



Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

May 31, 2024

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established – the meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

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 46 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 – John Carrington, KL1XM motioned to approve the agenda. Shelia Olson, KL3SRO seconded the motion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Secretary stated there were none to 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 – book acct \$764.44, gen acct \$9,179.31, deposited \$1,800 from KL3TNT estate

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – nothing new to report

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – one card going out

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – gearing up for Field Day

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – have 4 new technicians, one attending tonight

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

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – website updated, last month of meetings and luncheons until August, PJMS student took test and passed

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – there is talk of an exercise coming up, just waiting on Tok to see what the plan will be

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – there will be trailer maintenance and inventory tomorrow at 10 AM

Old Business:

1. **SU Valley Emergency Fair**, ***POC: Ken KL2HF*** – event turned out alright, held indoors with no trailers on site, would have liked to have more visitors at the table, had a slide show presentation. Talkeetna will be having theirs on 8/20

Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, ***POC: Don KL7JFT*** – need to get a work party together and get 2 tower sections up on the DMR tower, valley node is not working properly, EARS needs roofing then it will be back up
2. **Palmer Junior Middle School**, ***POC: Scott KL7SLM*** – 1 student took test and passed, have idea on placement of antenna, have work order turned in to the school administrator
3. **Field Day & Summer Picnic**, ***POC: Ken KL2HF*** – the location will be at the Menard Center Pavilion on June 22, from 0900 until we decide to pack up and there will be tables available for members to set up plus the picnic area, plan to have POTA trainings by Brandon and/or TJ, information station, both trailers set up, t-shirts/patches/decals to purchase
4. **Ham Fest**, ***POC: Shelia KL3SRO & John KL1XM*** – to be held on September 7, at the Big Lake Lions Rec Center, set up starting at 0900 and open @ 1000 – 1500, tables will be \$10, entrance \$5 with raffle ticket, food \$5, up to 10 additional raffle tickets at \$1 each
5. **License Class Chair**, ****POSITION OPEN****

New Business

1. **Trailer Maintenance and Inventory**, ***POC: Scott KL7SLM*** – at MATCOM, 1800 E Parks Hwy, Wasilla, on June 1 @1000

Upcoming Events:

1. **Licensing Exams**, ***POC: Ken KL2HF*** April 27, WASI, 1900
2. **MARA Board Meeting**, August 14, WASI, 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, August 29, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
4. **MARA General Meeting**, August 30, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

Intermission–15 minutes

1. **DXing and earning the DX Honor roll**: ***Bob NL7S & Terry AL7TC*** – the fun and ease dxing can be with the proper equipment (they each have different set ups) and enough time to put into making the honor roll which entails working all 340 entities listed on the ARRL DXCC list, you receive a plaque and lapel pin.
2. Drawing for door prize

3. Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment

Motion for Adjournment – Motioned by John Carrington, KL1XM, and seconded by Shelia Olson, KL3SRO, and voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
President
MARA Board of Directors



Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors