



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
Annual General Membership Meeting
and
Election of Board of Directors Members and Officers
Minutes of Meeting Held October 27, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. (due to technical difficulties) by Interim President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. All present introduced themselves by name and call sign. Attendees in person signed in at the door as they arrived. There are 80 member in good standing, and 21 people in attendance both in person and on zoom, the required 10% of paid members to establish a quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda/Additions – motion to approve agenda as a guide made by John Carrington, KL1XM and seconded by Shelia Olson, KL3SRO.

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes – the August and September minutes were provided to the Interim President and Outgoing President for review and Signatures

Reports:

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM (interim)

Have been asked to do better at 1. tracking events so from now on will provide After Action Reports, 2. communications so we in addition to the Mukluk Telegraph we now the MARA Voice newsletter and 3. Event planning with point of contact for each event and coordinate with the planner

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF (interim)

Have MSB Are You Ready books to handout, Questionnaires for Presentation suggestions, and the Net Chart printed and laminated separately from the page that was included in the MARA Voice

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

general account \$7,631.42

book account \$1,103.64 will have to pay a bill for books ordered once they arrive
dues/donations received \$0

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

attended the Palmer/Wasilla CERT meeting, attended the LEPC quarterly meeting, next one will be in January, completed the first MARA Voice Newsletter, the plan is to provide on every month or two as club news and events and topics of interest need to be relayed, also have t-shirt

order submitted, should be done in 3 weeks (27 shirts total, some regular, some pocket, some tall, sizes S-4XL, various colors), Chickaloon EMPC is working on grant for additional equipment for emergency communications, will be helping with that grant

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Up to speed on almost everything, just need the meeting minutes after approved and signed, no luncheon in November since it falls on Thanksgiving, having the After Action Reports will help keep track of how each event succeeded and what are the areas of improvement.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

JOTA was a LOT of work since it started out with only two people to set up and run, had a few more people show up, but really needed a dozen folks so no one was run ragged, there are no other emergency communications exercises coming up in the near future.

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Parked again after JOTA and ready to go. Will get the items out that can't store over the winter (water, certain equipment)

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

To accommodate schedules of interested test takers, will have two sessions tomorrow

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

Just finished a class this month, will have another one in February

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – sending out four cards to club members

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – looking forward to a busy year, if there are events you become designated the POC, please confer so there are not duplicated efforts, willing to help if needed.

Old Business:

1. Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air, Report **Don KL7JFT** – Scott and Don set up but it took 6 hours since only two people, TJ, Craig and a few others showed up to help man the equipment, work with the 29 scouts and 12 adults who attended, all helped take down
2. Emergency Fair **Don KL7JFT** – 6 people showed up and stayed through the day to help since the trailer was a stop on the scavenger hunt bingo card for the event, visitors included the fire dept and AST

Ongoing Business

1. Update on repeaters, **Don KL7JFT** – DMR needs two tower sections added
2. MARA Board Elections – Ballot shown on the screen and the meeting opened for any additional nominations from the floor
3. ***COLLECT BALLOTS or Accept Motion of Election by Acclamation (for Unanimous Consent to Elect Unopposed Candidates)***

Election Results – After no additional nominations for the Board were provided from the floor. Craig Bledsoe, KL7H, moved for election by acclamation (consent to elect the unopposed candidates). The motion was seconded by Richard Brenden, KL2PM. By voice of the members attending, the motion unanimously carried.

The incoming Board of Directors begins their year of service on November 1, 2023. In accordance with the by-laws, the treasurer's year of service is January—December.

The MARA Club Board of Directors for 2023/2024 are:

President: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM	Member: John Mears, AL7LA
Vice-President: Ken Hudson, KL2HF	Member: Don Bush, KL7JFT
Treasurer: John Carrington, KL1XM	Member: George Strother, KL7GS
Secretary: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO	Member: Brandon Clark, KL7BCS
Past President: Tabitha Sherman, KL4FZ	

Drawing for door prizes (must be physically present to win)

New Business

1. Ham of the Year, Nominations *POC: George KL7GS*
2. Elmer of the Year, Nominations *POC: John KL1XM*
3. Holiday Party, Planning *POC: Shelia KL3SRO*


Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Upcoming Events:

1. **MARA Board Meeting**, November 9, WASI, 1900
2. **MARA Luncheon**, *NONE* HAPPY THANKSGIVING*
3. **MARA General Meeting**, November 24, Valley Church of Christ, 1900
4. **Licensing Exams**, *POC: Ken KL2HF* November 25, WASI, 1900

Adjournment: Terry Clark, AL7TC motioned and Bob Engberg, NL7S seconded. President Scott McCormick, KL7SLM, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
President
MARA Board of Directors



Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors