

MARAC 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda
July 11, 2022 9:00 pm EDT

Call Meeting to order. Time: 9:00pm EST _____

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, Ed K8ZZ_x_ ; Vice President, Bill K1YAG_____ ; Treasurer, Bill K0DEQ_x_
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: N5MLP

1. Agenda Changes/Modifications - none
2. Motion to approve minutes of last BOD meeting held on March 14, 2022. (see attachment)
Discussion:

Motion: _____ N1API__ 2nd _W0FLZ____ Aye ___7___ Nay ___0___ Abstain ___0___

Reports:

3. Annual Report is attached for review by members-W4SIG
Kerry thanked Board Members and Appointed Members for their timely input to the Annual Report. He stated that it was posted on the marac.org website for all to review
4. Results of Mobile of the Year SSB, CW, Team and Mobile Assists for SSB and CW-N5MLP
Awards Secretary, N5MLP, went through the process of nomination and voting for the annual awards and the CHOTY awards. He then announced the winners.
Mobile of the Year SSB: 1st-WY0A, 2nd-W4SIG, 3rd-N8OYY
Mobile of the Year CW: 1st-K8ZZ, 2nd-W4SIG, 3rd-W0GXQ
Mobile Team of the Year: 1st-AB7NK/K7SEN, 2nd-KA9JAC/KB9YVT, 3rd-AB4WL/NN4JM
Mobile Assist of the Year SSB: 1st-WY0A, 2nd-K0DEQ, 3rd-K8EMS
Mobile Assist of the Year CW: 1st-K0DEQ, 2nd-K8MFO, 3rd-KC3X
5. Results of CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year voting-N5MLP
CHOTY SSB: 1st-K3IMC, 2nd-KA9JAC, 3rd-K2MF
CHOTY-CW: 1st:W0GXQ, 2nd-NF0N
W4SIG thanked those who took the time to nominate their fellow members, the nominees for their county hunting efforts, members for voting, the Election Coordinator (KF7ZN), and Awards Committee and Awards Secretary (N5MLP). Congratulations to all!
6. Appointed position reports as needed Awards Manager, Awards Secretary, Historian, RoadRunner Editor, IT Director, Election Coordinator, Publicity and Advertising Coordinator,
Most of these appointed positions published their yearly reports in the 2022 Annual Report. Paige, W0FLZ, being newly appointed to the new position of Publicity and Advertising Coordinator spoke on her efforts and plans. She has created new MARAC window decals and sent samples to Board members. More will be on hand for distribution at the MARAC National

in October. She is pursuing an “ad exchange” between MARAC and other ham organizations in order to publicize MARAC and county hunting. Paige is sending MARAC info sheets to other ham clubs and organizations for publishing in their organizations. She is also starting up a new County Hunting Facebook page. More details will follow.

7. Openings for MARAC Secretary, General Counsel, Contest Chairman-W4SIG

Kerry stated that these positions are still open and asked members to volunteer. Details are in each issue of the RoadRunner. Any questions can be directed to any Board member.

Old Business:

8. Multiple family members receiving ballots via Simply Voting update

Discussion: NA8W

Darl stated that he and the Election Coordinator have been working with Simply Voting to ensure that multiple members of the same family receive ballots in a timely manner. So far, efforts have resulted in a correction of a prior issue. They will continue to monitor.

9. Discussion of possible awards price increases due to increase production costs-W0FLZ

Paige highlighted prior discussions among the Awards Secretary and the Board regarding the escalation of costs to process and ship MARAC awards. Board has deemed that, unfortunately, a price increase is eminent. The Board is working on coming up with the new prices.

10. Discussion of marac.org website updating- Logger II element – NF0N

Mike states that he is working with K3IMC on a timetable when the website element regarding Logger can be updated. This will be the first section of the website that will be changed. A overall refresh of the website is being worked on.

11. Discussion of placing pictures of available MARAC awards on website – NF0N

It was discussed that the Board would like pictures of the various MARAC awards to be available for viewing on the club’s website. N5MLP has pictures of about 20 of the available awards. He will work with AB7RW, NF0N and KA9JAC to identify the pictures missing from this effort and implement these images on the website.

12. Discussion of need for volunteer to assist K3IMC with development and support of Logger II

NF0N restated that K3IMC is in need of Logger II development assistance. Qualified individuals are encouraged to contact NF0N for discussion of details. Our club does not want to be in the bind of only having one individual with the knowledge to develop Logger II and continue its upkeep. It was noted that the 10-10 club just had this serious problem hit their club when their awards software developer became a SK. Don needs help!

13. Discussion of need to restart MRC bureau – KC5QCB

In an effort to assist newer county hunters in their pursuit of USACA and then MARAC awards, the Board has been discussing the possibility of reinitiating the MRC Bureau. While the quantity of MRCs that would probably be processed would be considerably less than it was a decade ago, the value still exists for those who incur the ever-rising costs of postage that accompany county contact verification. KC5QCB is going to contact the latest prior MRC Bureau manager, AF3X, for input. Janet has volunteered to run a new MRC bureau if the Board deems it necessary.

14. Discussion of new MARAC logo window decals – W0FLZ

This was discussed earlier in the meeting. See agenda item #6.

New Business:

15. Nomination of Outstanding Service Award for Mike Delke, K8EMS- W4SIG

Discussion: Kerry discussed the much overdue need to recognize Mike for his Logger efforts. His justification for this Outstanding Service Award was stated as follows:

Outstanding Service Award nomination for Mike Delke, K8EMS

While most MARAC members are currently enjoying the benefits of a new Logger II awards tracking program, it is time to recognize someone who, without which, there would be no new program. For years, Mike Delke, K8EMS, diligently and happily assisted many club members with their Logger I usage and support issues when there was much chaos amidst a program that was widely used, yet had no formal support structure in place. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, he diligently laid the groundwork for a new and improved Logger II program that would utilize current software language and allow for usage for many years to come. He then worked closely with Don, K3IMC, to continue moving Logger II to fruition. Mike has spent thousands of hours coding an working so that we can all have access to MARAC award tracking software that we can utilize and enjoy!

For these reasons, I would like to nominate Mike Delke, K8EMS, for a MARAC Lightning Leo Outstanding Service Award.

Motion by __W4SIG__ 2nd __K0DEQ__ Aye __7__ Nay __0__ Abstain __0__

Motion to Adjourn

Motion __NA8W_ 2nd __KC5QCB__ Aye __7__ Nay __0__ Abstain __0__ Time 10pm EST

Open discussion with membership

Kerry opened the floor for discussion of any topic for members.

The MARAC 2022 National in Bozeman, Montana was discussed. It is time to register and reserve your rooms. Donna, AG6V, has been working on this for three years due to pandemic delays of prior years. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy! Included will be CQ Magazine USACA Awards Chairman, NX0X who will be in attendance and available for questions.