



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
August 28, 2020
Covid 19 Zoom Edition

Call to Order:

The MARA General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:00 p.m.

Members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

Agenda Review / Additions:

The agenda was accepted.

Minutes: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

Pending.

President Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Discussed what was on the Agenda, primarily Hamfest planning.
- Reminded about November elections and nominations for board members.

Vice President Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

- None (Scott was not present)

Treasurer Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- Although John was not present for this meeting, he submitted the following financial update via email to the Board on August 21, 2020:
 - \$692.00 - Annual Insurance Bill for the trailers (September/2020 through September/2021); \$25,000 (Comm Trailer) \$5,000 (Support Trailer). Needs to be paid EOM in August to assure full coverage continues. It was noted that the owner of the insurance agency, Debra Barrett, waived her \$150 commission last year and again this year. There were no objections to payment of the bill and it was requested a nice thank you be sent to Ms. Barrett for her donation.
 - \$1,519.15 - General Account (includes \$41.09 quarterly dividend from Kroger and \$38.82 quarterly dividend from Amazon).

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported that the website is up to date, Hamfest information is listed, including a map location for Valley Church of Christ; updated VE testing information with map to Am-Vet Post 9;
- Updated Covid-19 Valley statistics;
- Spoke to two big events to exercise caution: Summer Festival at the Racetrack and Harvest Festival at the State Fairgrounds (outlined Covid-19 safety requirements).

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Recent testing at the American Red Cross -- only one tested, an upgrade from General to Extra;
- Responded to member questions concerning the location.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

No report (John not present)

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- One card sent on card last month.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the trailer is secure, has been cleaned and is ready for missions.

Upcoming Events:

09/09/2020 MARA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

09/12/2020 Hamfest, Valley Church of Christ, 9:00-4:00;

09/25/2020 MARA General Meeting, Zoom, 7 p.m.

09/26/2020 Lecensing Exams

New Business:

- Reminder to start thinking about October elections and nominations -- submit nominations to MARA Secretary, KL3PAM.

Ongoing Business:

- Hamfest Planning: There was open discussion covering the various tasks in planning for Hamfest.
- John/KL1XM, Betty/KL1XL, and Don/KL7JFT will meet next Tuesday to meet with Church officials regarding use of the facility.

Announcements/Good of the Order:

Break/Door Prize Drawings: None -- door prizes were held for the Hamfest.

Program: There was no program.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association