



## MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

### MINUTES

#### General Membership Meeting

April 28, 2023

Valley Church of Christ/Zoom

#### Call to Order:

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

#### Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**.

#### Minutes:

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

**President's Report:** Very excited about new technology coming online: HamWAN. Stay tuned.

**Vice-President's Report:** HamWan has been going into deep study mode (Bridget/KL4B).

There will be a show n tell with the equipment April 29 WASI.

**Secretary Report:** NSTR

**Treasurer's Report:** (ABS) no report on funds

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

**VE's Report:** 6 candidates and 4 new HAMS!!

**ARES Report:** Comex to be using WINLINK. Remote training for those interested in ARES OPS, contact Don/KL7JFT

**Trailer Report:** Mission Ready. Spring Maintenance is coming up.

**Licensing Classes Report:** Currently 5 students, and they are asking about a course for GEN class. Those interested, please see John/AL7LA

**Sunshine Committee:** 2 cards sent.

#### Upcoming Events:

1. HamWAN Meeting/Presentation April 29, 2023, WASI 6pm
2. MARA Board Meeting, May 10, 2023, via Zoom
3. MARA Luncheon, Thursday May 25, 2023, Chepos, 11:30am
4. MARA Hybrid General Meeting, May 26, 2023, Valley Church of Christ/Zoom, 7pm
5. Licensing Exams, Saturday May 27, WASI, 7pm

### **Ongoing Business**

1. Update on repeaters: Need to select a day to put up 2 more sections of tower, one of which still needs repair (Can you weld?) We will need folks to help out on the ground.
2. HamWAN working group: ongoing.

### **New Business**

1. Randy/KL7REV: Noted that the FCC rules for radiation exposure go into effect Wednesday May 3.

Intermission–15 minutes

- Drawing for door prizes (must be physically present to win)
- Program: “How I used my ham radio experience to lead a team to build the world’s first Wi-Fi network”.
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

**Presentation:** Dr Alex Hills was our guest of honor. Basically, went through the history of how Wi-Fi became a thing. From Mobile PC’s wanting to be utilized by Professors to students hacking into the network because the password was not freely given. Awesome information was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Next General Meeting: May 26, **Valley Church of Christ/Hybrid**

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary

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