



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

Call to Order/Quorum Established:

The MARA Board Meeting was called to order via Zoom 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
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, Director/VE
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director/DEC/Repeater Trustee
KL4B	Bridgit Larson, Director

Not present:

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

Agenda Review / Additions or Changes / Approval:

The written agenda was presented for approval via screen share.

MOVED Hamman/KL5BF, **SECONDED** Carrington/KL1XM to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting Minutes / Approval: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

02-10-2021 Board Minutes were presented for approval via screen share.

MOVED Hamman/KL5BF, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT, to approve the 02-10-2021 Board Minutes as *Amended*, correcting the Treasurer's Report General Account to state \$2,603.22 (not \$3,603.22).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-10-2021 Board Minutes were presented to approval via screen share:

MOVED Carrington/KL1XM, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT to approve the 03-10-2021 Board Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-12-2021 Board Minutes were presented for approval via screen share:

MOVED Hamman/KL5BF, **SECONDED** Carrington/KL1XM to approve the 04-12-2021 Board Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Question of the Month: What did you know about amateur radio when you were a student in high school? The majority of the board knew nothing about ham radio in high school; Don noted he became interested in becoming a ham as a result of the '64 earthquake.

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Nothing new to report.

Vice President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

- Nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

- No report.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- Reported status Club finances:
- General account: \$5,377.55, includes \$2,300.00 donation from FB Network for Good (for repeater);
- Book account: \$1,028.42.

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported the website is up to date; will add the recently approved and amended minutes.
- TJ figured out the problem with the backup system and it is working again;

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Nothing new at this time; waiting to hear from the Borough as to status of the EOC.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Reported will soon be setting up a schedule for maintenance and training on the trailer with the hopes of getting people interested.
- Trailers are in good shape; discussed what will be included in the upcoming maintenance.
- We will also need to do an inventory check of the equipment.
- Regarding the repeater, the antenna came in; the repeater has been shipped, should receive in about a week.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Reported two upgrades to Extra and three upgrades to General.

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Reported she sent one card to a member who had been in the hospital -- Margaret/KL4OP.

Upcoming Events:

1. 05/15/2021 -- Virtual Breakfast Meeting, via Zoom, 9-10 am
2. 05/22/2021 -- Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, Wasilla, 7:00 pm
3. 05/28/2021 -- MARA General Meeting, via Zoom, 7:00 pm
4. 06/09/2021 -- MARA Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7:00 pm
5. 06/26/2021 -- Licensing Exams, Am-Vets Building, Wasilla, 7:00 pm

Ongoing Business:

1. Hamfest - venue?
 - There was discussion as to possible venues for MARA Hamfest slated for Saturday, September 18.
2. Do we want to do Field Day? Are we able?
 - Date conflicts with Motley.
 - Following discussion, the consensus was to do Field Day from home Qth under ARRL Covid rules.

New Business:

- 1, May General Meeting Program Discussion -- Chris/KL5BF
 - Following discussion, it was decided to do another Ham Shack Show and Tell. Don suggested contacting DX Engineering who has put on some pretty good programs for the Anchorage Club.
2. July Picnic Organization:
 - Discussion ensued regarding planning the picnic. Location: Lake Lucille Recreation Area (off KGB); see map on website, Lot A; picnic is a potluck, meat provided by the Club, license testing will occur if enough are interested.

Non-Agenda items / Announcements: None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: June 9, 2021.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association