



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes for Meeting Held August 25, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ.

Quorum Established. All those present introduced themselves by name and call sign. Attendees who were in person signed in. There are 80 members in good standing, and 23 people were in attendance both in person and on zoom, which meets or exceeds the by-laws requirement 10% of paid members in attendance necessary to establish a quorum.

Approval of Agenda/Additions – motion to approve agenda as a guide made by Shelia Olson, KL3SRO; seconded by Randy Hillman, KL7REV.

Approval of July General Meeting Minutes – minutes were not available for review

**Reports:**

President's Report: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ

Will be stepping down and this will be the last meeting because of move to Germany. The interim club president will be Randy Hillman, KL7REV.

Vice-President's Report: Chris Hamman, KL5BF

Will be moving to Valdez for work, so the interim vice president will be Sean McKenney, KL5NE, still willing to help with HamWan

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

general account \$6,707.30; book account \$963.64; dues/donations received \$0  
no bills to pay/outstanding checks to clear at this time

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO (interim)

Willing to be interim secretary since JD stepped down

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Have the website all up to date as of today

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Next operation will be the emergency fair at the Menard Center and will need 2 people to drive trailers, a dozen people to help with set-up, man the trailer, and tear down

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM  
Have gone through both the communications and support trailers, charged up the fire extinguishers, and both are ready to go

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF  
There were 3 testing sessions over the summer – 6 people passed their tests the at the June 7 test, and 2 were the youngest kids; 1 person passed their test at July 1 and 2 passed to general at the July 4 test; so far 2 have said they will show up at the August

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA  
No classes scheduled at the present time

Sunshine Committee: Tabitha handing off the duties to Shelia Olson, KL3SRO who will send out cards as notified of needed

### Looking Ahead

1. MARA Officers and Board of Directors in October – nominations go to Shelia KL3SRO, ballots will be handed out at the October meeting and will be shown on the zoom screen.
2. Update on repeaters, *\*Don KL7JFT\** – Skwenta location needing a repeater
3. First Aid Course *\*Ken KL2HF\** – scheduled for August 26, at 1600 at WASI

### New Business

1. Youngest Licensed Hams – presentation to the two children, gave MARA membership and certificates for each level they passed
2. Ham Fest – at Big Lake Lions Club Recreation Center, September 9, 1000 to 1400, admission \$5, table rental \$10, door prize \$2, licensing exam to be held at 1300

### Intermission–15 minutes

Drawing for door prizes were drawn for those attending in person

### Program:

Exposure Calculation – George Strother, KL2GS power point presentation, handout, and Q&A

### Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment


Craig, KL2H, stated he brought magazines and items for show and tell.

Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tabitha Sherman (Nov 7, 2023 06:11 GMT+1)

Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ  
President  
MARA Board of Directors

  
Shelia Olson, KL3SRO  
Secretary  
MARA Board of Directors

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