TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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December 10, 2022

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
Vice President: Ed Boerner KB3AYY
Activities Manager: Karen Putt K3KAP
Public Information Officer: Jim Munley KB3FET
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 December Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on December 10, 2022, at the Tamaqua Train Station 18 North Railroad Street in Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 2:19PM.

The following members & guests were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, K3KAP, KB3FET, KB2MXV, WA3WIJ, W3DFX, W3OFD, N3NIK, KB3ASZ, KC3RDI, Sage, Jill, Christine D'Amato, Christine Lesisko, Meda, Sharon, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KB3AYY
2. W3DFX

To accept the minutes of our November 17, 2022, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB3FET

TWAs current balance

Grand total:

Motion was made by:

1. KB2MXV
2. K3KAP

To accept the Treasurer's report for December 10, 2022, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

1. Next breakfast January 8th?
2. Winter Field Day is January 28 & 29th. We are planning to be at the grove if we don't have too much snow.
3. Tech Night is coming back in 2023 - Tech Night will be the 2nd Thursday of the month and our meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of the month. Both are at 7PM.
4. ARRL VHF contest January 21 & 23

ARES County EC: K3KAP

The course recommended by ARES is:
https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-66&lang=en

Description is Course Overview
The Preparing the Nation for Space Weather Events Independent Study course will cover the lessons necessary to a greater understanding of space weather and its impacts, strengthen understanding of space weather events; the potential impacts from those events; and the roles of the Federal Government as well as the local and jurisdictional Emergency Manager in preparing for and mitigating such impacts.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Finance Committee held a Zoom meeting on November 21st. Attending was WY3K, W3DFX, KB2MXV, KC3RDI, KC3CRS, and K3TE. Attached is the budget from the committee.

HF Committee: WA3WIJ

We ran a test two weeks ago, propagation locally was useless. With the combination of horizontal and vertical antennas its tuff.

VE Session: WY3K

Test dates for 2023 have been registered with ARRL

VE Test Sessions for 2023		
Month	Time	Location
February 4	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
April 1	9AM	
June 3	9AM	
August 5	9AM	
November 4	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	1
February 22nd	10	May 31st	3	August 30th	6	November 29th	8
March 29th	11	June 28th	7	September 27th	9	December 27th	
1st Quarter	30	2nd Quarter	15	3rd Quarter	25	4th Quarter	9

Roundtable NET at 8PM: KB2MXV

January's NET Control Operators are:

January 4th: John, KC3RDI

January 11th: Karen, K3KAP

January 18th: Ed, KB3AYY

January 25th: Tim, W3DFX

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	49
December	4	12
Total	52	529

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

Dave Stephens, N3NIK, Dave is from Middleport and would like to help with VE Test Sessions and help with Field Day. After a discussion, on a motion by WA3WIJ and 2nd by KB3FET to accept Dave as a regular member. Motion passed. Welcome aboard Dave!

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Mountain Valley was offline for a few hours around our last meeting. Frank, KB2MXV went up and saw that a breaker was tripped.
2. Tamaqua repeater is not linked at this time. Ed, KB3AYY said he is planning on going up to Tamaqua site next week and install the new controller.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date, VE Test Sessions were just added.

Old Business:

1. Congratulations go out to Dave Stephens N3NIK and Cynthia Corson KC3VFP. If you hear them on the radio, say hello.
2. Liability Insurance for 2023 was paid on November 21st for $200.00

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. Purchase Zoom for one year at a discount fee of $125.00. after a discussion, on a motion by K3KAP and 2nd by KC3RDI to purchase Zoom for one year. Motion passed.

3. Please make sure you are monitoring 146.520, the national calling frequencies for 2m. We are approaching the winter months and we don't want to let anyone stranded.
4. For 2023, if a member cannot make an "in-person" meeting, we will be broadcasting our meetings on Zoom. If you are a member and would like a link, email Frank, KB2MXV at kb2mxv@gmail.com and Frank will gladly send you a link.
5. Received a grant from Schuylkill Area Community Grant Foundation of $700.00. This money will be earmarked for soldering stations for the Boys and Girl Scouts. A thank you letter will be sent by Tom K3TE.
6. Sunshine person – the club should think about getting a Sunshine person. This person would be sending out "Sunshine" on a persons dark day.

Good for the Order:

1. **TWA Lending Program** – FYI Everyone, the club has an HF Alinco DX-70TH, G5RV antenna, bandpass filters, and coax for loan out to any member. We also have several books available. Please contact Karen at K3KAP@yahoo.com for any borrowing needs.
2. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tamaqua Borough Hall (weather permitting, and it will be on Zoom) January 19th at 7PM 320 East Broad Street, in Tamaqua

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 2:40PM by:

1. KB2MXV
2. KB3AYY

Motion passed

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

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November 21, 2022

2023 Budget

Below is the Tamaqua Wireless Association 2023 Budget Line Items. Any changes during the physical year need to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Entertainment/Meals	$100.00
Insurance - Equipment	$400.00
Insurance - Liability	$200.00
Grove Maintenance	$100.00
Repeater Equipment	$1.00
HF Equipment	$1.00
Zoom Subscription	$125.00
Post Office Box	$70.00
Postage	$60.00
Website / Domain	$40.00
Total Out	**$1,097.00**
Club Fee's	$1,000.00
Cash Donations	$100.00
Tangible Donations	$1.00
Grants	$1.00
Total In	**$1,102.00**
Final Budget	$5.00
Checking Account - Current	$2,325.81
Petty Cash - Current	$0.00