TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Minutes from our November Meeting

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

Minutes from our November meeting. The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, K3KAP, KC3CRS, KB2MXV, WA3WIJ, K3TE, and 3 quests, Dave KC3VDH, Sage Boerner, Charles Long

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KC3CRS
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the minutes of our October 20, 2022, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB3FET

1. K3TE
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the Treasurer's report for November 17, 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

1. 8 attended the November breakfast, all enjoyed good food and fellowship. Our next breakfast will be December 4th, 9AM at White Birch. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. Hamfests in New Jersey – Fair Lawn on 11/25 and Parsippany on 11/19
3. ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2000Z-2200Z, Dec 1 – for those with lots of wire!
4. Christmas party (and meeting) coming soon on December 10th at the Tamaqua Train Station. Please let Tom K3TE know if you want prime rib.
5. Winter Field Day is January 28 & 29th. Will be at the grove if we don't have too much snow.
6. Tech Night – Jim Moyer, WA3WIJ volunteered his house for our next tech night. Jim said he will demonstrate how to use a key and give some pointers on Morse Code
7. ARRL VHF contest January 21 & 23

ARES County EC: K3KAP

FEMA put out an email about IS-66, Weather & Space Weather Events. It's 2 hours in length. If interested, email Karen for more information. I believe it's online.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

There will be a Zoom meeting to finalize our 2023 operating budget. Once a date has been picked an email will go out inviting everyone that once to talk about the budget.

VE Session: WY3K

This now concludes the test sessions for 2022. We had a number of people take and pass their test. Frank, KB2MXV posted their pictures on our Facebook page.

Congratulations go out to the following: they passed their test and are new to Amateur Radio: Cynthia Corson, Barnesville- Technician Class, David Stephens, Middleport -General Class, Christopher Wippel, Ashland – Technician Class, and Brian Herbert, Hamburg – Technician Class.

Congratulations go out to the following for upgrading to General Class:
William KC3UVE, James KC3JHC, and Joseph KC3UJX

I would like to thank the VE's for helping today: Bill WA3JDQ, Jim WA3WIJ, Jim, KB3FET, Frank KB2MXV, and Tom K3TE.

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~~	

Bill talked about test dates for 2023. It was decided that 5 tests will be given. Bill will book the following with ARRL: February 5th, April 1st, June 3rd, August 5th, November 4th all at 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	0
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

December's NET Control Operators are:

December 7th: Jeremy, KC3QLX

December 14th: Frank, KB2MXV

December 21st: Jacob, KC3SYY

December 28th: 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	44
November	5	31
December	4	
Total	52	499

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

Nothing at this time

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Ed, KB3AYY gave an update on installing our Fusion repeater at the high-rise:
2. Talked about swapping out the beam antenna for our link radio to a dipole at Tamaqua. Also, going to look at the RC210 controller.
3. 6-meter beacon at Tamaqua was discussed.
4. Construction Coordination's for all 3 repeaters have been emailed to ARCC-Inc

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Old Business:

1. Tamaqua Halloween Parade wrap-up: We would like to thank KB2MXV, KC3CRS, KB3AYY, WA3WIJ, WY3K, KC3PJJ, AC3PV, KB3CFV, W3DFX, and KC3MIU for helping with aligning groups up for the parade. Well done!
2. Closing the grove: We would like to thank: Tim W3DFX, Frank KC3SJZ, Bill KC3RMV, Ed KB3AYY, Bill WY3K, Jim KB3AYY, and Tom K3TE. The frame for the canopy was damaged. This will need to be repaired or replaced in the spring.
3. Congratulations to Cari and Emily Evans for passing their test in October: Cari, KC3UZZ, Emily, KC3VAA. If you hear them on the radio, say hello to them…

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Officers for 2023 –
    a. President: Bill Dale – WY3K
    b. Vice President: Ed Boerner – KB3AYY
    c. Treasurer: Frank D'Amato – KB2MXV
    d. Activities Manager: Karen Putt – K3KAP
    e. Public Relations: Jim Munley – KB3FET
    f. Secretary: Tom Lesisko – K3TE
2. Is there any interest in an HF Committee? Jim Moyer will chair the HF Committee. In the up coming minutes, there will be a section on HF. Jim plans on doing an HF Net immediately following our Roundtable NET on 80 meters. The frequency will be given out on our Roundtable NET.
3. Liability Insurance will be coming due in December - $200.00, after a discussion, with a motion by: K3KAP and 2nd by: KB2MXV. Motion passed
4. Club simplex frequencies for analog and digital - See attachment.
5. Donation for the Grove? Tom, K3TE will investigate a fruit basket at Boyers and/or gift card at Walmart.
6. Regular business meetings will be 3rd Thursday of the month and our Tech-night will be the 2nd Thursday of the month.

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 7PM Eastern Time on 3585KHz and the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Phone and Traffic Net on 3918KHz at 5PM. 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 our Christmas Party on December 10th 2PM at the Tamaqua Train Station, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:24PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. WA3WIJ

Motion passed

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

Simplex Frequencies – please program your radio(s) according. Thanks to Ed, KB3AYY for the extensive list below!

Analog Mode	Simplex Frequency	Name
FM	29.600	National Calling
FM	52.525	National Calling
FM	146.520	National Calling
FM	146.550	TWA
FM	223.400	TWA
FM	446.000	National Calling
FM	446.520	TWA
FM	927.600	TWA
FM	1294.500	National Calling

Digital Mode	Admit Criteria / Talk Group	Simplex Frequency	Name
DMR	CC1 TS1	145.100	TWA
DMR	CC1 TS1 TG-99	145.790	National Calling
DMR	CC1 TS1 TG-99	145.510	National Calling
DMR	CC1 TS1 TG-99	441.400	National Calling
DMR	CC1 TS1	446.520	TWA
DMR	CC1 TS1 TG-99	446.500	National Calling
C4FM/P25		146.580	TWA
C4FM/25		442.000	TWA
D-Star		147.555	TWA
D-Star		447.000	TWA