TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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April 21, 2022

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Minutes from our April Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on April 21, 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, KB2MXV, KB3AYY, KC3CRS, W3DFX, WA3JDQ, WA3WIJ, N3JJD, KC3RWX, KB3VXB, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3OGG
2. KC3CRS

To accept the minutes of our March 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. WA3WIJ
2. WA3JDQ

To accept the Treasurer's report for April 21, 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

1. Sunday Breakfast April 3rd: Our monthly breakfast is going strong, 13 people showed up for April's feast. Our next breakfast will be May 1st.
2. Field Day 2022 will be here before you know it.
3. POTA – Parks On The Air, Karen said there are a few people interested in going out to State Parks and getting on the air via 2m or HF. This is a contest you need to be registered, (POTA.org) it is not a specific date or time.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

April 20th newsletter had an ARES M-Com training organization semi annual drill May 14th.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Snayburger grant has been mailed on March 24, 2022

VE Session: WY3K

4/2/22, Three candidates attended and passed their test.

1. Dan Cook, KC3RWX to Extra
2. Jeffery Mancini, KC3TXT Technician
3. Thomas Schwartz, KC3TXU Technician

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	

The following VE's were present: WA3JDQ, WA3WIJ, K3KAP, KB2MXV, N3OGG, and K3TE. It was noted that Bill WY3K is in his 30th year offering Amateur Radio Tests to the area. Congratulations Bill!
See picture below.

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	11	June 28th		September 27th		December 27th	
1st Quarter	30	2nd Quarter	0	3rd Quarter	0	4th Quarter	0

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

May's NET Control Operators are:

May 4th: Ed, KB3AYY

May 11th: Karen, K3KAP

May 18th: Tim, W3DFX

May 25th: Tom K3TE

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	56
April	4	32
May	4	
June	5	
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	187

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – Crackling was heard prior to our Net. Water in the antenna connector? Also, applied for increase in RF Power MRCGA Coordinator
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – See Technical Committee meeting notes below.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – No issues at this time
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – No issues at this time. Paging filter installed. Frequency is coordinated by MRCGA Coordinating.

TWA Website & Calendar: KB2MXV

Go to TWA's website, Click on Menu, Go to the Calendar of Events, at the bottom of the page there will be instructions on how to link the calendar to your device. Contact K3KAP or KB2MXV for help or to put stuff on the calendar.

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, dates for meeting submitted by Karen, K3KAP- we are booked from April to October for Thursdays. We are also booked for Field Day 2022 along with sleep over!
2. Giradville St. Patrick's Parade – see picture at the end of the minutes. Thank you to all that helped!

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Membership in good standing will be afforded to the position of The Schuylkill County EMA Director? If the EMA Director is a licensed amateur radio operator, regular membership if no license, then social membership.
   Motion 1: KB2MXV 2nd: WA3JDQ
2. Motion to open the bylaws 1st, N3OGG, 2nd, K3KAP. Motion passed. Frank, KB2MXV will send out a Zoom link to discuss the bylaws.
3. Technical Committee had a Zoom meeting on March 24 at 7PM. See below
4. Frank, KB2MXV read the letter from the attorney and the clubs response.
5. Submitted frequency coordination applications on 3/22/2022 for Pottsville and Bears Head.
6. We received frequency coordination on 3/25/2022 for our Pottsville site 145.190 and our Bears Head site 146.955 through MRCGA Coordination.
7. Purchase a paging frequency bandpass filter for Bears Head? Cost $130.00
   Motion 1: K3KAP 2nd: KB3AYY. Motion passed.
8. I received an email from John Matz about road construction on Lofty Road in Delano coming up in May.
9. Dan, KC3RWX talked about having a demonstration on ham radio "stuff". We used to have a Wednesday Night tech night. Maybe for the summer meetings we could meet earlier to have a "tech" demonstration.
10. Ed, KB3AYY talked about contesting with FT8.
11. JD, N3JJD said there are some two-way radios available. The club would be happy to have them.

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 May 19th, 7PM at the Owl Creek Reservoir Dam, Tamaqua
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 8:24PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. K3KAP

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

Treasures Report:

TWA Memo Activity Summary: 3/17/2022 Thru 4/20/2022

Date	Check #	Pay To		Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
3/18/2022		Frank Nemeth - KC3SJZ		2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$11.41	$0.00
			Totals:	$11.41		$11.41	$0.00
3/18/2022		Frank Nemeth - KC3SJZ		2022 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
			Totals:	$25.00		$25.00	$0.00
					Activity Totals	$36.41	$0.00
					Difference	$36.41	

Bears Head Project	$1,025.00
General Fund	$1,246.60
Repeater Fund	$867.22
Account Balance	$3,138.82
Checking	$3,063.82
Cash on Hand	$75.00

Technical Committee Meeting 3/24/2022
Meeting was called to order by Frank, KB2MXV at 7:30PM
Present: WY3K, N3OGG, K3KAP, KB2MXV, KB3AYY, W3OFD, WA3WIJ, and K3TE

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the response to N3KZ letter. A letter was drafted and will be mailed and emailed to all parties that are involved.

A copy of their letter will be available at our regular business meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:52PM.

Tom, K3TE

Girardville Parade 3/26/2022



Above are the volunteers who helped with the Giardville Saint Patrick's Parade. Front Left to Right: Tom Smith KC3CRS, Dan Cook KC3RWX, Kelly Boerner KB3ASZ, Ed Boerner KB3AYY, Jim Munley KB3FET. Back Row, Left to Right: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV, John Denchak N3JJD, Tim Farrell W3DFX, Bob McClintock N3RZI, Mason Thurs KC3PJJ, Larry Wolfgang WR1B

VE Test Session April 2, 2022



Pictured in front, (green hoodie) from left to right: Jeff Mancini, KC3TXT Technician License, Frank, KB2MXV

2nd row: Dan Cook, KC3RWX upgraded to Extra, Thomas Schwartz, KC3TXU, Technician License, Karen K3KAP.

3rd row; Bill WA3JDQ, Frank N3OGG, and Jim WA3WIJ. Congratulations to all that passed their test and Volunteer Examiners (VE's) that helped today.

Missing from the photo, Bill WY3K working on paperwork and Tom K3TE took the picture.

Our next test session is scheduled for Saturday June 4th, 9AM.