

MINUTES MARAC 2021 Annual Meeting

July 12, 2021 9:00 PM EDT

Call Meeting to order. Time: 09:00 by W4SIG

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, Ed K8ZZ_x_; Secretary, Randy, K7TQ_x_; Treasurer, Bill K0DEQ_____

Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W_x_ Northeast, Al N1API_x_ South Central, Janet, KC5QCB_x_
North Central, Mike, NF0N_x_ Pacific, Paige, W0FLZ_x_ Southeast, Kerry, W4SIG_x_

Invited guests: Ron, N5MLP_x_; Don, K3IMC_x_; Donna, AG6V_x_, Bill, K1YAG_x_

1. Agenda Changes/Modifications - none

2. Proposal to appoint Bill Wallace, K1YAG, to the position of MARAC Vice President to complete the term which will expire July 2022.

Discussion:

K1YAG is well qualified to fill the position of MARAC Vice President.

Motion by _W0FLZ_ 2nd _N1API_____ Aye _7_ Nay _0_ Abstain _0_

3. Motion to approve minutes of last BOD meeting held on May 3, 2021

Discussion:

Motion: _KC5QCB_ 2nd _NA8W_____ Aye _8_ Nay _0_ Abstain _0_

Reports:

4. Progress in the hunt for a replacement for the Historian

The previous historian, Bill Moore, K7IOO, passed away in June of this year. Paige has collected the club's records that he had and is looking for a replacement for the Historian. Paige will write an article for the August RoadRunner. NF0N has many pictures that the new Historian should have.

5. Results of CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year voting

N5MLP reported that the results of the CW County Hunter of the Year voting by MARAC members was K8ZZ, Ed Elkin. The SSB County Hunter of the Year as selected by MARAC members was K0DEQ, Bill Morgan.

6. Results of the annual winners of the SSB Mobile of the Year, CW Mobile of the Year, and Mobile Assists SSB and CW of the Year

N5MLP reported the following results

2021 CHOTY Award Winners Announced in the May, 2021 RoadRunner

2021 MARAC County Hunter of the Year (CHOTY) Award Winners			
Award Title	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
CHOTY - SSB	KODEQ Bill Morgan	N/A*	N/A*
CHOTY - CW	K8ZZ Ed Ekin	N/A*	N/A*

* There was only one nomination for the SSB and CW categories. Therefore, no election was necessary and there are no 2nd or 3rd place winners

2021 Annual Awards Announced at Annual Meeting on 7/12/2021

2021 MARAC Annual Mobile and Mobile Assist Award Winners			
Award Title	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Mobile of the Year - SSB	KB6UF Ron Jones	W4SIG Kerry Long	N8OYY Edward Messenger
Mobile of the Year - CW	K8ZZ Ed Ekin	W4SIG Kerry Long	W0GXQ Jerry Mertz
Mobile Team of the Year	AB7NK/K7SEN Mary and Neil Vince	KBOBA/N0XYL Lowell and Sandra Tennyson	K8ZZ/W0GXQ Ed Ekin and Jerry Mertz
Mobile Assist of the Year - SSB	KODEQ Bill Morgan	KC3X Hollis Thigpen	AJ5ZX Randy Camron
Mobile Assist of the Year - CW	KODEQ Bill Morgan	KC3X Hollis Thigpen	N0KV Barry Mitchell

7. Progress on 2022 Annual Convention

AG6V reported that she visited five hotels in Montana in the search for a 2022 Annual Convention location. She believes that the Best Western Plus Grand Tree in Bozeman is the best choice. It has an on-location restaurant, a casino, in-house catering, and the possibility of a hospitality room. Room prices vary significantly depending on the month. The BOD will choose a month for the 2022 Annual Convention at the August Conference Call.

8. Progress on upgrading to Logger II

K3IMC reported that 55 to 60 members have upgraded to Logger II. The auto-download problem has been solved. Several members are still working toward the USA-CA award and Logger II needs to support their efforts. ADIF files exported by various general logging files do not import into Logger II in a consistent manner. Don is addressing these issues. In summary, Logger II is working well for previous users of Logger I and not as well for new Logger II users.

8a. Progress on promoting MARAC at ham conventions

W4SIG reported that in the previous 18 months the Membership Committee has not had the opportunity to promote MARAC membership at ham conventions because COVID has prevented ham conventions. Once conventions begin again, the committee will become more active. Newly appointed VP, K1YAG, has volunteered his efforts in this regard.

Old Business:

9. MARAC net frequencies for 30 m and 12 m listed on the MARAC website

Discussion:

The 30 m frequency was changed because a beacon appeared at 10124.5 MHz. The beacon is no longer active, so a return to 10124.5 is appropriate.

The 12 m frequency was changed to avoid QRM from FT8 activity.

The new 30 m suggested frequency is 10124.5 MHz.

The new 12 m suggested CW frequency is 24913.5 MHz.

Motion by _W4SIG__ 2nd _NF0N_____ Aye _8__ Nay __0__ Abstain _0__

10. Proposal to delete the Net Control Award – Proposal is attached because it is a PDF

Discussion:

The recommendation by the MARAC Awards Committee was to Not Approve the proposal. The BOD was in agreement with the Awards recommendation.

Motion by _____ 2nd _____ Aye ____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

No one made a motion to accept the proposal, therefore there was no vote and the proposal failed.

New Business:

11. Proposal to officially accept the Annual Report

Discussion:

The BOD extended a Thank You to the contributors to the Annual Report, K8ZZ, K7TQ, N5MLP, K0DEQ, KF7ZN, W0FLZ, and NF0N.

Motion by _KC5QCB__ 2nd _NF0N__ Aye _8_ Nay __0__ Abstain _0__

Motion to Adjourn

Motion _N1API_____ 2nd _NA8W_____ Aye _8__ Nay __0__ Abstain__0__ Time 9:51 pm EDT

Open discussion with membership

W0FLZ commented that she is working on collecting a list of mobile operators in the 7th Area QSO Party. Mobile operators in 7QP and other State QSO Parties would be potential MARAC members. This topic will be added to the August Conference Call topics.

Respectfully submitted by
Randy Foltz, K7TQ
Secretary MARAC