



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting/Covid-19 Zoom Version**  
**September 9, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The MARA Board Meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:01 p.m.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

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

**Agenda Review / Additions:**

The written agenda was accepted as presented.

**Minutes:** Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

08/28/2020 General - pending

**Question of the Month:**

Name a memorable theme from a movie or book related to ham radio.

Examples offered: Star Trek; 911 Space Station.

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

- Reported she is looking forward to Hamfest;
- Discussed school shutdown.
- Discussed preparations for the upcoming Elections/Nomination process.

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

- Reported he will be participating in Hamfest;
- Announced he would like to remain on the Board, but will be stepping down as Vice President.

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

- Provided an updated status of club finances;
- \$1227.82 - Book Account
- Moved by Carrington, Seconded by Bush to reimburse John Mears in the amount of \$426.00 for books purchased licensing classes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Website Facilitator:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Website is up to date;
- Reported latest statistics on Covid-19 in the Valley;
- Discussed Hamfest

- Noted items added to the Swap & Shop.

**VE Report:** Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported the latest testing results - one person upgraded at the last exam.
- Noted he has three test-takers so far for the exam at Hamfest;

**ARES Report:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the next COMEX is October 26, 2020;
- Explained the exercise.

**Licensing Classes:** John Mears, AL7LA

- No report;

**Sunshine Committee:** Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Nothing new to report.

**Trailer Committee:** Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the trailer is ready to go to Hamfest.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. Hamfest, Sept. 12, Valley Church of Christ 9:00-4:00
2. General Meeting, Zoom, September 25, 7:00
3. Licensing Exams, September 26, AmVet Building, 7:00 pm
4. MARA Board Meeting, October 14, 2020, Location TBA
5. Licensing Exams, October 24, Am-Vet Building, 7:00 pm
6. MARA General Meeting, October 30, Zoom? 7-9

**Old Business:** None.

**On-Going Business:**

1. Report on meeting with Hamfest venue -- John Carrington/KL1XM
  - Reported on the meeting with the Church official and described the venue;
  - Noted it will be the largest venue for Hamfest that the Club has ever had; there is a separate room for presentations and testing; has a projector and connections;
  - Ken will bring his own projector for backup.
2. Planning for Hamfest -- last minute details:
  - There was open discussion on Hamfest details, going over a checklist of items and tasks to be fulfilled.

**New Business:**

1. Nominations for Board and Officers/October Club Elections
  - There was discussion regarding how to do nominations and election if the October meeting has to be via Zoom. Mail in voting?
2. Logistics of holding an election during Covid.
  - Discussion continued re same.

**Non-agenda items / announcements:**

Don Bush/KL7JFT:

- Reported on the two training sessions so far this month on antenna building and tower installation; had five or six in each class.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: October 14, 2020.

Next General Meeting: September 25, 2020

*Pamela J. Whitehead* [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary  
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association