

# MARAC BOD MEETING MINUTES

Feb 12, 2024 9PM EST

**Call Meeting to order.** Time: \_\_9PM EST\_\_

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, K8ZZ x; Vice President, K1YAG \_\_\_\_, Secretary, W4SIG x  
Treasurer, 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 \_\_\_\_, Southeast, Dave, KE3VV x

Guests:

## 1. Agenda Changes/Modifications

Item 7 was removed from the agenda for now by KE3VV. To be brought up later.

2. Motion to approve minutes of the BOD Meeting held on Sept 4, 2023. (see attachment)

Discussion: W4SIG will send a copy of the official minutes of the Sept 4, 2023 minutes to KA9JAC for inclusion on the MARAC website.

Motion: N1API 2<sup>nd</sup> KE3VV Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

## New Business:

3. Selection of new club liability insurance carrier.

Discussion: Bill, K0DEQ, reports that a significant savings can be had by changing the club's liability insurance to one offered as an ARRL affiliated club.

Motion K0DEQ 2<sup>nd</sup> NF0N Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

4. Proposal to authorize funds for a MARAC booth at the 2024 Hamvention in Dayton.

Discussion: Kerry, W4SIG, reports that a significant savings was acquired for a MARAC booth by contacting the Dayton Exhibits manager. Since our club is not selling any product we received a discount down to \$315 for the booth. Mike, NF0N, reports that he now has W8OP, KJ8F, and W5VS all as volunteers to help him man the booth. Mike has all the materials for the booth. Any member is invited to join in at the booth.

Motion: W4SIG 2<sup>nd</sup> KE3VV Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

5. 2024 MARAC Contest Announcement. Motion to approve dates and issuance of awards

Discussion: Kerry, W4SIG, reports that the results of the 2023 MARAC contest were published in the latest RoadRunner. Results and list of certificate award winners were sent to Phil, AB7RW, for processing. WA4JA has volunteered to run the contest again this year on July 27-28.

Motion: KC5QCB 2<sup>nd</sup> N1API Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

6. Update on upcoming Michigan Mini and MARAC National Conventions

Discussion: Ed, K8ZZ, reports no news on the conventions. His line of communication is always open to the convention coordinators. All seems to be set up for both conventions.

7. Motion to approve an updated King of the Road Award

Discussion: This item was tabled by KE3VV until a future meeting.

8. Motion to select June 1, 2024 as the official election date for MARAC Officers, and Great Lakes and Southeast Directors.

Discussion: This date would give the Election Coordinator a time to run the election, with results in time for the Annual Meeting. All interested parties are

encouraged to contact the Election Coordinator to list their intent to run for the offices. KF7ZN will post this information in the next RoadRunner.

Motion: NA8W 2<sup>nd</sup> NF0N Aye 6 Nay 0 Abstain KE3VV

9. Motion to select May 15, 2024 as the deadline for nominations for the upcoming MARAC Board openings.

Discussion: This date will give members enough time to consider running and notify the Election Coordinator of their intentions so they can be added to the ballot. KF7ZN will post this information in the next RoadRunner

Motion: N1API 2<sup>nd</sup> K0DEQ Aye 6 Nay 0 Abstain KE3VV

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: KE3VV 2<sup>nd</sup> NA8W Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0  
Time 9:22PM EST

Open discussion with membership

Discussion on the status of CQ Magazine and how it affects the USACA award. N1API states that he has not gotten any responses back from his emails and phone messages to the magazine. K0DEQ states that the CQ Magazine award custodian for their Prefix Award has also been unresponsive. No printed edition has come out in many months. We can only assume that the magazine is done. Where does this leave county hunting and the MARAC requirement for the CQ Magazine USACA award as a prerequisite for our numerous awards? Where does MARAC step in and how does it? Will our club create our own All Counties Award and make it the new prerequisite for all our other awards? Note was made that the USACA award is an asset of CQ Magazine and cannot be duplicated. We will have to come up with ideas on where /how we go from here. The Board will have a working session in March to discuss and brainstorm.