



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting Held September 13, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Interim President, Randy Hillman, KL7REV.

Quorum Established. All Board members were in attendance, quorum established.

The roll call included answering the question of what did each board member do during the past month related to radios.

Reports:

President's Report: Randy Hillman, KL7REV (interim)
Still getting new antenna set up, also has job as hospital consultant and wants to set up club to be at best functionality

Vice-President's Report: Sean McKenney, KL5NE (interim)
Is a new ham since March 2023 and has been active with radio on nets, setting up equipment, program manager for the VA, has time in the Air Force

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM
Has 22 years of experience in budget/accounting while in the Air Force, has been MARA treasurer for 7-8 years, worked at the ham fest front desk

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO (interim)
Have been a ham since 2013, have been the vice president and president in prior years, helped out at ham fest at the grill and advised how to run the door prizes

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT
Updated with items posted

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT
Facilitated 4 nets, picked up prizes for ham fest, created certificates, set up and manned country store at ham fest, provide emergency plans for areas, runs DEC traffic throughout the State

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
Brought the communication trailer to ham fest. Have gone through both the communications and support trailers and both are ready for emergency fair on the 30th

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF
Had 2 young kids pass the Extra Exam, helped 2 seniors at WASI, put order with new 10M band radio, next testing will be on 9/23 at WASI

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA
John was not on the zoom call.

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – will send out cards as notified of need

Ongoing Business

1. Emergency Prep Expo Don KL7JFT – the Menard Center on September 30, 2023 from 1000 to 1600; trailer crew to meet at MATCOM at 0830, set up crew at Menard Center at 0900, will need volunteers to help with set up, work, and take down
2. Ham Fest Debrief – after discussion by all board of how to run event better, it was determined that the club needs and Event Planner, the event should have an agenda and a checklist of tasks
3. LEPC request for member info and reports – Randy said he was asked by LEPC to provide the member info, who attends activities, how many hours, Sean said the LEPC should provide written request, Don said ARES is separate than MARA and he would not authorize releasing info. **Matter was TABLED**
4. Repeaters Update, Don KL7JFT– 33 grubstake failed, waiting for someone to get on location to make necessary repairs, all other repeaters are operational
5. HAMWan – Chris KL5BF stated there is no further info, still trying to get access to pioneer peak.
6. First Aid Course **Ken KL2HF** – none scheduled at this time
7. By Laws Changes – Minimum Age of MARA voting member and MARA membership age – should the two match? **Matter was TABLED**
8. Arctic Games communications – Randy stated LEPC wants MARA involvement
9. Ham of the Year – taking nominations starting in October/November and awarded at Christmas party in December, will need purchase new plaques

Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Chris resigned effective immediately. Randy then resigned effective immediately

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors