



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

General Membership Meeting

March 31, 2023

Valley Church of Christ/Zoom

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Membership was called to order by Vice **President Hamman** at 7:08 pm.

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**.

Minutes:

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

President's Report (abs)

Vice-President's Report: HamWan? Projected costs for an individual will be around \$300. System operates in the 5.9 Ghz range. Potential to cover most of the State of AK. It is its own internet. No need to rely on or pay anybody for the service. Would like to begin testing soon.

Secretary Report: NSTR

Treasurer's Report: General Acct: \$7425.04, Book Acct: \$770.64.

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

VE's Report: 4 new Tech and 1 upgraded General.

ARES Report: Any new HAMS interested in the ARES agenda, please get in touch with Don / KL7JFT

Trailer Report: Scott / KL7SLM (abs)

Licensing Classes Report: This coming April 2023 Saturdays April 1, 8, 15 and 22, will be holding Technician courses at the WASI 1800.

Sunshine Committee: nothing to report

Upcoming Events:

1. Technician Licensing Class—April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22
2. MARA Board Meeting, April 12, 2023, via Zoom
3. Licensing Exams, Saturday, April 22, WASI, 7pm
4. MARA Luncheon, Thursday, April 27, 2023, Chepos (new location—3001 East Sun Mountain Ave. Wasilla), 11:30 am
5. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, April 28, 2023, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom, 7-9pm

Ongoing Business

1. Update on repeaters–Don/KL7JFT: TJ: Software maintenance is complete. Still waiting on a duplexer and the antenna.
2. Report on LDS Emergency Fair–by participants: We had 12 members present, this was an awesome event to get the club and amateur radio out to the public. They loved the presentations and are inviting us to future events they hold.

New Business

1. Elmer Award Presentation–by John Carrington/KL1XM to George Strother, Congratulations George/KL7GS!
2. Hamfest 2023 location has been secured and paid for. It will take place on Sept 9th at the Big Lake Lions location once again.

Intermission–15 minutes

- Drawing for door prizes (must be physically present to win)
- Program: “How to Set Up a Waterfall Display on an Older Radio”
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Presentation: This was a video showing how to hook up an older Kenwood using the IF connector that is found on most if not all radios. Was an interesting concept and a lot less expensive than purchasing an SDR rig.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Next General Meeting: April 28, [Valley Church of Christ/Hybrid](#)

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary