TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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OFFICERS:

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TRUSTEES:	MISC. CONTACTS:
1. Tom Lesisko K3TE	**Web Host:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
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Minutes from our August Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on August 18, 2022, at the Tamaqua Munincipal Building 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB3FET, K3KAP, WA3WIJ, W3DFX, KC3SFT, N3JJD, N3HHH, KC3RMV, KB2MXV, K3TE, and 1 guest Ralph Brandt

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email and reviewed, after a discussion, on a motion by:

1. KC3CRS
2. KB3AYY

To accept the minutes of our July 21, 2022, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB3FET

If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Jim Munley, his email is below
Motion was made by:

1. N3JJD
2. KC3RMV

To accept the Treasurer's report for August 18, 2022, motion passed
The membership fee for 2022 has been set at $25.00. Please make arrangements with Jim, KB3FET at jjmunley2@gmail.com. **Thank you for your support of TWA and Amateur Radio.**

ARRL Information – Ralph Brandt
Ralph talked about a variety of items, a club should get 501c3 status, apply for grants.
There is grant money available, need to apply. Tom K3TE asked about money for new electrical service. Ralph said he would get back to me. There was a discussion about frequency coordinator and the requirements as per FCC part 95 or 97?
Also stressed about ARRL annual report and if your bylaws are older than 5 years to update them.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast August 7, 2022 – well attended 11 members had great fellowship
Next activity is Family picnic September 10th. Business meeting is at 12PM followed by a picnic at 1PM. Club will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Members need to bring a dish and drink.
ARRL Southern New Jersey Section Convention, Mullica Hill, New Jersey - September 11
JOTA-JOTI – October 14-16
EPA Section Picnic
Other events listed in the calendar on the website
66th Annual PA QSO Party October 8th & 9th.
Next Breakfast September 4th

ARES County EC: K3KAP

"Signals" is a new electronic magazine. "Signals" is posted on the EPA Website and can be reached at https://epa-arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Signals-ezine-AUGUST-2022.pdf
Also, a simulated Emergency coming up in October 10th or 11th.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Jim is currently working on a grant from Schuylkill County. 2023 budget workshop on Zoom? Tom will send out a Zoom link later.

VE Session: WY3K

There were no test takers for August 6th, our next test session will be a closed session with the Boy Scouts.

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: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2022

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 25th	9	April 26th	5	July 26th	10	October 25th	
February 22nd	10	May 31st	3	August 30th		November 29th	
March 29th	11	June 28th	7	September 27th		December 27th	
1st Quarter	30	2nd Quarter	15	3rd Quarter	10	4th Quarter	0

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

September's NET Control Operators are:

September 7th: Frank, KB2MXV

September 14th: Karen, K3KAP

September 21st: John, KC3RDI

September 28th: Jim, KB3FET

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.955, 145.190, 146.490, or 449.775.

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	49
July	4	51
August	5	40
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	378

Application for Membership: K3TE

1. John Greenwood WE3O, from Hazleton, Extra Class, would like to help with VE test sessions, and take part in field day exercises. After a discussion, on a motion by: KB2MXV and 2nd by: W3DFX to accept John as a regular member of TWA. Motion Passed.

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – Trimmed weeds on 7/25
2. **Bears Head 146.955** –
    a. Repeater is operational as of Friday August 5th.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – Ed, KB3AYY said he will put the amp back on the repeater.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – Frank, KB2MXV did some programming on the repeater. We will try it out again on our next NET.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date. Bylaws are updated

Old Business.

1. Update on AC Voltage at Bears Head, WY3K – Bill gave a report with pricing for new AC service. Stay tune for further updates.
2. Update on tower at New Ringgold's site, K3TE – tower has been taken down by Ken Smith and Bill, WY3K on Thursday August 4th.
3. Update on the grove maintenance, K3KAP – Karen said there will be a work party at the grove on Saturday August 20th 1PM. If you are available to help, please do.
4. Ed would like to experiment with our Fusion repeater that we are not using at this time.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Insurance coverage for Bears Head, additional $114.46 to our premium. Paid on 8/7/22. June 2023 will cost $395.84
2. Installing antenna - $4450, Jim WA3WIJ. Report was given by K3TE. Installer was contacted by KB2MXV.
3. Contact Brian Keich about Halloween Parade – Ed, KB3AYY said he would talk to Brian.
4. Guy stopped by to ask about tower sections. Club does not want to give up any sections.

NETS:

1. Schuylkill ARES NET Tuesday 8PM – 145.370. On the last Tuesday of the month, TWA System
2. TWA Roundtable NET Wednesday 8PM
3. ARES EPA nets for the National Traffic System are the Pennsylvania Traffic Net (PTN) which meets at 7 PM Eastern Time on 3585KHz and the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Phone and Traffic Net on 3918KHz at 5 PM. Both nets meet daily year-round. Everyone is welcome to check-in.

Good for the Order:

1. Looking for NET Control Operators. You will only work once a month!
   Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 10th 1PM at the Schroeder's Family Tree Farm
   555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive
   Barnesville, PA 18214 – Weather Permitting

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:44PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. K3KAP

   Motion passed

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