



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board Meeting
December 11, 2019
Mat-Su Regional Hospital, Matanuska Room**

Call to Order:

The MARA Board Meeting was called to order by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present and constituting a quorum were:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL4B	Bridgit Larson, Vice President/Director
KL3PAM	Pam Whitehead, Secretary/Director
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director/VE
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director/DEC/Repeater Trustee
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director

Not present:

KL3TP	Shelia Olson, Immediate Past President/Director/Website Facilitator
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Agenda Review / Additions:

The written agenda was accepted as presented; no additions.

Minutes: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

The minutes of the 11/13/2019 Board meeting are pending review/submission to the website.
The minutes of the 11/29/2019 General meeting are pending review/submission to the website.
Christmas Party 12/27/2019 General meeting - no minutes were taken.

Question of the Month:

If Santa could bring you one piece of ham equipment, what would it be?

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- reported on her first general meeting, felt it went well;
- discussed the number of young people in her church that are interested in ham radio;
- encouraged suggestions for activities in the upcoming year.

Vice President's Report: Bridgit Larson, KL4B

- reported receiving positive comments on the first General meeting program -- Ham Radio Jeopardy.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- reported General Account balance: \$1669.43, Book account \$902.82, Book purchase \$498.81, Books sold: \$175.00;
- reported status of membership renewals as of last month.

Website Facilitator: Shelia Olson, KL3TP - no report.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- reported results of the November 2019 testing -- 2 General, 1 Tech, 1 Extra.
- Next testing: Has three interested; will need three VE's.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- reported and explained the COMEX on December 21, 2019 - will be sending out Santa-grams and interface with Santa/North Pole (AL7N-Fairbanks); will need 4 to 5 to work the comm center.

Suggestion Box: John Mears, AL7LA

- There were no suggestions to report.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- reported on the class held at the Orthodox Church, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Jim Wardman/KL4W - get well card will be sent to Texas where he is recovering.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- reported current status of the Comm Trailer winterization and installation of new equipment; will be putting together a work party after the first of the year.
- reported training on APRS - Brandon/Eagle River.

Upcoming Events:

1. 12/21/2019 COMEX, Bushmaster Ops, 9 am - 1 pm
2. 12/27/2019 Christmas Party, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.
3. 12/28/2019 Valley Testing, Red Cross, 7:00 p.m.
4. 01/08/2020 CERT Meeting, Mat-Su Regional, 6:00 p.m.
5. 01/08/2020 Board Meeting, Mat-Su Regional, 7:00 p.m.
6. 01/25/2020 Valley Testing, Red Cross, 7:00 p.m.
7. 01/30/2020 MARA Luncheon, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
8. 01/31/2020 MARA General Meeting, GSLC, 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

1. Mat-Su Tech Expo in March, 2020 - Don Bush/KL7JFT
 - reported current status; has reserved and been awarded an "indoor" position at the Menard Center for the Comm Trailer for MARA's participation in the Matsu Tech Expo on March 5-6, 2020;
 - set-up will be the day before the event.

Old Business:

1. Microphone, sound system -- Bridgit, KL4B
 - reported has been working on acquiring a sound system for use at meetings/events;
 - described best one found/best price at Costco: \$149.99 Pathfinder 3.

Moved Larson, Seconded Carrington, for approval to purchase the sound system at Costco; no objections. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

John Carrington volunteered to make the purchase at Costco.

2. Christmas Party

Plans for the Christmas Party/General Meeting on December 27, 2019 were discussed along with set-up and rules for the Chinese Auction.

Moved Hudson, Seconded Larson, for approval to purchase table covers for the Christmas Party; no objections.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Ham of the Year -- Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM

Following discussion:

Moved Bush, Seconded McCormick, for approval to purchase the Ham of the Year Award placques; no objections.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pam will coordinate with Tundra Trophy in Wasilla and pick up the awards for presentation at the Christmas Party.

Non-agenda items / announcements:

Scott McCormick/KL7SLM announced son Alex/KL4TZ is on the Robotics Team at Colony High School -- invited the Board to come out and support Alex and the Colony Metal Knights Team competition..

John Mears/AL7LA discussed participation in the Matanuska Valley Sportsmen's Gun Show at Raven Hall, February 8-9, 2020..

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next board meeting: January 8, 2020.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association