



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES (Amended)**  
**Board Meeting/Covid-19 Zoom Version**  
**May 13, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The MARA Board Meeting was called to order **via Zoom Teleconference** by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:00 p.m.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL3PAM	Pam Whitehead, Secretary/Director
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL3SRO	Shelia Olson, Immediate Past President/Director
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director/VE
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director/DEC/Repeater Trustee
KL4B	Bridgit Larson, Director
Not present:	
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Vice President/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor

**Agenda Review / Additions:**

The written agenda was accepted as presented.

**Minutes:** Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

04/08/2020 Board Meeting -- The minutes were approved as submitted and posted to the website.

04/24/2020 General Meeting -- cancelled.

**Question of the Month:** What MARA summer event do you like the best? Named were Field Day and the summer MARA Picnic.

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

- Discussed the limitations placed on Field Day due to Covid-19.

**Vice President's Report:** Scott McCormick/KL7SLM

- None.

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

- Reported account balances as of today: General \$2333.00; Book \$1047.82.

**Website Facilitator:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the posted minutes are now up to date;
- Updated status of Covid-19 cases in the Mat-Su.

**VE Report:** Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Next testing is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2020 - parking lot of the Wasilla Red Cross.
- Has had calls from Fairbanks scheduling attendance.

**ARES Report:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the next COMEX will be in June, maybe;
- Still on Riverwatch; appears to be holding; okay, so far.

**Licensing Classes:** John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.
- It was noted the next licensing class has been rescheduled in Houston beginning the first weekend in June.

**Sunshine Committee:** Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- No report.

**Trailer Committee:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Updated as to status of cleaning/sanitizing the trailer;
- Is ready to go for operations.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. Virtual MARA General Meeting, May 29?  
-- Following discussion as to content and agenda items, there was consensus to give it a try.
2. Dog Walk -- Postponed; no date rescheduled as of yet.
3. Board Meeting, June 10, 7:00 p.m. via zoom.
4. Field Day, June 27-28, Location TBA

**New Business:**

1. Planning for Field Day:

It was pointed out that Field Day this year (June 27-28, 2020) is the same weekend as Motley and many of our members are electing to go to Motley instead. There was discussion whether there would be enough members to do the work and coordination it will take to have a successful event, in addition to complying with Covid-19 restrictions.

Following further discussion, it was decided not to have a KL7JFU Group Field Day, but instead to have individual 1D and 1E home station or portable field day. All members participating would include their association with KL7JFT on their report when they send it in, along with also sending a copy of the report to KL7JFT.

2. Buying pins and patches for Field Day (action item): No action.
3. Next Board Meeting location if allowed to gather: Decided it will have to be virtual.
4. Twitter presence -- Bridgit Larson, KL4B  
-- offered to post MARA Club information on Twitter.
5. Virtual General Meeting - No discussion.

**On-Going Business:**

1. Aleks McCormick, KL4TZ, graduation gift:

John Carrington offered to make him one of his handcrafted wood pens.

Following discussion:

**MOVED Olson/KL3SRO, SECONDED Bush/KL7JFT** to approve the purchase of the graduation gift and reimburse John/KL1XM for cost of the pen.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Pam offered to deliver the gift with a card as soon as it was ready.

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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: June 10, 2020 (via Zoom).

*Pamela J. Whitehead* [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary  
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association