



Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

September 27, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 24 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 Terry Clark, AL7TC, 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 – working at keeping club active and engaged with younger folks and in the community

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

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM –
Book Account: \$764.44 General Account: \$11,023.88

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – working on getting all the meeting notes caught up, the current edition of MARA Voice is out via email and will be posted to facebook soon, copies printed and on the table

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – one family being contacted

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – upcoming events that will be discussed later Menard Emergency Fair, and JOTA/JOTI.

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – test is tomorrow night at WASI and will send out VE invite

Licensing Classes: **POSITION OPEN**

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – everything is up to speed and includes added section for the MARA Voice editions

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – preparing to attend Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo will need 10-15 folks to show up to help with setup, man the booth inside and work the comm trailer, talk with folks about radio communications, and attempt traffic from the available modes.

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – had to fix the 708 plug that broke, currently working on replacing the batteries since the current ones only last a couple hours before shutting the whole trailer down and having to use the generator.

Old Business:

1. **Ham Fest**, *POC: John KL1XM & Shelia KL3SRO* – John reported the club took in \$1,441 for the country store, \$535 for door and food, \$300 gift from Barret Insurance, and \$24 for club dues. Shelia reported that there were many in attendance to include Mark Tharp, ARRL NW Director who helped people unload their vehicles and set up tables and chairs, there was lots of food and chatter, and the Mears family had their Celebration of Life afterwards and many family and ham friends attended, the Lions Club was very gracious in letting us stay until 7 and assured things were clean enough while we were finishing.

Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, *POC: Don KL7JFT* – 33 is still down, Anchorage club tried to get a ride to the site but was prohibited by the weather, Anchorage has sent out letter asking for money, the NL7S repeater is still running but will become AL6A at some point
2. **Palmer Junior Middle School**, *POC: Scott KL7SLM* – William Crume, KL5LD, stated their first meeting was 9/25, he limited it to 10 kids this time and they love it, Ham Radio Prep donated technician and general course books, the classroom has moved so maintenance will be setting up the coax and antennas soon, to help out with the club everyone will have to fill out an application for background checks, IBEW also came in, Arctic Com will show up and do radio presentation, want to have MATCOM do a presentation so working on contacting them, 1 kid last year passed, Bridgecom donated a radio to him and other equipment to the group, this year will have all 10 kids ready to test by end of semester
3. **Mat-Su Borough Emergency Preparedness Expo**, *POC: Don KL7JFT* – to be held on 9/28, meeting at MATCOM 0800 to retrieve trailers, setup at 0830, operational 1000, tear down at 1500, need 10-15 folks for set up and tear down and man the inside table and the trailers
4. **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
5. **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. Asked for any nominations from the floor, no response given.
6. **License Class Chair**, *POSITION OPEN* – really need to fill this position so the club can provide the classes to help further ham radio in our community

New Business

1. **Holiday Party**, *POC Shelia KL3SRO* – get with club secretary if willing to help

Upcoming Events:

1. **Licensing Exams, *POC: Ken KL2HF*** September 28, WASI, 1900
2. **MARA Board Meeting**, October 9, WASI 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, October 24, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
4. **MARA Annual Meeting**, October 25, Valley Church of Christ, 1900


Intermission—15 minutes

- Presentation, *George KL7GS* – Coax & Anderson Power poles – very informative with example cards passed out to the members in attendance to see the differences and explain the benefits of each
- Drawing for door prize
- Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment


Had a moment of silence for Silent Key, Bob NL7S, his memorial is scheduled for 5/1/25, then members told stories and great memories

Motion for Adjournment – Motioned by John Carrington, KL1XM, and seconded by John Martin, KL7JM, and voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
President
MARA Board of Directors



Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors