Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

Board Meeting

November 9, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 8:34pm via Zoom

Quorum Established – Scott, Ken, Shelia, John C, George, Don, Brandon attended

Approval of Agenda as a Guide with any Additions motioned by John C and Seconded by Shelia

President’s Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Ready to take the club in the direction we need to grow

Vice-President’s Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Has the winlink presentation for the November general meeting

Treasurer’s Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

General account: $7,679 and have money to deposit from sale of john O’Rillo items

Book account: $739

Secretary’s Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Have Aug & Sept general minutes completed and signed. Have October general minutes ready for review

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Good except needing the signed minutes to post

ARES/Repeater Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

The 30 repeater is acting up from the snow; 33 being worked on, all others seem fine

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Case of water needs moved out of trailer and stored where it won’t freeze; G5RV needs repaired

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

8 from John M’s class tested; 4 passed (3 tech, 1 gen)

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

Not present

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

4 cards sent out

Events Planner Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Christmas party on the radar; will be meeting with Betty to plan decorating and setup

**Old Business**

1. **Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air**, Report – Don/KL7JFT

Certificate received and provided to MARA Voice to post in next newsletter; had in attendance 29 scouts, 8 parents, and 5 MARA club members

**Ongoing Business**

1. **Update on repeaters**–Don/KL7JFT

As stated above, plus 33 working on VHF and the UHF is very spotty

1. **Holiday Party**, *\*POC: Shelia KL3SRO\**

December 29 Valley Church of Christ, time: John C motioned for event to be held at 7pm, Don seconded, and motion passed by vote of the board; Shelia motioned for $100 paid the Valley Church of Christ, George seconded, motion passed by vote of the board

1. **Ham of the Year**, *\*POC – George KL7GS\**

Nothing submitted so far

1. **Elmer of the Year**, *\*POC – John KL1XM\**

Nothing submitted so far

**New Business:**

1. **Revisions to bylaws**, tabled from September board meeting/discussion

After tonight’s discussion, the matter was deemed a moot point and unnecessary to make revisions

1. **MARA Facebook/webpage**

Discussion that content needs to be radio related, not religious or political. Admin will strive to keep content not related to radio off the club facebook page but can’t stop others from posting whatever they want to share

1. **Storage of items**

Discussion of the cost and availability of a storage unit for all the items the club board has; prices vary, decided need more research info – TABLED until further info provided

1. **Meeting time and date change**

Will ask members in the MARA Voice if they want a different day and/or time – TABLED until further feedback provided

1. **Presentation ideas**

Ideas such as FT-8, ham station set up, portable/digital trainings, ham 101 classes

1. **Calendar**

Discussion of what months do not need to have presentations, to coordinate trainings with upcoming events so info and training are fresh for members and guests

1. **Event Planner Duties**

Discussion of the duties was deferred to the Bylaws. According to MARA Bylaws page 8, Article 4, Section 3(e) – the activities director [aka Event Planner], shall organize activities for the corporation, plan and recommend contest for enhancing the member’s knowledge and skills, and advance the corporation’s interests and activities as approved by the Board. He/She shall encourage new stations in reporting activities to the corporation newsletter. It shall be the duty of the activities director [aka Event Planner] to do all the things to make the reputation of the corporation and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible.

1. **Teaching Classes to Home School Students**

Discussion about ideafamilies students receiving ham classes; will put something in the MARA Voice

1. **Future Board Elections**

Discussion of having Core Officers hold position for two years and with President/Secretary re-elected on even years, and Vice President/Treasurer re-elected on odd years and Directors hold position for three year

**Upcoming Events:**

1. **Veteran’s Luncheon,** November 10 @11:30 at Red Robin, Wasilla
2. **MARA Luncheon,** **\*NONE\* HAPPY THANKSGIVING\***
3. **MARA Hybrid General Meeting**, November 24 @1900, Valley Church of Christ
4. **Licensing Exams,** *\*POC: Ken KL2HF\** November 25 @1900, WASI
5. **MARA Board Meeting,** December 13 @1900, will be held via ZOOM during winter months as motioned by John C, seconded by Don, and passed unanimously of the quorum

Donmotioned for meeting to be adjourned, John C seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelia Olson, KL3SRO,

Secretary