



Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

September 26, 2025

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:17 pm. Any new hams were introduced, and Roll Call was completed, reflecting that there were 17 people in attendance and a Quorum was established

Approval of Agenda/Additions as a guide with the additions as stated by attendees – John Carrington, KL1XM, motioned, and Don Bush, KL7JFT, seconded, and unanimously approved by attendees.

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – several events coming up that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – nothing new

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

Book \$814.44 General \$5,321.60 one outstanding check

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – working on getting caught up, needs any additional nominations for next month's election

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

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

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – have 2-3 saying they will show up at next testing

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

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – up to speed, info cleared for JOTA volunteer forms that will be sent out, discussion of schedule

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – nothing new, to report, still need new net control operators

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – fuel is down to 1/8 tank, doing upgrades to computers that will be used in communication trailer and go kits, and installing electric winches on both trailers

Old Business:

1. **Ham Fest**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** – went well, great location with everything being on one floor, a ramp to easily get items in/out of the building, room big enough for food/eating area, country store area, other sales tables area, plus room for presentations and testing. Country store made \$60 from John Mears estate, \$843 from Jim Wardman estate; Door made \$569 for admission, bbq, and tables
2. **MATSU Emergency Preparedness Expo** **POC: Don KL7JFT** – having two tables inside was great but would like better banners and tablecloths so ordered them for future events, having Ken inside with his presentation was very helpful and directed people to both of the trailers where they saw demonstration of how trailers were set up and worked. Had several people show up to help with set up and take down, would have been better with some more people

Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, **POC: Don KL7JFT** – no new exercises at this time, all operational, new GMRS having good reception all over the area
2. **JOTA**, **POC: Don KL7JFT**
 - a. **Date & Time:** October 17-18 @ 0900 and operation starting at 1000
 - b. **Location:** Camp Goursuch – ChugiakMain plan is for both trailers set up on 10/16, if there aren't enough people signed up to assist with set up, then will use the go kits set up inside the facility the morning of 10/17. Will give until 10/10 for people to notify of their intention to show to set up trailers. Will need people to be on putty to message with the scouts.

New Business

1. **Annual Meeting** – being held on 10/31, costumes not required, still accepting nominations for all positions except treasurer since the position goes until January unless someone really wants to take over the treasurer position, forms for ham of the year & elmer being sent out by Don
2. **Presentation on JOTA**
 - a. **Diana Fergenson, National Council of Boy Scouts of America** – Don Bush, KL7JFT, awarded Great Alaska Council, North Star award, highest scouting award for his years of service with the Jamboree On The Air events the last 11 years

Upcoming Events:

1. **MARA Board Meeting**, October 1, WASI, 1900
2. **Licensing Exams**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** October 25, WASI, 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, October 30, 2025, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
4. **MARA ANNUAL Meeting**, October 31, 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

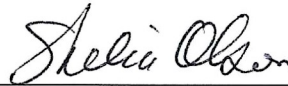
Adjournment

John Carrington, KL1XM, motioned and Mark Olson, KL3MRO, 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