



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2019

Mat-Su Regional Hospital,

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Board of Directors was called to order by President Olson at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call:

Present, but not constituting a full board quorum were officers/directors:

KL3TP	Shelia Olson, President/Director
KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, Secretary/Director
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director
AL4W	Jim Wardman, Director
AL4LA	John Mears, Director

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

Minutes: The minutes of the **September 11** meeting was submitted to the club website, KL7JFU.COM. Minutes are not being posted. President Olson/KL3TP will start inputting more items on the website.

President's Report: Shelia Olson/KL3TP

- Her last as president.
- Had a meeting with VP Friend/KL4NK regarding the Chickaloon ham shack.

Vice-President's Report: Lou Friend/KL4NK

- None given.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington/KL1XM

- Book account has \$1227.43 with a \$50 contribution.
- General fund \$1732.70 with no outstanding bills. One check is missing.
- Is working with Director Bush/KL7JFT on trailer keys.

Webmaster Report: TJ Morgan/KL3IT (absent)

- None given

VE's Report: Ken Hudson/KL2HF

- Two tested for Extra Class, one passed.

Recap of Emergency Fair, and discussion of resources for someone who wants to have a license but can't read.

Director Bush/KL7JFT reported we are finishing up the old propane bottle on the comm trailer.

ARES Report: Director Bush/KL7JFT

- September 21 was the quarterly COMEX.
- Testing Winlink
- Reported on meeting with Jim Goodman and the Palmer Police Chief about setting up the EOC and emergency comms. They asked us to run path tests in Hatcher Pass.

- The ARES net has some new net controls.
- If problems continue with Anchorage, we will drop out of ARES and become EM-COMM.

Saturdays with Elmers: Director Mears/AL7LA

- The first meeting was cancelled due to the room not being available at the hospital.

Suggestion Box: John Mears/AL7LA (absent)

- None given

Sunshine Committee: Secretary Sherman/KL4FZ

- No one has had a need or reported to have a need since the September General Meeting.
- Members of the board submitted two names of people who could use a card from MARA.

Trailer Committee: Director Bush/KL7JFT

- Reported the trailers are good for winter.
- Talked to Wasilla police about their plans for a new station, and getting parking space for the trailers.

Election Committee: Secretary Sherman/KL4FZ

- Reported receiving nominations and will meet with committee after the Board meeting to finalize ballot.
- Asked the Board to clarify what the complimentary membership for new hams meant.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Jamboree On The Air**, October 18-20 @ Camp Gorsuch. Director Bush/KL7FJT said we need lots of help.
2. **Shake Out**, October 19
3. **MARA General/Annual meeting and Elections**, October 25.
4. **Valley Exam**, October 26

New Business:

1. *Pizza Party for October meeting?* President Olson/KL3TP
 - a. Pizza, along with water, was agreed upon.

Non-Agenda Items

1. Director Bush/KL7JFT mentioned we were approached to exhibit at the Mat-Su Outdoorsman Show, but that the cost was over \$300. Might be able to get in for free.
2. Director Bush also mentioned SATURN might be getting shut down and how this affects many things.
3. Director Bush said we might be able to have a weather spotter class at a future meeting.
4. Secretary Sherman/KL4FZ polled each member of the Board to see if they wanted to be on the ballot in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2019, Mat-Su Regional Hospital, Matanuska Room, 7pm.

Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ, Secretary