



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board Meeting/Zoom Version
February 10, 2021
AMENDED

Call to Order/Quorum Established:

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

Board members present and constituting a quorum:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL5BF	Chris Hamman, Vice 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
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director

Not present:

KL3SRO	Shelia Olson, Past President/Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director/Class Instructor

Also present:

KL7GS	George Strother
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Agenda Review / Additions or Changes / Approval:

Following review via screen share and discussion:

MOVED Bush/KL7JFT, **SECONDED** Hamman/KL5BF, for approval of the Agenda as amended, adding New Business item 3, *Anonymous Donation from Facebook for Discussion*.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting Minutes / Approval: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

01/10/2021 Board Meeting -- submitted for Board review and posting to the MARA website.

MOVED Hamman/KL5BF, **SECONDED** McCormick/KL7SLM, for approval of the *January 10, 2021* Board Minutes as submitted.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Question of the Month: Which of the following radio super powers would you like to have?

1) Invisibility; 2) Flying -- (erect antennas without effort); 3) Amazing Ability to Troubleshoot and Fix Any Radio Issue; 4) Being able to stay awake all night without effort while Contesting.

Scott-Flying; Ken-Troubleshoot; Chris-Invisibility; Don-Fix and Repair; John-Repairing, Pam-Fix Radio Issues; Bridgit-Invisibility; Tabitha-Troubleshoot and Fix.

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Complimented the Board as the best ever; thanked everyone for their unique contributions.
- Spoke in favor of continuing to hand out club membership packets to new hams.

Vice President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

- Reported on the recent Winter Field Day event; that it went great and believes it is generating some new interest and ideas;
- Open discussion ensued regarding training and procedures.

Secretary's Report: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

- Had no report.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- Reported status of Club finances:
- General account: \$2,603.22; Book account: \$1,002.00

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported website is up to date.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported March will be the next statewide exercise: "Ides of March"; date not yet selected; will be practicing traffic handling using Winlink; described details and procedures.
- Described RMS operations 24/7 on the packet network and DMR Net 3102 from Homer or Arizona;
- Encouraged the Swap & Shop Net at 11:00 am on Saturdays.
- Recommended 20-minute U-tube videos for assistance in training; get the membership to tell us what they want to learn;
- Ken/KL2HF suggested learning how to set up Winlink from scratch. Further discussion ensued regarding Winlink for the Pi.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the Trailer is good; batteries are charged; all kits are good to go;
- There is plenty of fuel; started the generator last week and ran for about an hour, in good operating condition; everything is ready to go.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported 10 people tested; 8 passed -- 1 Technician+General, 7 Technician.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- John/KL1XM reported John is trying to order more books, but is having a problem with back orders.
- **MOVED** John/KL1XM, **SECONDED** Don/KL7JFT, to approve the order for Ham Radio Licensing Books.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- No activity.

Upcoming Events:

1. 02/20/2021 Virtual Breakfast Meeting, via Zoom, 9-10 am
2. 02/26/2021 MARA General Meeting, via Zoom, 7 pm
3. 02/27/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vet Building, 7 pm
4. 03/10/2021 MARA Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7 pm
5. 03/20/2021 Virtual Breakfast Meeting, via Zoom, 7 pm
6. 03/26/2021 MARA General Meeting, via Zoom, 7 pm
7. 03/27/2021 Licensing Exams, Am-Vet Building, 7 pm

Ongoing Business:

1. Pick, Click, Give: John/KL1XM
- Reported the donation program would cost \$250.00 per year, nonrefundable, to register MARA Club for donations; doesn't think it would be a good expenditure for the Club at this time;

- Discussion followed on other ways to set up donations to the Club.
- **MOVED** Don/KL7JFT, **SECONDED** John/KL1XM, to pass on applying for the *Pick-Click-Give Program* this year. There were no objections.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Business:

1. February General Meeting program discussion -- Chris Hamman/KL5BF
 - No thoughts on it yet; solicited ideas; there was discussion on someone doing a show-n-tell.
 - Following discussion regarding "how-to", George Strother/KL7GS, volunteered to show is hamshack at the next General meeting.
2. Vests for Event Coordinator, etc. -- Chris Hamman/KL5BF
 - Suggested for Club events that a vest be worn that identifies the Event Coordinator as the person in charge of the event.
 - Following discussion, the matter was tabled for additional discussion, research, and cost.
3. Anonymous Donation from Facebook for Discussion: John Carrington/KL1XM
 - Reported receipt of an *Anonymous* donation of \$120.00 to MARA from *Network for Good* through Facebook. Upon research and inquiry, he was told the donation was set up through Facebook/Network for Good and the donor wished to remain anonymous.

Non-agenda items / announcements:

Don/KL7JFT reported on the current status of Covid cases; the Valley is doing super good. Discussion ensued on where to go for vaccinations.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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