



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting Held October 11, 2023

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Interim President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. All current Board members were in attendance. Sean McKenney resigned as interim vice president on 9/14/23 so the new interim board is Scott McCormick, President; Ken Hudson, Vice President; Shelia Olson, Secretary; John Carrington, Treasurer; Tabitha Sherman, Past President; John Mears, Director; Don Bush, Director/AK DEC, Bridgit Larson, Director.

Reports:

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM (interim)
Moving forward, keeping track of events, will be preparing After Action Reports

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF (interim)
Working on November presentation about winlink

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM
General Acct: \$7685 plus donation received \$100 from paypal
Book Acct: \$993 plus received \$180 from books sold

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO (interim)
Have ballot ready, working on newsletter, working on minutes of prior meeting minutes

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT
Updated with items posted, have talked with TJ about how emails can be set up and not spammed

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT
See After Action Report from the Emergency Fair on 9/30/23 – had lots of visitors at the trailer, had sufficient number of help during the day

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
See After Action Report from Emergency Fair on 9/30/23 – found out an antenna is missing and the weather station is out. Don will be doing another fund raiser soon

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF
Only had one new person pass the technician, but also had three others pass upgrade exams

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA
Have had 12 students, am now short books and have ordered more

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Will be sending out 4 cards soon

Event Planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Looking forward to getting a calendar of events set up with deadlines as necessary and the point of contacts listed

Old Business

1. Emergency Prep Expo, Scott KL7SLM & Don KL7JFT – After Action Report provided

New Business

1. Boy Scout Jamboree, *Don KL7JFT* – October 20-21 need volunteers including people for towing the trailers to/from the event
 - a. October 20 – Set up 1000-1200
 - b. October 21 – Operational 1000-1600
2. Holiday Party POC TBD – December 29 at Valley Church of Christ, time TBD.
3. Ham of the Year *George KL7GS & Ken KL2HF* – taking nominations starting in October/November and awarded at Christmas party in December
4. Elmer of the Year *John C KL1XM*
5. Mentor – Don stated that Shelia found that ARRL provides a certificate/letter that a person completes and hands to the person
6. After Action Report – Scott stated these are to be submitted by those who led the event. Report form will be added to the “forms” page on the club website

Ongoing Business

1. Repeaters *Don KL7JFT* tower not up, DMR path test not done, Don can't hit repeater for some reason at this time
2. First Aid Course *Ken KL2HF* – looking at November to see when best to schedule

Upcoming Events

1. MARA Luncheon, October 26 at 1130, Denali Family Restaurant, 121 S Lamont Cir
2. MARA Annual General Meeting & Elections, October 27 at 1900, Valley Church of Christ
3. Licensing Exams, *Ken KL2HF* October 28 at 1900, WASI
4. MARA Board Meeting, November 8 at 1900, WASI

John Carrington motioned for meeting to be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors