



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

November 9, 2022

Zoom

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Board of Directors was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:

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

KL4FZ	Tabitha Sherman, President/Director
KL5BF	Chris Hamman, Vice President/Director
KL7JKR	JD Weeks, Secretary/Director (abs)
KL1XM	John Carrington, Treasurer/Director
KL7JFT	Don Bush
KL2HF	Ken Hudson, VEC/Director
KL4B	Bridget Larsen, Director
KL7SLM	Scott McCormick, Director
AL7LA	John Mears, Director (abs)
KL7REV	Randy Hillman, Director
KL7SRO	Sheila Olsen, Director

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**

Minutes:

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

President's Report Question of the month? What would you say to recruit a new ham to join MARA? Chris: Presentations. Tell them what can be done with the hobby. John: Alternative communications. Don: Ask them what their goals are. Introduce them to club activities, web site etc. Sheila: Our yearly activities, community involvement. Ken: The different modes of communications. Scott: Same as Don/Ken. George: Invite to club meeting. Randy: Chat with them, get them interested in all there is to offer. Bridget: Chance to meet other like minded hobbieists.

Vice-President's Report: NSTR, programs that Craig had lined up are still good. Training will be upcoming.

Secretary Report: (abs)

Treasurer's Report: General Acct: \$5369.15, Book Acct: \$1077.04.

Webmaster Report: Website GTG.

VE's Report: No new Hams. Dec Licensing discussed and will be on the 17th Dec.

ARES Report: New SDC is from Sitka. Sending info. We are implementing SK last call protocol. Looking to create programs for Winter training cycle. Sheila getting go kit grant for Chickaloon.

Trailer Report: Trailers are good, water removed from comms trailer, Genny started

Licensing Classes Report:

Sunshine Committee: 9 cards sent in 2022. 2 cards sent recently.

Ham of the Year Committee:

Upcoming Events

1. MARA Luncheon – Canceled due to Thanksgiving
2. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, November 25, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom, 7-9pm
3. Licensing Exams, Saturday, November 26, WASI, 7pm (Canceled)
4. MARA Board Meeting, December 14, Zoom, 7pm
5. Christmas Party, December 30, Valley Church of Christ, 6:30-8:30pm

On-going Business:

1. Status of repeaters: No change at this time
2. HOY Committee report: Do we have plaques? Need at least 1 to have it ready.
3. Elmer recognition committee report: None received

New Business

1. Adding another Board member: Tabled,
2. Christmas Party organizing: Venue, date and time established. Club to supply ham, members bring a dish. Decor? Refreshments: water, coffee, lemonade. RSVP? Don to send.
3. Silent Keys - "Last Call" Protocol to be read before roll call when Req'd.
4. Licensing Exams in December on the 17th.
5. Chris: has new amateur radio networking equipment, after finding out costs, install on the repeaters out here. Don: Needs contract and monthly \$\$\$. John: If bringing forward, have a cost solution with it. Our club is rather strapped with finances at this point.
6. Randy: Emcom members. And AED in Trailer and Chickaloon. Don says we have been trying to get one in the trailer but they are expensive. Sheila: Chickaloon has them. Randy to look into getting an AED for MARA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm

Next Board Meeting: December 14, [via Zoom](#)

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary