TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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October 20, 2022

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
Vice President: Ed Boerner KB3AYY
Activities Manager: Karen Putt K3KAP
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Treasurer: Jim Munley KB3FET
Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

TRUSTEES:	MISC. CONTACTS:
1. Tom Lesisko K3TE	**Web Host:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
2. Karen Putt K3KAP	**Webmaster:** Tim Ferrell W3DFX

Minutes from our October Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on October 20, 2022, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street in Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB3FET, WA3WIJ, KB2MXV, W3DFX, WA3JDQ, N3MI, KC3UZC, KC3CRS, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. WA3WIJ
2. WA3JDQ

To accept the minutes of our September 10, 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. K3TE
2. KC3CRS

To accept the Treasurer's report for October 20, 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.**

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast on 10/02: 6 people attended
AREAS Drill on 10/01: approximately 9 members helped make the AREAS Drill a success. ED, KB3AYY, Tim, W3DFX, and Jeremy KC3QLX were stationed at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, many members in the field.
Rich W3OFD sent a WinLink to Jeremy KC3QLX direct, that was cool.

Upcoming activities:
Tamaqua Halloween parade – 10/25 at 7am. Arrive at what time? Meet at municipal building.
POTA activation?? Any interest in a group effort?
Christmas Dinner at the Train Station on December 10 @2PM. Everyone is welcome to attend, email K3TE at tlesisko@ptd.net if you plan on attending and if you will be buying prime rib.

Upcoming contests:
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Oct 29 to 2359Z, Oct 30

ARES County EC: K3KAP

Bob McClintock published "Final report- 2022 Annual Schuylkill County Amateur Radio Simulated Emergency Test"

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

K3TE sent 2021 and 2022 budgets to Jim. This way he has something to compare too.

VE Session: WY3K

1. Boy Scout event, Jamboree on the air. 4 people took the Technician Test and passed. Congratulations mom & daughter Cari and Emily Evans. And Congratulations to grandfather and grandson William Harding Sr. and William Harding III. Our next test session is November 5th. Currently Bill has 3 candidates to take the test.

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	6	November 29th	
March 29th	11	June 28th	7	September 27th	9	December 27th	
1st Quarter	30	2nd Quarter	15	3rd Quarter	25	4th Quarter	0

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

November's NET Control Operators are:

November 2nd: John, KC3RDI

November 9th: Tom, KC3CRS

November 16th: Ed, AC3PV

November 23rd: Tim, W3DFX

November 30th: Jim, KB3FET

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.895, 146.475, 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	52
September	4	34
October	4	35
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	441

Application for Membership: K3TE

1. Mr. Kim Straus NG3S, Extra Class applying for regular membership, would like to assist with VE Test sessions and help with Field Day. Kim is from Drums. After a discussion, on a motion by KB3FET and 2nd by WA3WIJ to accept Kim as a regular member, motion passed.
2. Joe Leskin Jr KC3UZC, Technician applying for regular membership, would like to help with Field Day and help install or repair antennas. Joe is from Brocton. After a discussion, on a motion by KB3FET and 2nd by KB3AYY to accept Joe as a regular member, motion passed.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Update on antenna installation at Bears Head – Antenna was installed on Thursday October 6th. Jim, WA3WIJ, Tom, KC3CRS, and Frank, KB2MXV were able to assist. Don really did a fantastic job installing the antenna.
2. Duplexer at Pottsville Avenues has been retuned and installed. Pottsville's Repeater frequency is 146.475 with a 1MHz split and a tone squelch of 131.8
3. Ed, KB3AYY said he was going to put our Fusion repeater in Tamaqua. He said he would have it on the internet too. Looking forward to using the digital portion of the repeater. Stay tuned.
4. Members present thanked Jim, WA3WIJ for starting the process to get TWA on the Fire Tower at Bears Head. It was a year long journey, but we are finally on top of it!

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date – the Bears Head antenna installation was uploaded to our website. Tim also said he would get in touch with Kevin, K3VNN and Frank, KB2MXV to move our website to Tim's server.

Old Business:

1. PPL update –WY3K, KB2MXV and SECTV Matt attending meeting with PPL. PPL gave some options. Option 1 trench, Option 2 pole. Waiting to hear from SECTV for what option would be best. Frank, KB2MXV reached out to our contact, and we were told that there was no decision at this time.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. **Nomination of Officers for 2023:**
    a. **President: WY3K**
        i. Motion 1: K3TE Motion 2: KB3FET
    b. **Vice President KB3AYY**
        i. Motion 1: K3TE Motion 2: WA3WIJ
    c. **Activities: K3KAP**
        i. Motion 1: KB3FET Motion 2: KB3AYY
    d. **Public Relations: KB3FET**
        i. Motion 1: WY3K Motion 2: KB3AYY
    e. **Treasurer: KB3FET**
        i. Motion 1: WY3K Motion 2: KB3AYY
    f. **Secretary: K3TE**
        i. Motion 1: KB3FET Motion 2: WY3K

2. Closing the Grove, damage to the poles. November 5th we are planning on a work party to put the grove away for the winter. If you are available, 12 noon stop by.
3. Boy Scout's Jamboree report was given for Saturday October 15th. 2 Scouts and 2 Scout Masters took the Technician test and passed. I have there info up with the VE Session.
4. As part of our lease agreement, we need to have a sign at Bears Head. Frank, KB2MXV ordered one, the cost is $38.16. On a motion to pay Frank, KB2MXV for the signage:
    a. 1st = WA3WIJ 2nd KC3CRS motion passed.
5. Moving meetings to Fridays until June? – K3TE
6. Also, looking for someone to take over the RoundTable Net until June. – K3TE
7. Jeremy, KC3QLX had his Scouts check-in this past weekend on our 146.895 repeater. These Scouts competed their merit badge in communications.
8. Liability Insurance will be coming due in December - $200.00
9. Donation for the grove, will be on November's agenda
10. Donation for Owl Creek will be on November's agenda

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. Always looking for NET Control Operators. You will only work once a month!
2. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 17th 7PM at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:06PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. W3DFX

Motion passed

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