



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
General Membership Reports
March 27, 2020

Call to Order:

The MARA General Membership Meeting was cancelled due to loss of venue and State Mandate.

Agenda Review / Additions:

The written agenda was distributed to board members

Minutes: All minutes have been posted on KL7JFU Website.

President Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Our venue is unavailable to us during this time of social distancing. The administration at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is using the actions of the local school district as their criteria for opening up their venue to the public. We very likely won't be able to hold an April meeting, either. So, for now, we will notify everyone through email or the website of anything pertaining to the Club and its activities. Don Bush, KL7JFT, is keeping the website up to date, so check it frequently.
- Our Vice President, Bridgit Larson, has asked to resign her position. She feels she is unable to serve the Club in that capacity with her functional deafness. Scott McCormick, KL7SLM, has graciously agreed to swap places on the Board with Bridgit. Any program ideas should be directed to Scott.
- We are still hoping we will be able to hold Hamfest. It is not canceled as of this writing. The Science Olympiad, which we hoped to be involved in, is canceled. For now, we are still soliciting donations for Hamfest. Don has the letter of introduction to give do a prospective supporter of the club. Please obtain a business card so we can post it on the website.

Vice President Report: Scott McCormick/KL7SLM

- While we are socially distancing ourselves, I would like to challenge each of you to get on the air on your favorite band, mode, or try a new band, learn a new mode, regain an interest in an older mode, study for our next class of license, try to get your life partners, children licensed or upgraded.

73 Scott/KL7SLM

Treasurer Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- John reports:
- The general checking account has \$2,290.54.
- The Book Account has \$1,027.82.
- These balances are A/O 24 Mar 2020..

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the MARA website is up to date, to include the Calendar, cancelled activities, and the current COVID-19 reports.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported VE testing is scheduled for Saturday evening and will be a drive in affair with applicants testing out of their vehicles, with VEs supervising outside of them. The VEs will collect the required items back from them wearing gloves and sanitize as necessary on the collected paper work.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Don has been working on training video collections and training subject we can offer to our membership with either Zoom or FCC to take up some time if folks would like to do that. I've been testing Winlink daily both HF and VHF. Our Quarterly Comex went pretty good on P2P training. Was assisted by KL7MO & KL7KO.
- Locally if anyone wants to do any of the type training I can put it together and do it over the internet or send them videos on how to do it. We are using the free program called Zoom.
- POD training would be our most useful training at this time.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- The Technician Class is still on at Houston Fire Station, Houston, AK, scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. Expects 5 to 10 students.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Tabitha reported no activity. If you or someone you know in the Club is in the hospital or is grieving a loss, or needs some sort of encouragement let me know. The fund is doing well for now. My email is tabithainak@gmail.com

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Don reported he checked on the trailers out Sunday all good. We can arrange to take the trailer to Sutton and clean the inside if anyone is interested. It needs to be wiped down good on the inside surfaces. Lou can help schedule that. Or as the temp is rising we can do it in place and run the heater.

Upcoming Events:

1. 04/04/2020 Tech Class, Houston FD 1000-1200 each Saturday of April
2. 04/08/2020 MARA Board Meeting, Teleconference
3. 04/11/2020 Possible schedule to clean trailer in Sutton
4. 04/25/2020 Valley Testing, to be determined
5. 05/09/2020 MARA Hamfest
6. 06/06/2020 "Dog Jog" along Trunk Road (Comm support)

New Business:

1. "Dog Jog" on Trunk Road, June 6, 2020

Described the event, noting MARA has been asked to provided communication support at checkpoints along Trunk Road; encouraged volunteers - will need 8 to 10 people at checkpoints; the walk will begin at the Park-and-Ride Lot at the West end of Trunk Road and run to Bogard.

2. HAMFEST Door Prizes: KL7JFT, May 9, 2020

Reminded that since we now have a date and location for the HAMFEST, it's not too early to start soliciting Door Prizes for the event. Check with Don to get a copy of the introduction letter. Check with Pam/KL3PAM for the Tax Receipts

Old Business:

1. Child Protection Policy:
Postponed to the next meeting.

2. Dues due:
Tabitha reminded members to pay their 2020 membership dues if haven't already. This can be done thru the website on our Donation app. Directions are on the web site. You can update your membership info by going to the forms page and file out the application. Email to John/KL1XM.

Next Board Meeting: April 8, 2020

This report compiled from Board
Member and Committee reports.

Next General Meeting: Unknown at this
time.

Don Bush

Don Bush/KL7JFT Board Member
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

**EVERYONE
STAY SAFE!**