



MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
and  
Election of Board of Directors Members and Officers  
Minutes of Meeting Held October 25, 2024  
Valley Church of Christ, Wasilla

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. Attendees in person signed in at the door as they arrived. There are 90 members in good standing, and 22 people in attendance both in person and on zoom, the required 10% of membership in good standing to establish a quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda/Additions – motion to approve agenda as a guide made by Terry Clark, AL7TC, and seconded by William Crume, KL5LD.

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes – the minutes were provided to the attending members for review and revisions as needed and signed by the President and Secretary after motion to approve by George Strother, KL7GS, seconded by Don Bush, KL7JFT.

**Reports:**

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

We accomplished a lot this past year – field day, strategic planning, helping PJMS with their ham club, maintaining the trailers on a regular basis, and much more.

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Would like to have the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI) meet with MARA to discuss having future activities at their location.

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM

general account \$11,465      book account \$764.44      main bills are paid

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Attended the LEPC quarterly meeting, strategic plan final has been prepared and shared with attendees for input, latest edition of MARA Voice Newsletter will be sent out November, Chickaloon EMPC is working on updating their MatSu Ready page and new committee members since there have been several staff changes

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Nothing new in the recent month

Events Planner: Shelia Olson KL3SRO

Need POC for holiday party in December at Valley Church of Christ

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF  
There were no test takers last month, next exam is tomorrow at WASI, 1-2 have said they will show up

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

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT  
Up to speed for now, will get minutes posted once provided by secretary. Facebook is also updated with swap & shop items from private and estate sales. There will be no luncheon in November since the regularly scheduled date falls on Thanksgiving.

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT  
There will be an exercise for Tok/North Pole/Delta areas in December, JOTA was much easier this time with Scott, Don, and TJ onsite at Camp Gorsuch using several go kits to connect to winlink & packet and Shelia was on packet to chat with the kids

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM  
Trailers are ready to roll if needed, will be replacing tires and batteries as soon as practical. Also getting prices for items for inside the trailer. Discussion of shipping items to a Lake Otis and Tudor location to pick up or deliver.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **MatSu Borough Emergency Preparedness Expo**, \*POC Don Bush, KL7JFT\* – held at the Menard Center, 8 people showed up to help set up trailers and man the table inside
2. **Scout Cubs JOTA** \*POC Don Bush, KL7JFT\* – 3 onsite people, 1 on packet to chat with 12 cubs from 3 packs that showed up, HF was not very good

#### **Ongoing Business**

1. **Update on repeaters**, \*Don Bush, KL7JFT\* – tower sections for DMR not added yet, 85 will be linked soon since TJ has repaired the board, looking for VHF to hook to KL4A tower
2. **PJMS**, \*Scott McCormick, KL7SLM\* – William Crume, KL5LD stated kids are doing good, IBEW1547 in Anchorage who runs an apprenticeship program did a presentation, kids did a pretest and scored 72%, antennas are up, even on the windiest day, still getting all the equipment up and going, parrot test isn't completed but HF works great
3. **MARA Board Elections** – Ballots passed out to attendees
4. **Holiday Party** – \*POC TBD\* – will be held on December 27 at 7pm at Valley Church of Christ

#### **New Business**

1. Winter Field Day – \*POC TBD\* – to be held in January if club is interested
2. **COLLECT BALLOTS or Accept Motion of Election by Acclamation (for Unanimous Consent to Elect Unopposed Candidates)**



**Election Results** – After corrections to the ballot were made, there were no additional nominations for the Board provided from the floor. George Strother, KL7GS, moved for election by acclamation (consent to elect the unopposed candidates). The motion was seconded by Craig Bledsoe, KL7H. By voice of the members attending, the motion unanimously carried.

The incoming Board of Directors begins their year of service on November 1, 2024. In accordance with the by-laws, the treasurer’s year of service is January - December.

The MARA Club Board of Directors for 2024/2025 are:

President: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM	Member: George Strother, KL7GS
Vice-President: Ken Hudson, KL2HF	Member: Brandon Clark, KL7BCS
Treasurer: John Carrington, KL1XM	Member: Sharon Groomer, KL2CM
Secretary: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO	Member: Mark Olson, KL3MRO
Past President: Don Bush, KL7JFT	

Intermission – 15 minutes

Drawing for door prizes (must be physically present to win)

**Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment**

William Crume, KL5LD, announced their child is to be born this coming week so he will be taking time off and needs a MARA volunteer to help with ham club

Craig Bledsoe, KL7H, announced there would be upper side band emergency test tomorrow

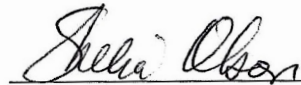
**Upcoming Events:**

1. **Licensing Exams**, \*POC: Ken KL2HF\* October 26, WASI, 1900
2. **MARA Board Meeting**, November 13, ZOOM, 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, \*NONE\* HAPPY THANKSGIVING\*
4. **MARA General Meeting**, November 29, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

Adjournment: John Carrington, KL1XM, motioned and Pierre Loncole, AL7OC, seconded. President Scott McCormick, KL7SLM, adjourned the meeting.

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