TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

DMR NET

Every Tuesday, at 7PM – Tune your DMR Radio to Local 2 talk group, color code 7, time Slot 2 on our Bears Head repeater.

- Need Emergency Service in Schuylkill County? **Dial 911**
- Need Amateur Radio Service? Visit W3TWA.org. Under "Info" click on "Contact us"
- We are here to serve the community. If you need radio communications for an event let us know. We will gladly help.

Minutes from our May 2024 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on May 16, 2024. The meeting was held at the Schroeders Family Farm and using the Zoom platform. Presiding was KB3FET. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present and/or on Zoom for the meeting:

K3KAP on Zoom, KB3AYY on Zoom, W3DFX, KB3FET, N3KJL, KC3RMV, WY3K, KC3VVZ, WA3WIJ, WE3O on Zoom, K3QQD on Zoom, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: KB3FET

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

1. W3DFX
2. KC3RMV

To accept the minutes of our April 18th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: K3TE

General Fund: $
Repeater Fund: $

Account Balance: $
Checking: $
Cash on Hand $

Treasurers Report was submitted.
Frank gave a breakdown between general fund, and repeater fund in each account. If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: W3DFX.

1. Breakfast – June 2nd at White Birch Golf Course 9AM.
2. Tech Night May 9th - Meshtastic report was given.
3. June 13th will be the next Tech Night. N3NIK will talk about NVIS Antenna. There was talk about having this at the grove. Stay tuned…

ARES County EC:

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report.

Public Relations: KB3FET

Invitations will be sent to Schuylkill EMA Director John Blickley and the Schuylkill County Commissioners.

VE Session N3NIK:

Dave has one candidate signed up for June 1st testing and waiting on payment for another.

VE Test Sessions for 2024		
Month	Time	Location
~~February 3~~	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
~~April 6~~	9AM	
June 1	9AM	
August 3	9AM	
November 2	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2024

Our Net Control is Jim, KB3FET, stop by on the last Tuesday of every month and say hello….

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 16th	4						
January 30th	5						
February 6th	7	April 30th	6	July 30th		October 29th	
February 27th	7	May 28th		August 27th		November 26th	
March 26th	6	June 25th		September 24th		December 31st	
1st Quarter	29	2nd Quarter	6	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Sometime this summer I would like to get with Frank KB2MXV and put a C4FM node at Bears Head.
2. Firmware update on repeater, not sure why the “NASA” tone is not being sent. Unsquenched sound is heard in its place.
3. Jim, WA3WIJ said the electric was completed. Now we have to wait for an inspection and for PP&L to put a meter on.
4. Ed, KB3AYY gave a quick update on the Tamaqua repeater.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

June 2024 NET Control Operators are:

June 5th: Jim, KB3FET

June 12th: Jim, KB3FET

June 19th: Tim, W3DFX

June 26th: Jim, KB3FET

Thank you to all that volunteer their time to be

NET controllers!

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.895, 146.475, 146.490, or 449.775.

Month 2024	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins	Digital Check-Ins
January	5	43	
February	4	30	
March	4	32	18
April	4	30	21
May	5	26	5
June	4		
July	5		
August	4		
September	4		
October	5		
November	4		
December	4		
Total	52	161	44

Old Business:

1. Port-A-Potty update. Karen, K3KAP will call the guy to service the unit.
2. I emailed Amanda Campbell from the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation on April 26th. I have not heard back.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Our next meeting was scheduled for Thursday June 21st. Because Field Day being two days later, the members present decided to move our next meeting to Friday June 22nd.
2. Field Day 2024 – Saturday June 22nd and Sunday June 23rd. We talked about having 4 dedicated radio stations, a POTA station, and an FT8 station.
3. On the menu, Friday night the club will supply hotdogs and hamburgers before the meeting. Bring your own drink, and lounge chair. For Saturday, Bill, KC3RMV will prepare smoked pulled pork, please bring a side dish. Tim, W3DFX will email a spreadsheet of what you could bring to the event.
4. There was talk about breakfast on Sunday June 23rd.
5. Insurance due, email from ARRL, $395.84 – June. Motion 1: WA3WIJ, and Motion 2: KC3VVZ to pay the bill. Motion carried.
6. PO Box due, $84.00. Motion 1: KC3RMV, and Motion 2: WA3WIJ to pay the bill. Motion carried.
7. Tom, K3TE will be pausing the DMR Net on Tuesday nights at 7pm until the fall. He noted more advertising on our Bears Head repeater needs to be done.
8. Time change for our June meeting. If you can make 5pm to help setup for Field Day followed by 6:30pm picnic, followed by 7pm meeting. We hope to see you there.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 21th, 7PM at the Schroeder's Family Farm, 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville. The meeting will also be available to members on Zoom. Just a reminder, an alternative meeting site is Tamaqua Borough Hall if the weather is bad.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:41PM by:

1. WA3WIJ
2. N3KJL

Motion passed.

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