



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

Call to Order/Quorum Established:

The MARA Board Meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:03 p.m. Present and constituting a quorum were:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, 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, Director

Not present:

KL5BF	Chris Hamman, Vice President/Director
KL3SRO	Shelia Olson, Past President/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director

Agenda Review / Additions or Changes /Approval:

Following brief review:

MOVED Hudson/KL2HF, **SECONDED** Carrington/KL1XM to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

11/11/2020 Board Meeting -- submitted for Board review/approval/posting to the MARA website.

Following review:

MOVED Carrington/KL1XM, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT, to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Question of the Month: What do you want Santa to bring you this year, amateur radio related?

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Nothing new to report.

Vice President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

- No report (not present)

Secretary's Report: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

- No report.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- provided an updated report on Club finances:
- Book account: \$1,002.00
- General account: \$2,244.62
- reported on 2021 membership dues paid plus two new members.

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported there is now a menu link on how to pay dues via PayPal on the website; also for donations;
- Covid statistics have been moved to the bottom of the page;
- Described the newly added Skywarn map links to show what's going on with flooding, snow storms, earthquakes.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported on the last quarterly Comex -- went very well, good propagation (except for about 20 minutes);
- Those who participated realized they need more practice on Winlink and message handling;
- Has training ready whenever people want to do it.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Updated status of the trailers -- all in good shape.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported test session was cancelled last month because of Covid restrictions;
- Expects to conduct the December 26 testing -- has two inquiries so far;
- Discussion ensued regarding the new requirement of having to apply for an FRN number at time of testing and the FCC \$50 charge to obtain a license. It was pointed out that an exemption is still being worked on because ham radio operators are non-commercial.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Nothing new to report.

Upcoming Events:

1. 12/18/2020 - MARA General Meeting (via Zoom)
2. 12/19/2020 - Virtual Breakfast Meeting (via Zoom 9:00 a.m.)
3. 12/26/2020 - Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, 7:00 p.m.
4. 01/13/2021 - MARA Board Meeting (via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.)
5. 01/16/2021 - Virtual Breakfast Meeting (via Zoom 9:00 a.m.)
6. 01/23/2021 - Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, 7:00 p.m.)
7. 01/29/2021 - MARA General Meeting (via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.)

On-Going Business:

1. Ham-of-the-Year:

Following discussion regarding extending the announcements for Ham of the Year and Elmer recognitions until the January General Meeting:

MOVED Carrington/KL1XM, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT, to wait until the January 29, 2021 General Meeting to announce/award the Ham of the Year and Elmer recognitions.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Business:

1. December General meeting program discussion -- Chris Hamman/KL5BF (not present)
Don/KL7JFT briefly discussed whether the Club would want to participate in Winter Field Day; that it was brought up in a Tech Group session.

Non-agenda items / announcements:

Don/KL7JFT announced an antenna party for one of our new hams, will be looking for helpers; also discussed a couple of Elmer sessions coming up on setting up some new radios and digital; noted 10 new hams up on HF.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: 01/13/2021.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association