



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
General General Zoom Meeting
May 28, 2021

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established:

The MARA General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Tabitha Sherman at 7:00 p.m.

Members/guests in attendance provided names/call signs for door prize drawings later in the meeting:

KL7LL/John Orella	KL2EC/Mark Allan	KL7DR/Dan O'Barr	KL7GO/Gretchen O'Barr
KL5AH/Stephen Geddes	KL5DY/Greg Conklin	KL7JKR/James Weeks	KL7EB/David Stevens
KL7MRO/Mark Olson	KD6YKS/John Ramsey	KL7JFT/Don Bush	KL4VB/Josef Princiotta
KL5BF/Chris Hamman	KL4B/Bridgit Larson	KL3SRO/Shelia Olson	KL3RVW/HarveyWhitehead
KL3PAM/Pam Whitehead	KL2FA/Carol Bush	KL7FXJ/Arthur Peterson	KL7H/Craig Bledsoe
KL2HF/Ken Hudson	KL7GS/George Strother	KL1XM/John Carrington	KL1XL/Betty Carrington

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

MOVED Strother/KL7GS, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT to approve the written Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Pam Whitehead, KL3PAM

The Minutes of the **April 30, 2021 General Meeting** were presented for approval and posting to the MARA website.

MOVED Strother/KL7GS, **SECONDED** Bush/KL7JFT, to approve the **April 30, 2021** minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

President Report: Tabitha Sherman/KL4FZ

- Reported regarding MARA summer activities -- Not able to have an in-person Field Day this year, but ARRL is allowing individual Field Days; encouraged attendance at the MARA Picnic on 7/17/21.
- Hamfest is scheduled for September 11, 2021;
- There will be no General Meeting in June; next General Meeting will be 8/27/21.

Vice President Report: Chris Hamman/KL5BF

- Reported he is working on sites for General Meetings -- likely will be in the Big Lake/Houston area.

Treasurer Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

- General Account \$5440.00 (\$2300 allocated to the new repeater)
- Book Account \$1028.00
- Amazon quarterly donation: \$39.31 (Amazon quarterly smile donation)
- Noted that so far the Club as collected a total of \$493.70 as a result of members joining Amazon Smile.
- Responded to member questions.

Secretary's Report:

- Had no report.

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KI7JFT

- Reported the MARA Website is up to date;
- Noted the information posted for the Temporary Testing site worked out well. Ken/KL2HF did a great job getting it all organized.
- Swap & Shop is up to date.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Next Statewide Comex has been rescheduled to September 18, 2021.

Trailer Committee: Don Bush, KL7JFT

- Described the maintenance needed on the trailers; will soon be starting familiarization training via Zoom, followed by scheduling a couple of Saturdays to do the actual maintenance and training setting up the trailers and equipment followed by teardown. Also need to train a additional drivers; described what that entailed and requirements involved.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

- Four candidates at the most recent testing on 05/22/21. Three became Technicians. Next testing will be June 26, 2021 (4th Saturday).

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

- No report.

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

- Sent on card to a member who had been in the hospital.

Upcoming Events:

1. 06/09/2021 - MARA Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7 pm
2. 06/19/2021 - Virtual Breakfast via Zoom, 9-10 am
3. 06/24-27/2021 - Motley Picnic, Tosona Wilderness Campground
4. No June General Meeting
5. 07/17/2021 - MARA Picnic, Lake Lucille Recreation, 10 am -- 4 pm

Ongoing Business:

1. Hamfest -- September 11, 2021 (Saturday)

There was open discussion with regard to planning and the need to start working on soliciting door prizes. Don/KL7JFT explained the procedure. It was requested for Don to put the donation request letter on the website.

2. Field Day in June; Participants need to start training.

It was decided not to do an in-person Field Day this year because we don't have at least 20 volunteers. The date also competes with the Motley Picnic where a good many key Club members will be going.

3. Report on repeater project -- Don Bush/KL7JFT

Reported the repeater has arrived and is currently in his possession along with the tower parts and antenna; spoke to the installation process. Location for the tower will be at T.J.'s / KL7IT. Further discussion and questions ensued.

New Business: None.

Door Prize Drawing: (All prizes will be available at the July picnic.)

Door Prize drawings were conducted: Winners were the following:

KL3SRO - Screwdriver with tips;

KL2EC - Amino Box

KL5AH - Meter

KD6YKS - Wonder Bar

KL7JKR - Microfiber cloths

KL73RVW - Ties

KL7GO - Nintendo switch

Program: Ham Shack Show & Tell by Don Bush, KL7JFT

Don narrated a video presentation of his and Carol's Ham Shack, describing all radio equipment and systems included. In addition, he described their new Tempest Weather Station, solar powered. They also have a another ham station in their truck and trailer.

Announcements/Good of the Order:

CraigKL7H announced having acquired some Vintage Radio Equipment and interesting related Flyers and Pin-ups from World War II (demonstrated same via Zoom)

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:15 p.m.

Pamela J. Whitehead [Electronic signature]

Pam Whitehead/KL3PAM, Secretary
Matanuska Amateur Radio Association