



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board Meeting/ Zoom Version
January 13, 2021**

Call to Order/Quorum Established:

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

Present and constituting a quorum were:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL5BF	Chris Hamman, Vice President/Director
KL3PAM	Pam Whitehead, Secretary/Director
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director/DEC/Repeater Trustee
KL4B	Bridgit Larson, Director

Not present:

KL3SRO	Shelia Olson, Past President/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director/VE
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director

Also present:

KL7GS	George Strother, MARA member/Elmer
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Agenda Review / Additions or Changes / Approval:

MOVED Hamman/KL5BF, **SECONDED** Carrington/KL1XM, to add announcement by George Strother/KL7GS under Non-agenda Items/Announcements. There were no objections.

Motion Carried Unanimously. The agenda was accepted as amended.

Meeting Minutes / Approval: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

12/09/2020 Board Meeting -- submitted for Board review/approval/posting to the MARA website.

MOVED Bush/KL7JFT, **SECONDED** Carrington/KL1XM, to approve the 12/09/2020 Board Minutes as submitted.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Question of the Month: How did you get interested in Ham Radio?

- There was discussion regarding what got everybody interested in becoming a ham.

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- Looking forward to Ham-of-the-Year award at the next General meeting as well as Elmer recognition; encouraged everyone to invite others to join the meeting.
- Reported on the need for a new supply of membership brochures.

Vice President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

- See New Business, item 1, later in the meeting the January General Meeting program.

Secretary's Report: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

- Discussed filing Notice of Change of Officials with the State; it was decided John/KL1XM will do.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- Provided an update to Club financial accounts:
- General account: \$2,410.68; Book account: \$1,002.62
- Reported status of receipt of membership dues.

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the website is up to date;
- Noted status of the Covid vaccine distribution at various locations.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported ARRL is discontinuing ARES Connect;
- Next COMEX not yet planned; probably late February/March, 2021.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported status of the trailers as of this week; good to go, no issues.
- Added an HF Go-Kit; Chris/KL5BF will be testing it out during Winter Field Day;
- Trailer contains 1 HF voice digital kit and 2 VHF digital kits.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Chris/KL5BF (filling in for Ken) reported on the most recent testing -- 4 passed Technician.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- One Christmas card sent to Mark Allan/KL2EC

Upcoming Events:

1. 01/16/2021 Virtual Breakfast meeting via Zoom, 9:00 am
2. 01/23/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vet Building, 7:00 pm
3. 01/29/2021 MARA General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
4. 02/09/2021 MARA Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
5. 02/20/2021 Virtual Breakfast Meeting via Zoom, 9-10 am
6. 02/26/2021 MARA General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
7. 02/27/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vet Building, 7:00 pm

Ongoing Business:

1. Ham of the Year - John/KL1XM
 - Updated as to status; that he and Bridgit/KL4B have determined the selection and will be prepared to announce the HOTY at the January 26 General Meeting.
- Elmer of the Year -- New recognition by ARRL
- Don/KL7JFT explained the procedure, noting any number of Elmers can be recognized; the Elmer information/application (ARRL online application) is submitted to ARRL and they send back a Certificate for announcement and recognition.

New Business:

1. January General Meeting program discussion -- Chris Hamman/KL5BF
 - Spoke to the topic of the program he has chosen for the next January general meeting -- 21st Century Battery Technology (Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery that can be charged at -20 C).
2. MARA Tri-fold Brochures:

Following discussion on best way to reproduce the tri-fold membership brochures, Chris/KL5BF offered to print as many brochures as needed.

MOVED Carrington/KL1XM, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT, to reimburse Chris for the ink and the paper for 300 copies of the membership brochures. There were no objections.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Gun Show, February 13-14, 2021 -- Do we want to participate?

Following discussion, it was decided to pass year primarily because of Covid restrictions.

Non-agenda items / Announcements:

George Strother/KL7GS:

- announced that he would like the donation he made to MARA a couple of years ago to help pay for the books for the VE Classes/Testing, he would also like it to be used for other expenses including the printing of the MARA brochures/membership folders, the cost for new VE's, and related expenses. Thank you, George!
- Inquired whether MARA should be listed as a nonprofit for donations under the PFD-Pick/Click/Give program. John will check the cost.
- Suggested it may be worthwhile for MARA to adopt an Annual Budget for expected income and approved expenses (trailer insurance, State filings, etc). Also, a Capitol Projects Plan to give the membership ideas for where to target donations.
- Discussion followed concerning Club finances/annual expenses.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 10, 2021.

Next General Meeting: February 26, 2021

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]
Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association