



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

September 14, 2022

Zoom/Hybrid

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Board of Directors was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

Present and constituting a full board quorum were officers/directors:

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL7H	Craig Bledsoe, Vice President/Director (abs)
KL7JKR	JD Weeks, Secretary/Director
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL7JFT	Don Bush, Director
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, VEC/Director
KL4B	Bridget Larsen, Director
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**

Minutes:

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

President's Report: Thankful for a successful HamFest.

Vice-President's Report: September the speaker will be delivering his Zoom presentation from the Lower 48, and I will be introducing him on Zoom while physically in Fairbanks setting up for the Fairbanks Hamfest starting on Saturday morning.

Secretary Report: NSTR

Treasurer's Report: We currentley have \$5704.27 in the general account and \$1077.04 in the book account.

Webmaster Report: Minutes added (Hamfest, Safety Fair at Menards and Meetings)

VE's Report: We didn't have any test takers at the Hamfest, nothing else to report

ARES Report: Menard Safety Fair, need volunteers for setup /teardown. Door prize aquired by Tabitha. Comex will be in Oct, more to come. JOTA will be Oct 14-15, with setup on the 14th at 1200. Camp Gorsuch. Operations will be on the 15th from 0900-1600.

Trailer Report: Scott is looking into getting winches to operate the tower, John mentioned about having a manual backup. Being looked into.

Licensing Classes Report: N/A

Sunshine Committee: 1 card sent

Ham of the Year Committee: Need to start chatting, who would we like to submit

Upcoming Events

1. MARA General Meeting, September 30, Valley Church of Christ, 7-9pm.
2. MARA Luncheon, Thursdays prior to General meetings. 1130 @ Chepos
3. Licensing Exams, September 24, WASI, 7pm
4. MARA Board Meeting, October 12, via Zoom, 7pm
5. Menard Safety Fair, September 24. Trailer Training will be conducted. Be there
- 6 Licensing exams, October 29, WASI, 7pm
7. MARA General Meeting, October 28, Valley Church of Christ. 7-9pm. In Person, no hybrid

Old Business:

1. Elections for Board members will be held at the October General membership meeting. Get you nominations to the Secretary: JD/KL7JKR ak907weeks@gmail.com

New Business

1. The speaker this month should be Jim Arlington and his VP of Operations for Hi-Q Antennas. The following month (October) should be NASA Scientist George Hamilton from the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, speaking on communicating with astronaut hams on the Moon. Also I just received contact info from Tabitha at Saturday's MARA deployment to the Disaster Fair about a potential NOAA Weather program which I will pursue tomorrow. More to follow.
2. Status of 33 repeater. New equipment has been purchased and is ready to go up to the mountain. KL7AA is currently and patiently awaiting a ride up. We are working to get a link from the 85 MARA club repeater to the tower at KL3IT's place. This should get more and better coverage for our own repeater.
3. Club T-Shirt order. Sheila/KL3SRO to look into the cost. Tabled until October
4. Leftover meat from picnic to be donated to the Battledawgs veterans and Dog Mushing organization. They are a 501(c).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Next Board Meeting: October 12, via Zoom

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary