



Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

May 30, 2025

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:01 pm. Any new hams were introduced, and Roll Call was completed, reflecting that there were 24 people in attendance and a Quorum was established

Approval of Agenda/Additions as a guide with the additions as stated by attendees – Shelia Olson, KL3SRO, motioned, and John Carrington, KL1XM, seconded, and unanimously approved by attendees.

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – before school was out, was invited to Palmer High School science class to present ham radio

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – thinking of having a class on new radios so that people could learn to use them, realizing some frequencies are outside legal bands

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

Book \$764.44 General \$9,291.94

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – finished MARA Voice, next issue will be in July

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – no new cards or gifts

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – Next event is Field Day that will be fully discussed in ongoing business

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – no one showed up, Craig mentioned that having VE testing on the fourth Saturday and the monthly meetings on the last Friday is confusing and would like the club to consider changing it so they are always the same week

Licensing Classes: ****POSITION OPEN****

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – up to speed to include the field day preliminary info, also upcoming dates of events, swap & shop also updated, facebook is also updated

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – nothing new on commex, good intro to winlink last month, will be doing trainings during field day as needed

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – stated during old business below

Old Business:

1. **Trailer Inventory**, **POC: Scott KL7SLM** – finished inventory with help from Sharon Groomer and sent list to Don and Shelia, KL2CM, also reorganized items in cabinets
2. **Trailer Maintenance**, **POC: Scott KL7SLM** – finished maintenance and now trailer is ready for summer events, still generator serviced, need batteries picked up and installed before field day, tires will be picked up and installed before winter

Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, **POC: Don KL7JFT** – GMRS working great, handheld reached on channel 17, others were on 18 and 19, tower project still needs finished, would only be ½ day with 5-6 folks, everything is in place and waiting.
2. **Field Day & Summer Picnic**, **POC: Kate Nagibina KL5MB & Shelia Olson KL3SRO**
 - a. **Date & Time:** June 28-29 @1000
 - b. **Location:** Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry
3. **Ham Fest**, **POC: TBD** – will discuss at board meeting
 - a. **Date & Time:** TBD
 - b. **Location:** TBD
4. **Emergency Preparedness Expo**, **POC: Don KL7JFT**
 - a. **Date & Time:** September 27 @ 1000
 - b. **Location:** Menard Center

New Business

1. **JOTA**, **POC: Don KL7JFT & Scott KL7SLM** – can be trailers and go kits if enough people show up to set up, run, and take down
 - a. **Date & Time:** October 17-18 @ 0900
 - b. **Location:** Camp Gorsuch - Chugiak

Upcoming Events:

1. **MARA Board Meeting**, August 6, WASI, 1900
2. **Licensing Exams**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** Aug 23, WASI, 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, August 28, 2025, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
4. **MARA General Meeting**, August 29, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

Drawing for door prize

Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Need more net control operators, contact Don, KL7JFT if interested

Adjournment

John Carrington, KL1XM, motioned and George Strother, KL7GS, 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