# MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC. MINUTES



February 8, 2023 Zoom



### Call to Order:

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

KL1XM John Carrington, Treasurer/Director

KL7JFT Don Bush (abs)

KL2HF Ken Hudson, VEC/Director (abs)

KL4B Bridget Larsen, Director
KL7SLM Scott McCormick, Director
AL7LA John Mears, Director (abs)
KL7REV Randy Hillman, Director
KL7SRO Sheila Olsen, Director (abs)

# Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was accepted

## Minutes:

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

**President's Report** Question of the month? What do you love best about Ham Radio? Tabitha: The Community Chris: Broad scope of what we do John: For the good of community service Scott: Broad aspect of the hobby Randy: Not feeling good tonight, standing by. Bridget: how Hams can setup microwave antennas JD: meeting new people and rag chewing

Vice-President's Report: HamLan WG, George program for 6m

Secretary Report: NSTR

**Treasurer's Report:** General Acct: \$7096.08, Book Acct: \$1177.04. He has the plaques.

Webmaster Report: nothings changed

**VE's Report:** 2 testees, and 2 new upgrades to Gen class.

ARES Report: nothings changed.

**Trailer Report:** Trailers are good, mission ready

**Licensing Classes Report**: N/A **Sunshine Committee**: nothing sent

# **Upcoming Events**

- 1. MARA Luncheon, Feb 23, 2023, Chepos, 1130am
- 2. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, February 24, 2023, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom 7-9pm
- 3. Licensing exams, Saturday, Feb 25, WASI, 7pm
- 4. MARA Board Meeting, March 8, 2023, 7pm Zoom zoom

## On-going Business:

- 1. Status of repeaters: No change at this time
- 2. Elmer recognition committee report: we have 1 nominee Mr George Struther, ARRL has crickets
- 4. HamWAN status and working group: VP: would like to see implementation. Then advance to an Ardean Mesh network to eventually cover the State of AK.

### **New Business**

- 1. February General Meeting Program: George Struther will present the connector connected connections (I.E) COAX ends
- 2. Badges: Chris Hamman/KL5BF: Please get info to him for badge creation
- 3. 2024 Willow 300 Dog Race: Sounds like we will have plenty of interest, Still trtying to nail down repeater sites and maybe think about NVIS HF comms at all sites.
- 4. VP Chris Hamman: Comms Bus? Lets think about the future of club ops, is this feasible and affordable for the club?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm	
Next Board Meeting: March 8, 2023, via Zoom	
JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary	