



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Minutes of Meeting Held January 23, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. All present introduced themselves by name and call sign. Attendees signed in at the door as they arrived. There are 80 member in good standing, and 28 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 – a motion to approve agenda as a guide was made by John C, KL1XM, seconded by George, KL7GS, unanimously approved by the attendees.

Approval of November General Meeting Minutes – motion to approve the November general meeting minutes made by Ken, KL2HF seconded by John C, KL1XM, unanimously approved by the attendees.

Reports:

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

With the new year, have plans for new activities such as Winter Field Day, partnering with PJMS to help them set up their ham club, and Field Day in June just to mention a few.

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Nothing new to add

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

General acct \$9,376.19 Book acct \$764.44

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Notebooks for officers are completed and handed out, they have sections for club documents, minutes of meetings, Action Reports, MARA Voice, and note paper, hope they help the new president and vice president in their roles

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT

Site is updated, and will provide new information after tonight's meeting

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

No new commex activities scheduled, for winter field day people can bring go-kits to show the kids, can do trainings when people request, even available for zoom format so people can train on their personal equipment in their homes or ham shacks

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
Generator started and working great even at -2 degrees, supplies need to be inventoried and replenished before the next activity

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF
No one showed up to test last month, have 2 scheduled to show this month

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA
No current requests, could have another one in April/May

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
have \$25.10 balance, still have plenty of cards and 4 postage stamps

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Current next event on the radar is the Field Day in June, need a POC

Old Business:

1. Holiday Party – *Shelia, KL3SRO*
16 people showed up, 12 participated in gift exchange, Betty did an awesome job with all the decorations, there was plenty of food that we shared with the church staff and members

Ongoing Business

1. Update on repeaters, **Don KL7JFT**
Have new cans for DMR, TJ installed them and they are operating, KL7AA club is low on funds for the 33 and are asking for donations, can submit on their website

2. Palmer Junior Middle School, **Scott KL7SLM**

MARA is working with teacher William Crume, KL5LD who reported that they have 16 kids in the club so far, have had 6 meetings, project that 20 students and parents will attend winter field day that will begin set up at 10am and transmissions on 52 simplex and HF starting at noon, new equipment should arrive in spring and would like to have MARA members assist with training

New Business

1. Ham of the Year – Craig Bledsoe, KL7H was awarded the 2023 award.

2. Field Day

Point of Contact that will be responsible for the application packet, location confirmation, schedule agenda to include training(s), bbq, and exam testing times that day, maintain control of the grounds, designate a sergeant of arms to ensure security of equipment and people, maintain control of the contesting schedule, completing and submitting reports to include After Action Report to the MARA Board

Upcoming Events:

1. Licensing Exams, **POC: Ken KL2HF** January 27, WASI, 1900
2. MARA Board Meeting, February 15, ZOOM, 1830
3. MARA Luncheon, February 22, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130

4. **MARA General Meeting**, February 23, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

Intermission—15 minutes

- . Winter Field Day, *Brandon KL7BSC*
- . Drawing for door prize
- . Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

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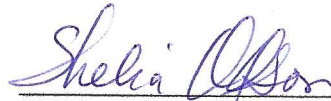
Attendees provided many thoughts and memories about recent Silent Key Terry Reynolds, AL7CE

Adjournment: John Carrington, KL1XM motioned and John Newsom, KL7FW 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