



**MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES**

General Membership Meeting

January 27, 2023

Valley Church of Christ/Zoom

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Membership was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:06 pm.

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**.

Minutes:

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

President's Report Working on a survey poll (what would members be interested in for activities in the future). Statistics are showing that Club memberships across the nation are down, getting more involved is key.

Vice-President's Report: Badges (stinkin badges, lol) will be coming for anyone wishing to have one. Will include Name, call, license type, any other quals or orgs you may have or be a part of. Be prepared for FUN TIMES at this year's picnic! Must be present to witness.

Secretary Report: too busy taking notes...

Treasurer's Report: General Acct: \$6861.00, Book Acct: \$1127.04.

Webmaster Report: Website GTG.

VE's Report: 2 new Techs and 2 upgraded Generals.

ARES Report: Next COMEX will be in March, more to come.

Trailer Report: Trailers are good, Mission Ready

Licensing Classes Report: Nothing scheduled, will reengage some recently taught students.

Sunshine Committee: nothing sent

Upcoming Events

1. MARA Board Meeting, February 8, via zoom, 7pm
2. MARA Luncheon, February 23, 2023 @ Chepos Wasilla, 11:30am
3. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, February 24, 2023, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom 7-9:00pm
4. Licensing Exams, Saturday February 25, 2023, WASI, 7:00pm

On-going Business:

1. Status of repeaters: No change currently. TJ: The DMR repeater is coming offline this weekend for maintenance. Looking at possibly getting the 85 rpt coverage extension done in 2-3 weeks.

New Business

1. Chris Hamman: For the February presentation: George (KL7GS) will be showing end connector connection connecting.

Presentation: VP Hamman showed a very interesting video of a knot no-one knows the name of. This particular knot, when tied correctly will hoist a load and if you let go of the rope, it will catch the load and not let it fall to cause injury. It was well presented, and Chris had a demo station setup for members to practice this No-Name Knot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Next General Meeting: February 24, [Valley Church of Christ/Hybrid](#)

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary
