



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
Board Meeting  
March 11, 2020  
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.

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
Absent:	
KL3SRO	Shelia Olson, Immediate Past President/Director

**Agenda Review / Additions:**

The written agenda was accepted as presented.

**Minutes:** Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

2/12/2020 Board Meeting -- posted to the MARA website.

2/28/2020 General Meeting -- posted to the MARA website.

**Question of the Month:**

- When was your first transmission on the radio? Board members related their first experiences with ham radio.

**President's Report:** Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Discussed soliciting help from the membership for planning the year ahead.

**Vice President's Report:** Bridgit Larson, KL4B

- Discussed some of the suggestions received on the Questionnaire for programs, including: History of Ham Radio, Solar Weather Affecting Propagation, Fund Raising items such as pins, hats, travel mugs.
- Reported will be working on next meeting program -- History of Ham Radio.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Carrington, KL1XM

- Reported General Fund \$2290.54, noting 10 people paid dues;
- Book Acct: \$977.00 + \$50 received tonight from AL7LA.

**Website Facilitator:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the MARA website and calendar are up to date;

**VE Report:** Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported as of the most recent testing, noting one Extra, two Technicians, and one General.

**ARES Report:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Provided a recap of the Tech Expo held 3/5/2020;
- Reminded the next Comex will be March 21, 2020 0900-1400, peer to peer windlink, VHF/HF, Direct or Relay.

**Licensing Classes:** John Mears, AL7LA

- Reported the licensing class has been scheduled to take place at the Houston Fire Station;
- Noted he has 10 Tech/10 Gen Books.

**Sunshine Committee:** Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Noted she has one card ready to be sent out.

**Trailer Committee:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- reported status noting the trailer has been cleaned inside and out and noted need to replace batteries for the handhelds.

**Moved McCormick, Seconded Carrington,** for approval for cost of replacing two batteries for the handheld radios.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Upcoming Events:**

1. 03/21/2020 Ides of March COMEX, Bushmaster Ops
2. 03/26/2020 MARA Luncheon, 11:30 am, Denali Family Restaurant
3. 03/27/2020 MARA General Meeting, GSLC, 7 pm
4. 04/04/2020 Science Olympiad, Teeland Middle School, 6:30am - 5:15pm
5. 04/08/2020 CERT Team Meeting, Mat-Su Regional Hospital, 6 pm
6. 04/08/2020 MARA Board Meeting, Mat-Su Regional Hospital, 7 pm
7. 04/24/2020 MARA General Meeting, GSLC, 7 pm
8. 05/09/2020 HAMFEST, Valley Church of Christ

**New Business:**

1. Printing MARA Brochures:

Ken/KL2HF reported he printed a new supply of the MARA Brochures.

2. Hamfest Planning:

Discussion took place concerning the tasks needed to be accomplished for the Hamfest, that it was not too soon to begin seeking donations, lining up programs, planning VE testing.

**Old Business:**

1. Tech Expo Follow-up: Recap provided earlier in the meeting.

**Non-agenda items / announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 8, 2020.

*Pamela J. Whitehead* [Electronic signature]  
Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary  
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association