



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

General Meeting

May 27, 2022

Valley Church of Christ / Zoom

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established: The MARA General Membership Meeting was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**.

Minutes Review/Additions:

The minutes of the **April 22'** meeting are approved. They were sent to the webmaster for posting on the MARA website.

President's Report: Thank you Cards have been delivered and given to the Pastor

Vice-President's Report: Introduction of the nights Guest Speaker: Ken Oelke, President of the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association).

Secretary Report: Minutes approved and sent to webmaster for posting

Treasurer's Report: General acct: \$6446 and Book acct: \$1052

Webmaster Report: All pages are up and running, Hamfest info coming, MatValley Covid decreasing

VE's Report: 1 upgrade to General, no new HAMS

ARES Report: we have 2 Skywarn nets, one of which is run here locally. SOP posted on the KL7JFT webpage. Keep eyes/ears open for flood watch. The next exercise in June, TBD.

Licensing Classes Report: None scheduled and no requests

Sunshine Committee: N/A

Trailer Committee: Mission Ready. Willow Emergency Fair went really well. We NEED more members to step forward to be trained in trailer ops. If we don't get any, trailer won't go. Please see Don / KL7JFT for more information.

Upcoming Events:

1. Licensing exams, May 28, WASI, 7pm
2. MARA Board Mtg **June 15** at the Bush's 6pm
3. Motley Picnic, June 23-26, Tolsona Wilderness Campground: Don showed info slide and will send to membership again if you deleted it.
4. Licensing exams June 25th, WASI, 7pm
5. No General meeting in June.

Old or Ongoing Business:

1. Update to repeater project: two tower sections to go up, TJ / KL3IT told Don that it needs to be looked at first for possible light duty repair work. Any welders in the Club?

New Business:

1. Club donation to help keep the 33 repeater in operation. Much discussion and ideas brought forward. This will be further discussed at the Board MTG A) Raise member dues and proportion a percentage/\$ amount to be donated yearly to Anchorage Radio Club. B) Just make a single donation from the club to support yearly if we have funds available. C) Individual donations at the KL7AA webpage. D) ???

Looking Ahead:

1. MARA Annual Picnic, July 16 at Lake Lucille Park
2. Hamfest, September 10, Big Lake Rec Center

Guest Speaker: Ken Oelkie, VE6AFO gave about a 30–45-minute topic presentation of the history of Ham radio. Very interesting. Also, please visit QCWA.org to review, learn more about Quarter Century Wireless Association. This association has been around for a long time. It may be something that some of our members would be interested in becoming part of.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm

Next Board Meeting: 16 Jun 1830 at Bushmaster Operations BBQ

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary