



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

General Membership Meeting

February 24, 2023

Valley Church of Christ/Zoom

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Membership was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:00 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 Letting everyone know that the FBI called a couple of our Board members to ask if we knew if any members were flying Drones or any other unmanned object? Beware...

Vice-President's Report: HamWan? Hoping to get a system in place over the next few years to cover the whole State of Alaska. Working with KL4B

Secretary Report: Anyone interested in becoming an ARES Net Controller, please get with Don KL7JFT. We are in need of folks that can do packet, and Back Up Net Control/Step up Fill In Controllers.

Treasurer's Report: General Acct: \$7204.00, Book Acct: \$1127.04.

Webmaster Report: Website GTG. Updated Swap n Shop. New Hams, please look here for your entry radios, and maybe an upgrade.

VE's Report: 1 new Tech and 1 upgraded General.

ARES Report: Next COMEX will maybe take place 18 March, The Emergency Fair is that day. We need about 10 folks to come out and support this cause. Its at the Church by the Wasilla High School.

Trailer Report: Trailers are good, Mission Ready

Licensing Classes Report: Nothing scheduled, looking to provide some Tech classes in April.

Sunshine Committee: nothing sent.

Upcoming Events

1. MARA Board Meeting, March 8, via zoom, 7pm
2. MARA Luncheon, March 30, 2023 @ Chepos Wasilla, 11:30am (New Location???) Check to see when they will be doing Grand Opening.
3. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, March 31, 2023, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom 7-9:00pm
4. Licensing Exams, Saturday March 25, 2023, WASI, 7:00pm

On-going Business:

1. Status of repeaters: KL3IT waiting on some minor pieces parts for the 85 extension. Repeater book was asking for a POC for Alaska repeaters. Our very own VP Chris Hamman has stepped up. Thank you Chris.

New Business

1. Chris Hamman: For the March presentation: Program: VIDEO - Installing waterfall on older rigs - a sweet modern upgrade to vintage radios.
2. 2024 Willow 300 Dog Sled Race: Collecting information and documenting the best coverage areas we can based on VHF/HF. We would be providing C2 services. Command Control at checkpoints. Relaying to Race Officials.

Presentation: Coax end Connector presentation by George KL7GS. Passed around plenty of show and tells with different style connectors and different kinds of coax. Had a lot of pointers and tricks that even the most elmered in the room had to say “damn, that’s a great idea, never thought of that!” Thank you George! Great presento!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Next General Meeting: March 31, [Valley Church of Christ/Hybrid](#)

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary
