



# Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

## General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

August 30, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. All those present introduced themselves by name and call sign. Attendees signed in at the door as they arrived. There are 80 members 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 with flexibility to accept any additions – motioned by John Carrington, KL1XM, and seconded by Shelia Olson, KL3SRO, attendees voted in favor, the motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of – Secretary stated minutes were not available to review and approve at this time.

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – nothing new to report

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

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM – let members know that the board motioned and approved purchasing needful things for the trailers

Book Account: \$764.44                      General Account: \$10,451

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – next edition of MARA Voice will be after ham fest to possibly include items not sold at ham fest

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – no new cards sent out

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – upcoming events that will be discussed later Ham Fest, Menard Emergency Fair, and JOTA/JOTI to name a few.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – had 1 test taker who completed and passed both the technician and general

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

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – everything is up to speed and includes info about coffee mug orders, \$15-\$18 depending on how many

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – working with the borough for the ARES ID cards, no major comex coming up, emergency fair scheduled for 9/28 at Menard, will do trailer training while setting up, will also

have table inside this year to talk to folks

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – ready to go, HF station is mounted and then will add additional equipment on the support trailer, will do oil change after emergency fair

#### Old Business:

1. **Field Day & Summer Picnic**, \*POC: Field Day Ken KL2HF & Summer Picnic Shelia KL3SRO\* – it was well attended with 38 signing the attendance sheet and an additional 12 showing up for the picnic, was a great location, had two POTA training stations, and room for more activities next year

#### Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, \*POC: Don KL7JFT\* – TJ stated the 2 tower sections are about ready, need to finish welding, DMR on air and working as far as known, haven't looked at WSH but testing on air, Scott stated willing to help with Government Peak station
2. **Palmer Junior Middle School**, \*POC: Scott KL7SLM\* – club classroom has moved so will have to get with maintenance to schedule connecting equipment, their first meeting is 9/25
3. **Ham Fest**, \*POC: John KL1XM and Shelia KL3SRO\* – to be held on 9/7 at Big Lake Lions Club, with set up at 0900, open to public 1000-1500, Celebration of Life for John Mears, AL7LA 1730
4. **License Class Chair**, \*POSITION OPEN\*

#### New Business

1. **Mat-Su Borough Emergency Preparedness Expo**, \*POC: Don KL7JFT\* – to be held on 9/28 at the Menard Center, Wasilla, with setup at 0830, operational 1000, tear down 1500, need 12-15 folks to help with set and take down, plus man the inside table to discuss ham radio and tell them to look in the trailers outside
2. **Cub Scouts Jamboree on the Air**, \*POC: Don KL7JFT\* – the event will be held 10/19 at Camp Gorsuch (Chugiak), setup 0800, operational 0900, tear down 1600, will not take the trailers but will have POTA stations inside and outside
3. **Elections**, \*POC: Shelia KL3SRO\* – all positions are open for nominations that are due 10/9 for the Annual Meeting to be held on 10/25.

#### Upcoming Events:

1. **MARA Board Meeting**, April 10, WASI 1900
2. **MARA Luncheon**, April 25, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
3. **MARA General Meeting**, April 26, Valley Church of Christ, 1900
4. **Licensing Exams**, \*POC: Ken KL2HF\* April 27, WASI, 1900

#### Intermission–15 minutes

- Presentation, \*Scott KL7SLM & Don KL7JFT\* – purpose is to relay information, pass traffic, control flow, keep logs, perform roll call, with certain info needed on the logs

- Drawing for door prize
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment  
NW Director, Mark Tharp, will be attending Ham Fest

Craig KL7H provided show and tell of a portable tuner that had stored in a wooden crate that was going to tossed, he and Sharon KL2CM retrieved several items

Motion for Adjournment – Motioned by John Carrington, KL1XM, and seconded by Ken Hudson, KL2HF, and voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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Scott McCormick, KL7SLM  
President  
MARA Board of Directors



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Shelia Olson, KL3SRO  
Secretary  
MARA Board of Directors