TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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June 16, 2022

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
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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 June Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on June 16, 2022, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 6:59PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB2MXV, KB3FET, K3KAP, KC3CRS, KB3AYY, WA3WIJ, W3DFX, AA3PV, KC3SYY, KC3RWX, KB3KVV, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KB2MXV
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the minutes of our May 19, 2022, 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. KB3AYY
2. KC3CRS

To accept the Treasurer's report for June 16, 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

10 people and two guests attended the breakfast on June 5th.
There was Zoom meeting for Field Day 2022. See last page(s).

1) Breakfast July 3rd 9 am White Birch Golf Course
2) Field Day June 25 & 26 at Owl Creek Reservoir. 3 to 4 stations see list below
3) Support local vendors at Summer Fest on June 19th

Hamfests -

a. Pennsylvania State Convention is July 2nd at the Harrisburg Firecracker Hamfest.
b. Murgas Hamfest in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday July 3rd.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Nothing at this time

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

2 applications pending

VE Session: WY3K

The following passed their Technician License.

1. James Chadwick, Jim Thorpe
2. Christian Krempasky, Peckville
3. Joe Morren, White Haven
4. Jay Evans, Frackville

Congratulations to everyone, we hope to see you for your upgrade. VE's present were Bill, WA3JDQ, Jim KB3FET, Bill WY3K, and Tom K3TE. Pictures are at the end of this report.

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	5	July 26th		October 25th	
February 22nd	10	May 31st	3	August 30th		November 29th	
March 29th	11	June 28th		September 27th		December 27th	
1st Quarter	30	2nd Quarter	8	3rd Quarter	0	4th Quarter	0

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

July's NET Control Operators are:

July 6th: Tom K3TE

July 13th: Tom, KC3CRS

July 20th: Tim, W3DFX

July 27th: Jacob KC3SYY

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	44
May	4	39
June	5	32
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	270

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None at this time

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – Should have a work party clean up around the site probably the end of June
2. **Bears Head 146.955** – Testing stage, purchased a paging filter for the frequency.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – Controller sounds "bassy" probably needs a good going through
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – Noisy at times, the link radio seems like it times out quickly

There was a Technical Committee Meeting June 10, 2022, on Zoom. The meeting started at 7:31PM
The meeting was in reference to two frequency coordination emails and one modification email received from ARCC. After further discussion, the committee recommended no further action needs to be taken.
The meeting concluded at 8:55PM.

TWA Website & Calendar: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

KB3ACD – Ed Sheganoski, A letter was mailed to him on 6/11/22.

Old Business.

1. Tech-Night update – any ideas?
2. Bylaws update: K3TE, 2nd reading on new bylaws was read, you will be emailed the bylaws, you will have up to 48 hours after July 21st to vote against the new bylaws. If I don't hear from you by then, TWA assumes you are in favor of the changes.
3. Field Day update, see list below.
4. Christmas Party, 12/10/22 2PM to 4PM – K3TE

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Tony Schrivano KC2MWJ Silent Key 6/11/2022
2. Certified Letter was returned from Carmen Perfetta
3. Frank, KB2MXV resigned from his position of Treasurer, he requested someone else run the AREAS NET on the last Tuesday of the month and gave up being the webmaster.
4. We thanked Frank for his contributions to TWA and wished him well.
5. Because of the Treasurer position available, nominations were taken for the position. With a nomination by Bill WY3K to nominate Jim KB3FET, no other nominations were made. After a discussion, on a motion by K3KAP and 2nd by WA3WIJ to accept Jim as the Treasurer, motion passed.
6. Our new Webmaster will be Tim, W3DFX
7. There is still an opening for AREAS Net on the last Tuesday of the month. Email Tom Lesisko if you are interested. If no one applies, the position will go back to the Pottsville club.

Documented Interference Issues with 146.9550

1. 6/15/2022 - The SARA 146.955 repeater no longer requires a PL tone of 123.0, The repeater is activated with CSQ. An email was sent to Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH) @ **K4ZDH@arrl.net**.

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 July 21st, 7PM at the Owl Creek Reservoir Dam, Tamaqua – Weather Permitting
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 _____PM by:

1.
2.

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

Field Day Zoom Meeting June 9th 6PM:
June 24th – 5:00 pm set up antennas and anything you want to leave overnight
June 25th – 10:00 am start arriving at Owl Creek
11:30 - noon – potluck lunch. Chicken, Potatoes, Green beans provided by Jim, KB3FET. All the rest is potluck
After lunch, set up stations and antennas. Set up balloon antenna.
2:00 pm start operating
5:00 pm start supper
June 26th – noon tear down

FOOD

Jim is buying chicken halves, potatoes, and canned green beans for lunch. Tom, K3TE is cooking it at his house and bringing it to the park. If you will be eating lunch, please consider bringing a covered dish or dessert. Please send me an email and let me know what you will be bringing.

The club may purchase hamburgers and hotdog for supper, but we'll need to make it official at the next meeting.

Below is what I know of so far:
WA3JDQ – gas grill??? (Please confirm)
WY3K – propane tank??? We may have some gas at the grove
KB3AYY – ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper
KC3CRS and K3KAP – paper goods
N3OGG – pierogies

N3OGG and K3KAP will bring one table each, but we need more. Let me know if you can bring a table and EZ Ups.

RADIO STATIONS

K3TE – bringing radio, laptop, EZ up, extension cord, WILL NEED ANTENNA
KB2MXV – bringing Anytone radio, club end feed, laptop – **GOTA station??**
KB2AYY – radio, 40m dipole, 6-meter, router, laptop
K3KAP – radio, Buddipole 20m and up, laptop, band pass filters, EZ up, extension cord, solar, batteries

If you want to use your radio, that is fine. We can swap them out or depending on the time of day set up a new station. We'll need to decide how many stations we want to run at one time and what call we are going to use. We will be using N3FJP's field day software for recording contacts.

FUN PROJECT

Build a balloon antenna – we'll need a length of wire and several helium balloons. Let me know if you are willing to contribute. KC3CRS thinks he has wire we can use a radial.

MISCELLANEOUS
If you come, at a minimum bring your own chair, sunscreen, bug spray, and drinks.

If you can bring tables, EZ up, covered dish, etc., please let me know!

We are allowed to stay overnight. KB3AYY and K3KAP will be "camping" overnight. Let me know if you plan too.

This is a good start. I'll keep adding to this email as I get replies. Hope everyone will be there. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Karen Putt
K3KAP
Activities Manager

VE Test Session on June 4, 2022



James Chadwick, Jim Thorpe
Christian Krempasky, Peckville
Joe Morren, White Haven
Jay Evans, Frackville

And ½ or our VE Team:
Bill, WA3JDQ, Jim, KB3FET
Tom, K3TE took the picture and Bill, WY3K was working on paperwork.
Congratulations to all and thank you team!





