



# MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

September 27, 2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wasilla

### Call to Order:

The MARA General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Shelia Olson at 7:07 pm.

**Roll Call:** Members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

**Minutes:** All meeting minutes are now posted on the club website.

### Reports:

**President:** Shelia Olson/KL3TP:

- Reminded membership that next month are elections. Nomination forms have been passed out, and they can self-nominate.
- Next month is the annual meeting. The bank will need a report on who is the new president.

**Vice-President:** Lou Friend/KL4NK:

- Informed membership that the world depends on hams to bail them out when everything else fails.

**Treasurer:** John Carrington/KL1XM:

- Book account is \$1176.63, with no action in months.
- General account is \$1808.81 with all major bills for this year paid.

**Webmaster:** TJ Morgan/KL3IT (absent)

**VE Report:** Ken Hudson/KL2HF

- No candidates came last month. He will post a note at Station 61 in case people are going there for testing.
- Test session is tomorrow (9/28)

**ARES:** Don Bush/KL7JFT:

- COMEX was held. Ten to 12 people attended. Received 76 messages from around the state.
- Sky Warn--Don is trying to put together a weather spotter class for the club. ICS course on weather is available.
- Upcoming Emergency Prep Expo at Menard. 0900 set-up. Needs volunteers.
- Reminder that in October is JOTA.

At this point some people came in late and were asked to introduce themselves.

**Tech Time with Elmers:** John Mears/AL7LA

- Explained the purpose of Tech Time, which is held at the hospital in the conference room on Saturdays from 10-12.
- The Elmers in the room identified themselves.

**Suggestion Box:** John Mears/AL7LA

- No report given

**Sunshine Committee:** Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Reported no new recipients in the last month. The fund is doing fine.

**Trailer Committee:** Don Bush/KL7JFT

- Reported batteries are installed.
- Will change over fuel to winter grade when it comes out.

**Upcoming Events**

1. *Valley Exam*, September 28
2. *Emergency Preparedness Expo*, September 28
3. *Tech Time with Elmers*, October 5
4. *MARA Board meeting*, October 9
5. *Jamboree on the Air*, October 18-20 @ Camp Gorsuch
6. Shake OUT, October 19. Don Bush/KL7JFT explained the purpose.
7. *MARA Annual General and Elections*, October 25
8. *October Valley Exam*, October 26

Betty Carrington/KL1XL asked about the location of the next Christmas party. Shelia Olson/KL3TP hopes we can hold it at the church (Good Shepherd Lutheran). Shelia went on to reiterate that members should bring non-perishables to all meetings to donate to the church's food pantry in thanks for the use of the space.

**Old Business:**

**1. Election Nominations to Secretary--Shelia Olson/KL3TP**

- a. Shelia explained the responsibilities of the different positions, and that members could self-nominate.

**Non-Agenda Items**

1. Shelia Olson/KL3TP explained the George Strother book refund program again.
2. Contact Don Bush/KL7JFT if interested in emergency communications. He said that according to all the ARRL requirements, we're doing great.

Door Prize drawings were held. Betty Carrington/KL1XL explained who John Oriello/KL7LL, the prize donor, is.

**Program:** Windshield Report by Don Bush/KL7JFT. Slide presentation on what a windshield report is and how it's done. Don also passed out a form that's often used and that tells what to look for, then answered questions from the floor.

Don Bush/KL7JFT answered a question from the floor about ARES net themes.  
Craig Bledsoe/KL4E had some displays to view.  
Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ reminded people to hand in their nominations.

**Adjournment:** at 8:13 pm

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Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ, MARA Secretary