in touch with Brian Keich. WY3K said he will contact him.
5. Karen, K3KAP brought up about filters for Field Day. She will forward me the information to discuss again in September.
6. Possibility of our meetings returning to Zoom. Stay tuned…

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 September 11th 12 noon 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 8:33PM by:

1. N3OGG
2. KB3FET

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 7/1	$1,987.89
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 191.98
Ending balance on 7/31	**$1,795.91**

Account number: **8404743810**
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Pennsylvania account terms and conditions apply

For Direct Deposit use
Routing Number (RTN): 031000503

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Treasures Report:

TWA Account Activity Summary: 7/15/2021 Thru 8/18/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
7/23/2021		Derek DeCindio - KB3KVV	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$15.00	$0.00
8/4/2021		Bob McClintock - N3RZI	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$0.00	$0.00
8/10/2021		M&S True Value	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$24.27
8/10/2021		Walmart	Pottsville Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$8.46
8/10/2021		Tom Lesisko - K3TE	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$24.27	$0.00
8/10/2021		Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$8.46	$0.00
8/11/2021		Kevin Marchetti - K3VNN	Domain Registration	General Fund	$0.00	$39.98
8/11/2021		Kevin Marchetti - K3VNN	Donation - Cash	General Fund	$39.38	$0.00
8/15/2021	1032	Tom Smith - KC3CRS	Grove Maintence	General Fund	$0.00	$23.00
				Activity Totals	$87.11	$95.71
				Total Difference		($8.60)

General Fund	$790.80
Repeater Fund	$996.51
Account Balance	$1,787.31
Checking	$1,772.31
Cash on Hand	$15.00

Monday, August 16, 2021 — Report prepared by Treasurer: Frank C. D'Amato - KB2MXV — Page 1 of 1

VE Test Session on August 7th



In the photo above, Jim K3FET, Bill WA3JDQ, Derick KB3KVV, and Karen K3KAP



In the above photo from left to right, Bill WA3JDQ, Jim KB3FET, newly licensed ham Edward Evans, KC3SOY, and Tom K3TE

Battery Backup at Pottsville:



