TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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February 17, 2022

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
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Treasurer: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

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

Minutes from the February Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on February 17, 2022, using an online platform. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, N3OGG, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB2MXV, W3OFD, KC3CRS, WA3WIJ WA3JDQ, KB3AYY, KC3RWX, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KC3CRS
2. W3OFD

To accept the minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See attachment(s)

Members who haven't paid for 2022, KB2MXV will contact you via email.

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

1. N3OGG
2. K3TE

To accept the Treasurer's report for February 17, 2022, motion passed

The membership fee for 2022 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

February 6th, monthly breakfast: 11 members and 1 guest attended the breakfast.
Zoom meeting on 2/10 at 7 pm we had a Zoom meeting to recap and discuss Winter Field Day. It was decided that next year we will participate as a club at a location that qualifies as "Indoor". Indoor is remote location that can be climate controlled such as an EOC, park building, etc. Locations suggested were Owl Creek and the wedding pavilion at Mountain Valley. Between now and then, I'll investigate to see what locations are open in January. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let me know. We'd also like to purchase band pass filters to use at both field day events. It was also mentioned that we should try to do a satellite contact and get more familiar with digital modes.

March 5th will be the next breakfast at White Birch 9AM.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

KB3FET said Bob, N3RZI is still the Emergency Coordinator until someone puts in for the position.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

K3TE is currently applying for PPL Grant – asking for $4500. KB3FET has been in touch with Schuylkill and Snayburger people. He is currently waiting for applications from the organizations.

VE Session: WY3K

Test dates for 2022 are booked at the Tamaqua Borough Hall. ARRL will be notified. October 15 is tentative and will be booked closer to that date.

VE Test Sessions for 2022		
Month	Time	Location
April 2	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
June 4	9AM	
August 6	9AM	
October 15	**12PM**	**Boy Scout Jamboree, tentative**
November 5	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: TWA Check-Ins for 2022

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 25th	9	April 26th		July 26th		October 25th	
February 22nd		May 31st		August 30th		November 29th	
March 29th		June 28th		September 27th		December 27th	
1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

March's NET Control Operators are:

March 2nd: K3TE

March 9th: Tom, KC3CRS

March 16th: Open

March 23rd: Ed, KB3AYY

March 30th: Open

Members are encouraged to check-in. You can find the list of repeater frequencies at www.w3twa.org.

Month 2022	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	4	51
February	4	35
March	5	
April	4	
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	86

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

1. Francis Chickilly, KC3TJV, Technician License, Fran lives in Lehighton.
2. Mike Wyda, K3MIK, Technician License, Mike lives in St. Clair. Mike would like to help with the antenna crew.
    1. KC3CRS 2. KB2MXV

    To accept Fran and Mike as a regular member, Motion passed. Welcome Fran and Mike!

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – A lot of static on the Net.
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – Not coming from 270 but could be link.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – In the spring, the link antenna connector should be looked at.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – No issues at this time.

TWA Website & Calendar: KB2MXV

Frank, KB2MXV is not hosting our website. Frank was able to retrieve everything except a few items from Kevin's computer. New is the club calendar, gone is the Bulletin Board. Frank will continue to update and add to our site. Members present thanked Frank for hosting our site and all the work he puts into it.

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

ED, KB3ACD expires on 5-12-2022

Old Business

1. Update on Owl Creek – WA3JDQ gave an update
2. Started the process applying for PPL Grant. – see financial report
3. Snayburger update- KB3FET made contact and has asked for an application.
4. Emailed Jim, KB3FET denial letter from Schuylkill Area Foundation. As per the denial letter, Jim has since contacted them and asked for a Zoom meeting to see what we need to do to get this grant.
5. Form 990N has been submitted by Frank, KB2MXV

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Bill, WY3K called and asked for a PPL ticket for Bears Head.
2. Jim, WA3WIJ update on Solar prices. WIJ said about 2KW would be needed and JDQ agreed. Estimate cost between $2K and $2.5K.
3. Frank, KB2MXV gave a report on the lease agreement with Bears Head. Multiple members came up with the money needed to start the process of TWA putting a repeater site on the fire tower. Stay tune…
4. What direction is the club moving towards, Solar or AC? At this time, members thought we should wait until we have the lease agreement to contact PPL and look at solar option. Stay tuned…
5. Giradville St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 26, 2022. KB3FET gave a report
6. Frank, KB2MXV is now hosting our website on his server.
7. Bandpass filter update Ed, KB3AYY gave a report. On a motion by KB3AYY and 2nd by K3KAP to purchase a 20M and 40M bandpass filter. Motion passed.
8. KB3FET updated our insurance to include DCNR on our policy.

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 March 17th 7PM on Zoom. An email will be sent with the link.
6. Report bad weather to the National Weather Service State College - **800-697-0010**

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:48PM by:

1. K3KAP
2. WA3JDQ

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Treasures Report:

TWA Memo Activity Summary: 1/20/2022 Thru 2/16/2022

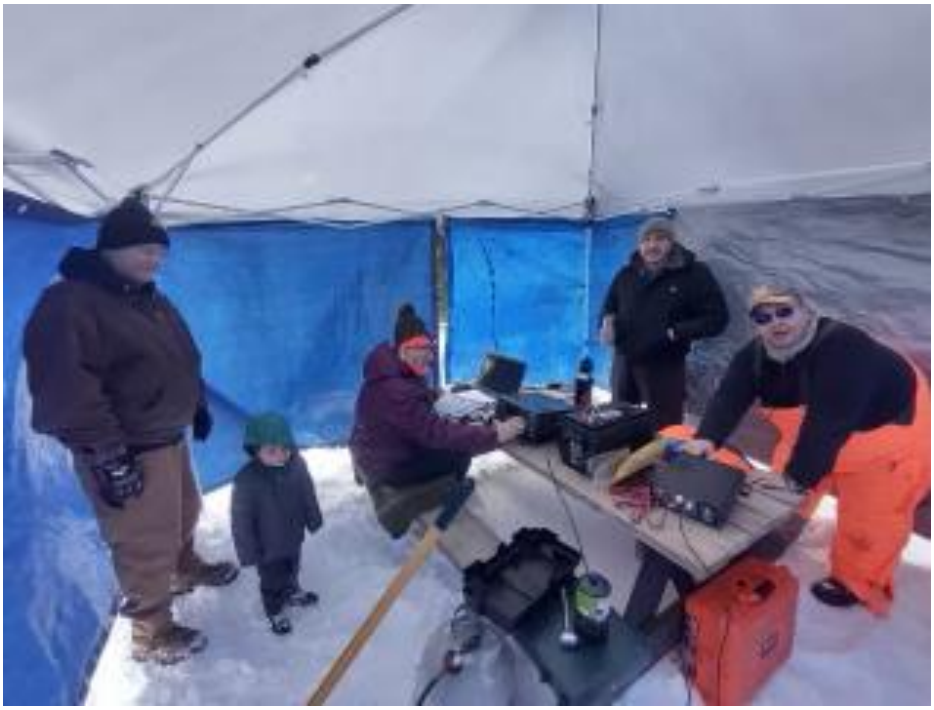
Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
1/20/2022		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/20/2022		Timothy Farrell - KC3THD	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/21/2022		Karen Putt - K3KAP	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/21/2022		Francis Chickilly - KC3TJV	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
1/29/2022		Tom Smith - KC3CRS	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
2/6/2022		Tom Lesisko - K3TE	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
2/7/2022		Ronald Creitz - KB3CFV	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
2/16/2022		Johnathan Achtermann Jr - AC3HC	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
		Totals:	**$200.00**		**$200.00**	**$0.00**
				Activity Totals	**$200.00**	**$0.00**
				Difference	**$200.00**	

General Fund	$1,285.77
Repeater Fund	$867.22
Account Balance	$2,152.99
Checking	$2,127.99
Cash on Hand	$25.00

Winter Field Day:

KB3AYY (Ed), KC3RWX (Dan), KB3KVV (Derek and son), KC3RMV (Bill) and Karen (K3KAP) participated in Winter Field Day on January 29. We 4-wheel drove up the grove driveway and set up under the canopy metal structure. We strung up several tarps and had two propane heaters. We tried to have two radios going but weren't able to. I think we had our antennas too close together. We ended up with 6 contacts. We had a lot of fun and have lots of ideas for next year. Below are some pictures of the event

The weather for January 29, 2022
High of 19°, a low of 5° no precipitation, winds were out of the WNW and gusts to 22 mph







march

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2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
27	28	1 Schuylkill ARES NET 145.370. 8PM	2 Round Table NET8PM K3TE	3	4	5
6 Monthly Breakfast 9AM at White Birch Golf Course	7	8 Schuylkill ARES NET 145.370. 8PM	9 Round Table NET8PM KC3CRS	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO	14	15 Schuylkill ARES NET 145.370.8PM	16 Round Table NET8PM Open	17 St. Patrick's Day TWA Meeting on Zoom 7PM	18	19 PA QSO PARTY
20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Schuylkill ARES NET 145.370. 8PM	23 Round Table NET8PM KB3AYY	24	25	26
27	28	29 Schuylkill ARES NET TWA Linked System 8PM	30 Round Table NET8PM Open	31	1	2

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