



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board Meeting/Zoom Version
APRIL 12, 2021

Call to Order/Quorum Established:

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
KL5BF	Chris Hamman, Vice President/Director
KL3PAM	Pam Whitehead, Secretary/Director (lost connection/arrived later)
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director/VE (arrived late)
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director/DEC/Repeater Trustee
KL4B	Bridgit Larson, Director
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director

Not present:

KL3TP	Shelia Olson, Past President/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor

Agenda Review / Additions or Changes / Approval:

Following review via screen share and brief discussion:

MOVED McCormick/KL7SLM, **SECONDED** Bush/KL1XM, for approval of the Agenda as amended to add Discussion regarding Memorial for Silent Key, Teddy Walden/KL7HY.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting Minutes / Approval: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

02/10/2021 Board Meeting -- pending

03/10/2021 Board Meeting -- pending

Question of the Month: What have you done in the past month to become a better radio operator? If nothing, what would you do in the next month to become a better radio operator?

Scott/KL7SLM --Took out and tested his HF Go-Box and discovered the auto tuner will not tune down on 80 meters with the G5RV;

Bridgit/KL4B --To advance ham radio, has been working on software and projects that others can use;

Don/KL7JFT-- hosted five or six Elmer sessions working with new hams and the process refreshed his memory to work better himself;

John/KL1XM -- set up a 2 meter rig for Betty by her easy chair to listen during the week and check in on the ARES net on Thursday night;

Chris/KL5BF -- basically reaching out to people encouraging to get their ham radio licenses;

Tabitha/KL4FZ -- took handheld throughout the school in various places attempting to reach the repeater and failed; discovered the little antenna won't do it; she will be getting a telescoping antenna to carry around to extend when she needs it.

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Reported she has been trying to reach out to Roger Hanson regarding availability of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as a venue for general meetings; has not received a response. Will try at a later time.

Vice President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

- Nothing new to report; continues to solicit ideas for programs;
- CW was suggested; he will check to see what he can find.

Secretary's Report: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

- Lost connection/no report.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- General account: \$3,077.41; includes \$17.00 rebate for ARRL dues paid through the Club.
- Book account: \$1,028.42; paid John Mears \$424.20 for 25 books on order, who had 10 sold (\$250.00) before they were received.
- Reported corrections to Pam/KL3PAM's Memorandum Summary of Actions Taken dated April 12, 2021; he will send her an email.

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

- Reported the website is up to date; added information regarding Teddy Walden (Silent Key);
- COVID report is current;
- Reported everything is good inside the Trailer; most of the snow is gone; batteries are good;
- When it warms up we can start doing some maintenance;
- Has training programs put together to begin training.
- The WE Paper has been soliciting articles from us on Ham Radio; he is working on an article to submit;

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported 3 new Technicians, one of which went on to pass General; also 3 new Generals, one of which upgraded to Extra;
- Next testing is April 24, 2021.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Reported card sent to Lois, Teddy's widow, expressing the Club's condolences.

Upcoming Events:

1. 04/17/2021 Virtual Breakfast Meeting via Zoom 9-10 am
2. 04/24/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, Wasilla, 7:00 pm
3. 04/30/2021 MARA General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
4. 05/12/2021 MARA Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
5. 05/15/2021 Virtual Breakfast Meeting via Zoom, 9-10 am
6. 05/22/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, Wasilla, 7:00 pm
7. 05/28/2021 MARA General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Ongoing Business:

1. Reminder - Tabitha/KL4FZ will not be present for the April General Meeting.

2. Hamfest -- venue?

Confirmation on venue is pending. Don/KL7JFT suggested setting a date in September and then come up with venues. Following discussion:

MOVED Carrington/KL1XM, **SECONDED** McCormick/KL7SLM, to set a tentative date for Hamfest for September 18, 2021.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Memorial for Silent Key, Teddy Walden/KL7HY - Don Bush/KL7JFT

- Announced the Memorial will be held at American Legion Post 35, at 2:00 pm, on April 29, 2021, followed by a potluck.
3. Meeting Venue Discussion.
 - Following discussion, Don/KL3JFT will call Roger to inquire about the possibility of getting back into the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for General Meetings.

New Business:

1. April General Meeting Program discussion -- Chris/KL5BF
Will check in to CW as a possible program.
2. Sunshine Committee Guidelines -- Tabitha/KL4FZ
Guidelines for when appropriate to send flowers. Matter was tabled for further discussion; no objections.

Non-agenda items / announcements:

Reminder - Saturday - virtual breakfast.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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