



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES-AMENDED
GENERAL/ANNUAL ZOOM MEETING
October 30, 2020**

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established:

The MARA General/Annual Meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:05 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

New Hams include: Amy Hansen KL5BB/General; Chris Hamman KL5BF/Extra; Michael "Mike" Gibson/KL5AX.

Agenda Review / Additions:

The written agenda was accepted as presented.

Minutes: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

General Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes have been posted to the MARA Website.

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Provided a recap of MARA activities/events over this last year, noting the last in-person General meeting was February, 2020 before Covid, including:
 - 2019 Christmas Party;
 - Unfortunately had to postpone Hamfest, but was able to reschedule for September, which was well-attended and was financially beneficial for the Club;
 - Had to cancel Field Day, everyone should think about how to get involved in it next summer, plenty of jobs for everyone;
 - Ken Hudson and team of VEs have continued to offer testing once a month in addition to holding sessions during most of our events, which are offered for free as a service to our community;
 - Encouraged Ham of the Year nominations be submitted to the MARA Secretary during November and the award will be announced at the December Christmas Party;
- Encouraged club members get together via Zoom for a Virtual Breakfast Informal Meeting on the third Saturday of the month; there were no objection; Don Bush will set up the Zoom invitation.

Vice President Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

- Similarly provided a recap of Club programs/activities over the past year.

Treasurer Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- Provided an update to Club finances:
- General Account: \$2,085.45
- Book Account: \$1,002.62
- Hamfest "outstanding" receipts total: \$1,390.00;
- Radio raffle: \$300.00;
- Reported all the major insurance bills have been paid;
- Noted club membership currently totals 86.

Website Facilitator / ARES / Trailer Committee Reports: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the MARA website is up to date;
- *Silent Key:* Reported sadly that **Hap/KL7UPS** (Karl A. Wurlitzer) passed away on October 25, 2020, noting Hap was an avid ham and long time member to various nets around the state; he was located at Hatcher Pass, managed and ran the Hatcher Pass Lodge which ran off the grid using a 12 Kw Kubota diesel generator, Operator Hap will be missed.

- Noted the calendar on the website is up to date;
- Updated regarding Skywarn Weather Spotter;
- Reported there have been four emergency exercises this year;
- Updated regarding the current status of ARES;
- Reported the MARA trailers have been repositioned to the new Police Department and the batteries are looking good.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Provided a recap of the last year: 27 new Technicians; 14 Generals, 11 Extras for total of 52 for this last year: September 2019 to September 2020;
- Reported the October testing session produced 7 Techs and 3 Generals;
- Year to date: 61 tested.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA (not present)

- Ken Hudson noted 8 people have signed up for the new class.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Reported 12 sympathy and get well cards were sent out.

Upcoming Events:

1. 11/21/2020 - Virtual Saturday Breakfast (3rd Saturday), 9:00-10:00 a.m.
2. 11/28/2020 - Licensing Exams Am-Vets, 7:00 p.m.
3. 12/11/2020 - MARA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
4. 12/18/2020 - Christmas Party (Note: **3rd** Friday)

New Business:

1. Nominations for Ham of the Year - Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM
- Spoke to and encouraged HOTY nominations (form published on the MARA website) be submitted by the means directed on the nomination form. HOTY will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Ongoing Business:

1. Voting for MARA Board Officers/Directors:
- Pam/KL3PAM reported on the Ballot nominations received; there were no write-ins. One additional director was added as the Club membership to date was reported to be 90.
 - **MOVED George Strother/KL7GS, SECONDED Kathleen O'Keefe/KL7KO** for approval of the Ballot nominations as presented and elected to a new term.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Election Results:

KL4FZ Tabitha Sherman, President
 KL5BF Chris Hamman, Vice President
 KL3PAM Pam Whitehead, Secretary
 KL1XM John Carrington, Treasurer
 KL3SRO Shelia Olson, Past President
 AL7LA John Mears, Director
 KL7JFT Don Bush, Director
 KL2HF Kenneth Hudson
 KL4B Bridgit Larson, Director
 KL7SLM Scott McCormick, Director

Door Prize Drawings:

- Door Prize drawings were conducted.

Program: There was no program.

Announcements/Good of the Order:

- KL7JFT announced that Field Comm 1 is in the process of upgrading its system and are looking for assistants.
- Welcome new Vice President and member to the Club: Chris Hamman/KL5BF

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
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