



# Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

## General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

February 23, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 22 people in attendance both in person and on zoom, the required 10% of paid members to establish a quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda as a guide and accept any additions – motioned by John Carrington, KL1XL, and seconded by Paul Williams, KL7ES, attendees voted unanimously in favor, so the motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 2024 – motioned by Craig Bledsoe, KL7H, and seconded by Terry Clark, AL7TC, attendees voted unanimously in favor, so the motion passed.

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Looking ahead for summer, need a POC for various events

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Nothing new to add at this time

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

Book Account: \$764.44                      General Account: \$9,529.09

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Plan to have new MARA Voice out mid-March, get me your articles or ideas you would like me to include by March 10th.

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – have one new card going out to Danny O'Barr who is at Maple Springs after falling and breaking a femur.

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – need someone to be willing to be the POC for Field Day in June

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Next License exam at WASI on 2/24, in January 3 people showed, 2 passed and were upgraded. Plan to hold a CPR class also on 2/24 at WASI, if anyone needs to complete the training

Licensing Classes: John Mears, AL7LA

Have none scheduled and retiring from teaching the licensing classes, it has been many years and ready to be done. Will turn in any books tonight

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT  
Up to date with the information provided.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT

No FCC input, open to do ARES training, can be in-person or via zoom, however people need to attend

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Both are ready to after resetting the tripped GCFI outlet and getting the charging restarted

### Old Business:

1. **Winter Field Day, \*POC: Brandon KL7BSC\***

Was held at PJMS, Brandon, Scott, Craig, and William assisted the 6 kids and some adults in attendance, used personal go-kits, were able to contact Fairbanks, Soldotna, Clam Gulch. Students were more interested in the CW facet to amateur radio

### Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters, \*POC: Don KL7JFT\***

Still normal, no changes at this time

2. **Palmer Junior Middle School, \*POC: Scott KL7SLM\***

PJMS has a student ham club, received \$4000 grant for equipment, have spent \$1,300 so far and will mount exterior equipment in the spring

3. **Field Day, \*POC: TBD\***

Shelia KL3SRO provided printed info of multiple locations for attendees to review to help with decision of location, tentative plan – will send out survey for members to choose

### New Business

1. **Palmer High School Nerd Con \*POC: Scott KL7SLM\***

Being held on 4/6, noon-6pm, set up starts at 9, will request 6 badges for club members to wear during their time at the table, looking for folks to help with set up and tear down

2. **Summer Picnic, \*POC: TBD\***

Shelia KL3SRO provided additional info on multiple locations for attendees to choose where to hold the picnic, tentative plan – will send out survey for member to choose

3. **Ham Fest, \*POC: TBD\***

After discussion – TABLED until gathering additional information of location availability for usual date

4. **Wasilla High Equipment, \*POC: TBD\***

Status discussion – TABLED until gathering additional information from current high school staff

### Upcoming Events:

1. **Licensing Exams, \*POC: Ken KL2HF\* February 24, WASI, 1900**
2. **MARA Board Meeting, March 13, ZOOM, 1830**
3. **Licensing Exams, \*POC: Ken KL2HF\* March 23, WASI, 1900**

4. **MARA Luncheon**, March 28, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
5. **MARA General Meeting**, March 29, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

*Intermission—15 minutes*

- Presentation, *\*Ken KL2HF\*or Brandon KL7BSC*

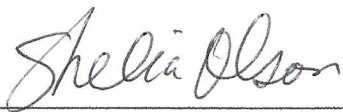
POTA (parks on the air) Easy Start video by KI6NE3, Ham Radio Crash Course, providing basic definitions, how to set up, how reporting/credit works, also discussed SOTA (summit on the air)

- Drawing for door prize
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Motion for Adjournment – Motioned by John Carrington, KL1XL, and seconded by Paul Williams, KL7ES

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott McCormick, KL7SLM  
President  
MARA Board of Directors

  
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Shelia Olson, KL3SRO  
Secretary  
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