



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

May 26, 2023

Valley Church of Christ/Zoom

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the MARA Membership was called to order by **President Sherman** at 7:02 pm.

Agenda Review/Any Additions:

The written agenda was **accepted**.

Minutes:

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

President's Report: Handed out donation letters for members to get door prizes for our Ham Fest. A couple of donations were given to the club from KL5DY, thank you Greg! I (Tabitha/KL4FZ) will be stepping down as the MARA President come October 2023.

Vice-President's Report: (Abs)

Secretary Report: I could be moving to Colorado shortly. If you are feeling the call to serve the club in a more visible way, now's your chance. I stepped into the position because we needed someone, and nobody was willing. This isn't a hard job. All you must be able to do is type. And use auto correct, lol. Please help me to help you to help the club. After I'm gone, with no turnover, the job will be a little harder to adjust to. I'm willing to help now. Thanks. JD/KL7JKR

Treasurer's Report: (ABS) email received with the following report: General Acct: \$7827.17, The book acct has 933.64. There are still some funds from the May meeting I have to get deposited. Also, I have a check for \$200 to give to Tabitha for the Picnic.

Webmaster Report: Website GTG. New Hams, please look here for your entry radios, and maybe an upgrade. No more luncheons until August 2023.

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

ARES Report: The ARES program in the lower 48 can be a challenge for some clubs. Emergency Fairs will be coming. Remote training for those interested in ARES OPS, contact Don/KL7JFT

Trailer Report: Mission Ready. Spring Maintenance is happening Saturday June 3. Please show up and support the effort.

Licensing Classes Report: NO classes to be held over the summer.

Sunshine Committee: No activity

Upcoming Events:

1. MARA Board Meeting June 14, 2023, via Zoom
2. Licensing Exams, Saturday, June 24, WASI, 7pm
3. Motley Picnic, June 24-25, 2023
4. No General Meeting in June
5. MARA Picnic, July 15, Lake Lucille Park

Ongoing Business

1. Update on repeaters: Need to select a day to put up 2 more sections of tower, We will need folks to help out on the ground. Please contact Don/KL7JFT or TJ/KL3IT
2. HamWAN working group: Connections have been made. Mobile to Base. Still looking for a ground zero location to setup the sector antenna.

New Business

1. Ken/KL2HF First Aid/CPR: Ken has recently trained some professional people and now is asking if any club members want/need the training? Please get with Ken. The price for certification is \$36.

Intermission—15 minutes

- Drawing for door prizes
- Program: Intro to ARES and the requirements.
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Presentation: Don/KL7JFT gave a 45-minute informational presentation on how important it is not only for us the MARA/ARES, but how that plays into providing a service to the community and our State. ARES isn't just the net on Thursday nights. Become involved, get certified and make a difference in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Next General Meeting: August 25, [Valley Church of Christ/Hybrid](#)

JD Weeks/KL7JKR, Secretary