TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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March 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 KB2MXV
W3TWA: Tom Lesisko K3TE	**Webmaster:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV

Minutes from our March Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on March 17, 2022, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, N3OGG, K3KAP, KB3FET (via Zoom), KB2MXV, WA3WIJ, KC3SFT, KB3AYY, WA3JDQ, KC3CRS, W3DFX, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KB3AYY
2. WA3JDQ

To accept the minutes of our February 17, 2021, meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See attachment(s)
If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email me.
Motion was made by:

1. K3KAP
2. KB3AYY

To accept the Treasurer's report for March 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.** There are 6 people that still owe their fee for 2022.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

9 people attended the breakfast on March 6th

Update on Owl Creek

- Since we are considered a service organization, we would not be charged a fee for meetings or field day.
- We would be charged for the year end picnic since it is a picnic, but we might be able to get around it since we do have a meeting during the picnic.
- Thursday evenings for meetings would likely be available since most of the activity at the reservoir in on weekends.
- During the winter, there is no heat or water. The roads are casually maintained, but if we let them know when we will be there, they will make an effort to clear the roads. Tom didn't think there would be suitable location for us to set up. When I get a chance, I'll drive over there and take a look.
  Motion to move meetings to Owl Creek. 1. WA3WIJ 2. WA3JDQ, motion passed.

Our next monthly breakfast will be April 3rd, 9AM at White Birch

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Bob, N3RZI is still the Emergency Coordinator

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim via Zoom gave a report, he as contacted the people for the Snaybuger grant and has provided paperwork that needs to be in ASAP. Tom, K3TE will fill out the paperwork and send it in.

VE Session: WY3K

An email will go out asking for VE's for April 2nd. Please respond to Bill.

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	10	May 31st		August 30th		November 29th	
March 29th		June 28th		September 27th		December 27th	
1st Quarter	19	2nd Quarter	0	3rd Quarter	0	4th Quarter	0

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

April's NET Control Operators are:

April 6th: Tim, W3DFX

April 13th: ED, AC3PV

April 20th: Tom, KC3NPG

April 27th: Tara, KC3NWO

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	48
March	5	33
April	4	
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	132

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – No issues at this time
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – See below.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – Ed, KB3AYY said he went to the high rise and looked at the antenna.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – a bandpass filter was purchased by KB2MXV to eliminate the pager interference.

TWA Website & Calendar: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

KB3ACD – Ed Sheganoski, Jim KB3FET was given the task to remind Ed about his license renewal.

Old Business

1. Owl Creek Update from Email, Karen, K3KAP- meeting dates was given.
2. Applied and submitted PPL Grant on March 3rd.
3. Lease agreement has been signed and mailed to DCNR.
4. Giradville St. Patrick's Parade – March 26, 2022 -The Times for operators to arrive on parade day March 26 at the Municipal Bldg. in Girardville 9:00 AM the Town will be closed at 10: 00 AM. Operators will get their check points and instructions
5. Bandpass filter update – purchased, Karen K3KAP has them.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. There was a Technical Committee meeting on 3/15/2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the complaint about the 27 repeater and to come up with a plan to fix the problem. The 27 repeater has been on the air on since May 28th 2016 without any complaints.
2. There was a lengthy discussion about the complaint and how it was handled by them. A letter will be sent by the club back to the complainer asking for evidence.
3. Applied for 2-meter frequency coordination with ARCC-Inc on March 16, 2022, for Bears Head.

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 April 21st 7PM. Where?
6. Report bad weather to the National Weather Service State College - **800-697-0010**

04/30/2022 - York Hamfest
Location: Spring Grove, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: York Hamfest Foundation
Website: http://yorkhamfest.org

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:03PM by:

1. KC3SFT
2. K3KAP

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE, secretary, Tamaqua Wireless Association.

Treasures Report:

TWA Memo Activity Summary: 2/17/2022 Thru 3/16/2022

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
3/5/2022		Ed Boerner - KB3AYY	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/6/2022		John Matz - AB3ZG	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/7/2022		Willaim Vogler II - WA3JDQ	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/8/2022		Daniel Cook - KC3RWX	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/10/2022		Anthony Baran - W3PE	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/11/2022		Mason Thurs - KC3PJJ	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/11/2022		James J. Munley - KB3FET	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
3/15/2022		James Moyer - WA3WIJ	2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
		Totals:	**$200.00**		**$200.00**	**$0.00**
2/21/2022		Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Certified Check	Bears Head Project	$0.00	$1,000.00
		Totals:	**($1,000.00)**		**$0.00**	**$1,000.00**
3/12/2022		DX Engineering	Club Radio Equipment	General Fund	$0.00	$275.58
		Totals:	**($275.58)**		**$0.00**	**$275.58**
2/18/2022		Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$250.00	$0.00
2/20/2022		James Moyer - WA3WIJ	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$250.00	$0.00
2/20/2022		Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$100.00	$0.00
2/20/2022		Frank Bobick - N3OGG	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$100.00	$0.00
2/20/2022		Tom Lesisko - K3TE	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$100.00	$0.00
2/20/2022		James Moyer - WA3WIJ	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$975.00	$0.00
2/22/2022		Richard Mikulski - W3OFD	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$50.00	$0.00
2/23/2022		Tom Smith - KC3CRS	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$100.00	$0.00
2/23/2022		James J. Munley - KB3FET	Donation - Cash	Bears Head Project	$100.00	$0.00
		Totals:	**$2,025.00**		**$2,025.00**	**$0.00**
3/7/2022		Frank D'Amato - KB2MXV	Donation - Tangible	Tangible Donation	$133.00	$0.00
		Totals:	**$133.00**		**$133.00**	**$0.00**