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MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: December 8, 2004

The Special Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called at the request of a majority of the Directors.

The Directors present were:

Secretary	Norm Ellison — W2LSH
Treasurer	Jim Grandinetti – KZ2P
Great Lakes Director	Randy Davis – N8ELQ
North Central Director	John Robson – WB9STT
Northeast Director	Don Kimble – AE3Z
Southeast Director	David Splitt – KE3VV
South Central Director	Joyce Boothe – WB9NUL
Pacific Director	Robert T. Devine – KC6AWX

The Members present were: K2NJ, N4CD, K5RPC, K8GPC, N4XML, NJ2DX, VE9DH, W6RK and WQ7A.

The Meeting was called to order by Norm (W2LSH) at 7:00 CST.

The first order of business was to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem. Jim (KZ2P) made a motion that we appoint Norm (W2LSH) as Chairman Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Bob KC6AWX. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed. A roll call vote indicated seven votes in favor and none opposed. Norm (W2LSH) was appointed Chairman Pro Tem.

Norm (W2LSH) requested nominations to appoint a member to serve as MARAC President until the next general election. Jim (KZ2P) made a motion that we appoint Bill Inkrote (K2NJ) to fill the vacant position of President, to serve until the next annual election. The motion was seconded by Dave (KE3VV). There were no other nominations. The nominations were declared closed by Norm (W2LSH). A roll call indicated seven in favor and none opposed. Bill (K2NJ) was elected by a unanimous vote.

Norm (W2LSH) turned the meeting over to Bill (K2NJ).

Bill (K2NJ) thanked the Board for his appointment and opened nominations for Vice President of MARAC.

Jim (KZ2P) made a motion that we appoint Joyce Boothe (WB9NUL) to fill the vacant position of Vice President to serve until the next annual election. The motion was second by Bob (KC6AWX). Joyce (WB9NUL) declined the appointment.

Don (AE3Z) made a motion that we appoint Bob (N4CD) to fill the vacant position of Vice President until the next annual election. The motion was seconded by Bill (K2NJ).

Jim (KZ2P) made a motion that we appoint John Hoyt (W5UGD) to fill the vacant position of Vice President to serve until the next annual election. The motion was seconded by Bob (KC6AWX).

With no other nominations, Bill (K2NJ) declared the nominations closed. Roll call voting indicated the following:

North East	AE3Z	-	N4CD
Great Lakes	N8ELQ	-	W5UGD
North Central	WB9STT-		N4CD

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Pacific	KC6AWX-	W5UGD
South Central	WB9NUL-	N4CD
South East	KE3VV -	Abstain
President	K2NJ -	N4CD
Treasurer	KZ2P -	W5UGD
Secretary	W2LSH -	Abstain

Nine votes cast. N4CD received 4, W5UGD received 3, and there were 2 abstentions.

The MARAC By Laws require that for a member to be appointed to serve as a Director, that member must receive an affirmative vote from the majority of the remaining Directors (Section 1.2(e)). In this case a candidate must receive 5 affirmative votes. Since none of the candidates received the required number of votes, neither candidate was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bill (K2NJ) requested further nomination for Vice President, to serve until the next general election. Norm (W2LSH) made a motion that we appoint Roger Purdy (W2NWL). The motion was second by Bob (KC6AWX).

Bill (K2NJ) made a motion that we nominate Joyce (WB9NUL). The motion was seconded by Don (AE3Z). Joyce said she would serve if appointed.

Roger was disqualified because he could not be contacted to confirm the fact that he would serve if he was appointed. Bill (K2NJ) called for a vote. Roll call indicated the following:

North East	AE3Z	Yes
Great Lakes	N8ELQ	Yes
North Central	WB9STT	Yes
Pacific	KC6AWX	Yes
South Central	WB9NUL	Yes
South East	KE3VV	Yes
President	K2NJ	Yes
Treasurer	KZ2P	Yes
Secretary	W2LSH	Yes

Joyce (WB9NUL) was appointed Vice President by a unanimous vote of the Board. She will serve until the next annual election.

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the minutes of the September 8, 2004 meeting were approved. Roll call indicated 7 in favor, none opposed.

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the Treasurer's reports of October 31, and November 30, 2004 were accepted. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A: A motion was made by Joyce (WB9NUL) seconded by Jim (KZ2P) that Norm (W2LSH) be reimbursed \$157.61 for the purchase of a new MARAC printer. Roll call indicated 7 in favor and none opposed. The motion was approved. Norm will send Jim the receipt.

B. The following 22 awards were updated by the Awards Committee and submitted to the Board for approval:

Big Rig Award, Bingo - Master County Hunter Award, DX Mobile Award, Five Star Award, Gemini Award, King of the Road Award, Last County in a State Award, Last County in the USA Award, Master Gold Award, Master Platinum Award, Polaris Award, Ran All (State) Counties Award, Roadmaster Award, Roadrunner

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Award, USA Prefix Award, USA CW Award, USA Digital Award, Worked All (State) Counties Award, Worked All States Mobile Award, Worked All USA Counties Award, YL Mobile Award, and the YL-OM Team Award.

Norm (W2LSH) made a motion that we accept the recommendations from the Awards Committee on all of the awards. The motion was seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL). A roll call indicated 7 in favor and none opposed.

C: Bill (K2NJ) indicated that we must appoint a new South Central District Director to replace Joyce. Jim (KZ2P) suggested Mike Fatchett (W0MU) had expressed an interest in serving MARAC; however Mike could not be reached to confirm his intentions. Bill (K2NJ) nominated Bob (N4CD). N4CD said that he would not accept.

Dave (KE3VV) made a motion that we table the appointment of the vacant District Director position until next month. The motion was seconded by Bill (K2NJ). Roll call indicated 7 in favor and none opposed. Joyce (WB9NUL) indicated that she would contact Mike.

D: Kwiklog 2005. Since the new version of "Kwiklog" does not follow the format or in any way resemble the current version, those members writing and testing the new program suggested that MARAC should consider a new product name. Gene (KD9ZP) and the other members writing the new program felt that January 2005 was an unrealistic date for the release of the program. Bill (K2NJ) also felt that we should take our time and not rush into marketing the program. Dave (KE3VV) made a motion that we table discussion of a new name for the MARAC logging program until next month. The motion was seconded by Jim (KZ2P). Roll call vote indicated that 7 were in favor and none opposed.

E: Elections. Bill (K2NJ) will notify our Election Coordinator, Chuck (K9IA), to prepare the necessary ballots and notifications concerning the annual elections. Norm said that he would send Chuck and the other Directors the necessary information concerning the annual elections.

Bill (K2NJ) announced that there will be a Board of Directors meeting on January 12, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Some of the items requiring resolution or discussion are appointment of a District Director for the South Central District, Elections and the new logging program.

OPEN MEETING

Bob (N4CD) questioned the need for MARAC to retain roughly \$40 per member in the Treasury. According to N4CD, this equates to approximately 3 years dues.

Bill (K2NJ) stated that every Club and/or Organization needs working capital to operate in a business-like manner.

Dave (KE3VV) stated that the organization should retain monies equal to several times its annual budget to avoid any financial difficulties. Dave also asked the Treasurer if he knew the amount of MARAC's annual budget.

Joyce (WB9NUL) stated that monies were needed to fund the national and mini conventions as well as operating expenses.

Jim (KZ2P) stated that he was attending the meeting from South Carolina and did not have the prior years' annual reports available. He stated that a full report would be sent to all of the Directors as soon as he returned home.

Dave (KE3VV) requested that the Treasurer prepare a report for all of the members and present it at the January meeting. Randy (N8ELQ) concurred with Dave's position.

With no further business to come before the Board, Randy (N8ELQ) moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob (KC6AWX). The motion carried with 7 in favor and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1858 CST. Respectfully Submitted, Norm Ellison W2LSH, Secretary, MARAC

DATELINE CW**By Ed, KN4Y**

A mobile radio is always referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep it running counties. Happy New Year.

Boy, the New Year came in with a cold hand. The space heater is all red face trying to keep the radio shack tolerable for the worlds two greatest. Gator is on his way over. He wants to see how many mobiles I have worked on the CW net last year. I hear Gator drive up the barking engine cracking the ice in the birdbath and the ninety-six inch whip removing what leaves are left on the tree. I yell, "The doors open."

Gator comes in, "Boy it is cold Dude, and you got to talk to Jerry about keeping the back door closed. Happy New Year." "Happy New Year to you too and shut the door quickly."

Gator comes in and sits at the computer. Gator, you have something on your, ah ah, mind?" "I got sad news yesterday; Uncle Rufus, my aunts brother in Arkansas died on New Years Eve. He fished at the same lake AL does." "Gosh, sorry to hear that Gator." "It was a shock, he left his entire estate to his beloved widow. However, she will be on an allowance until she turns 16."

I change the subject. "Here are the 2004 logs Gator, go to it." Gator starts listing the mobiles. "Should I include the mobiles you worked in State QSO parties?" "No." I go get a couple cool ones while Gator lists the mobiles. I warm up the ham hocks left over from New Year day. "Hey Dude, how about 30-meter mobile?" "Yes, but do not list twice." Gator gives me the New York taxi salute.

A few cool ones with several ham hocks and a few hours later Gator hands me his list. I look it over.

AA1NZ, AA1LL, KL1V, N1QY, K2HVN, K2NJ, KM2U, N200, NM2L, NO2W, AE3Z, AF3X, K3IMC, KA3DRO, KA3MMM, KE3VV, KC3X, KP3T, N3HOO, OH3JF, W3DYA, W3ZUH, W3QNT, WN3C, WU3H, AA4S, AA4VN, AB4YZ, G4KHG, K4BAI, K4CNW, K4CW, K4MUT, K4PI, K4QFK, K4UK, K4YFH, KB4XK, N4AKB, N4AF, N4AKP, N4CD, N4GG, N4PB, N4RS, N4VA, NI4Y, NF4A, NY4N, W4OV, W4RKV, WA4PGM, WB4FFV, WB4VFN, AI5P, K5AAR, K5AX, K5OT, KB5IPQ, KC5DSP, KD5JWC, KE5C, KG5J, KG6U, KR5C, KS5A, N5XX, NO5N, W5WOU, W5XX, AD6Z, KB6UF, KH6KW, N6HH, N6IMP, N6NF, N6MJ, NW6S, W6FAH, W6HOR, W6OUL, W6TMD, WG6X, AB7RW, K7DM, K7RE, K7REL, N7WO, W7CB, W7GQK, W7TSM, WA7JHQ, AK8A, K8CW, K8DSL, K8MW, K8OOK, K8ZZ, KB8PGW, KD8HB, KI8WO, KM8U, N8STF, N8WE, NT8S, W8JJ, W8LVN, W8OP, W8PC, W8TZA, WB8LQB, AA9KH, K9QVB, KG9C, KJ9C, KR9L, KU8E, N9JF, N9JR, N9NE, ND9M, NE9DH, W9MSE, W9OP, WD9GSU, WK9O, AA0IP, K0ARS, K0CO, K0EVE, K0GEN, K0GL, K0LG, K0PY, K0VPP, KA0W, KC0JG, KOZT, KQ0B, KY0E, N0ZA, N0SM, N0XB, N0ZT, NF0N, NX0X, W0AV, W0CML, W0ETT, W0GXQ, W0MU, W0QE, WB0M.

"That is quite a list Gator." "Thanks, but I think there were more mobiles then this list." "Yes Gator, I am sure I did not work all the mobiles on the CW net. But I eventually will." "I will get the mobile in next years list." "That is correct." "Well Dude I got to run. Have to replenish my warehouse stock after all the New Year parties. Also I may go to Uncle Rufus funeral." Gator is out the door and going who knows where.

I look at a QSL card I just received and notice it is from Ham Lake MN, I did not know hams had a lake. I want to thank all the county hunters that worked me in the ARRL 10-meter contest, maybe later on the forum. I see this month is the NA CW QSO party, the CQ 160-meter contest and ARRL VHF sweepstakes. All that mobile activity has made me sleepy, naptime. To all county hunters I wish a prosperous 2005.

Announcement from your Election Coordinator

Nominations for the following MARAC offices are now being accepted:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Great Lakes District Director**
 - Representing county hunters in PA,WV,OH,IN,MI,VE3
- **North Central District Director**
 - Representing county hunters in WI,IL,MN,IA,ND,SD,NE,MT,WY,VE4,VE5,VE6
- **South Central District Director**
 - Representing county hunters in MO, AR, LA, KS, OK, TX, CO, NM, Central America and South America

The following rules from the MARAC constitution apply:

3.2 NOMINATIONS

(a) Any regular member of MARAC may nominate an eligible member of MARAC to stand for election by submitting the name and call sign of the nominee to the Election Coordinator. The member submitting the nomination shall obtain the consent of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination. Any eligible member of MARAC may submit his or her own name as a candidate for election.

(b) No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position in any election. If an incumbent director or officer becomes a candidate for another office, the (consented to) nomination will serve as an automatic resignation from the incumbent position effective on the date a successor takes office, and the incumbent's position will be included on the ballot to be filled by another eligible member

The constitution also provides for a 90 day window for the nomination process.

Therefore, we have until April 1st 2005 and at that time nominations will close.

Nominations should be submitted for the above stated positions to:

k9ia@arrl.net or call 920-921-1605

You may also direct your communications to me by mail but there may be some delay since I am in FL for the winter. I prefer e-mail or phone.

In reference to District Director nominations please nominate only county hunters from your own district.

Charles L Theisen
Elections Coordinator
N5563 County Road K
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

South Central District Opening

There is an opening for the SC district director. Anyone who would be willing to apply for this position should contact K2NJ. The requirements for this position are: Be a current paid member of MARAC and live in the SC district. You must also have an amateur radio license and an interest in serving MARAC members.

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2004

Funds Balance 11/30/04 \$27,236.18

Income:

Awards	\$1,050.00	
Dues	\$584.00	
Interest	<u>\$5.62</u>	
		\$1,639.62

Expenses:

Gene Olig – expenses	\$81.86	
Dennis Hall Additional Web Space	\$50.00	
Stafford Engraving - Awards	\$40.00	
Norm Ellison - Printer	\$157.61	
Roger Purdy- -Printer Toner & Paper	\$110.74	
Fairmont Awards - awards	\$186.50	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>\$411.77</u>	
		\$1,038.48

Account Balances:

Money Market Account	\$24,853.76	\$27,927.32
Checking Account	<u>\$3,073.56</u>	
		\$27,927.32

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
2004 Convention Chairman's Funds	\$2,500.00

**DEADLINE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 05
ISSUE IS
JANUARY 25TH**

**MARAC Board Meeting
Schedule for 2004 - 2005**

2005

**Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13,
May 11, June 8,
July At The Convention**

January Birthdays

W5RJ	Jan - 01	WA2ZYM	Jan - 01
KN6ZB	Jan - 02	WS7R	Jan - 04
AJ1M	Jan - 05	KY0E	Jan - 06
W8QOI	Jan - 06	N0DIA	Jan - 07
KL7IAA	Jan - 07	KE0AY	Jan - 08
KK0L	Jan - 09	K4QFK	Jan - 11
W0QE	Jan - 13	WD3P	Jan - 13
KJ4FM	Jan - 14	W0QDL	Jan - 14
W4CCT	Jan - 15	KN4Y	Jan - 20
W07HI	Jan - 20	KB0MHH	Jan - 23
W0RRY	Jan - 25	K1ER	Jan - 26
K0GEN	Jan - 26	N4MYZ	Jan - 26
KF7SG	Jan - 28	N2NB	Jan - 28
WB0DUL	Jan - 30		

If your birthday is not in the database at:

www.marac.org/database

Send it to: kd9zp@marac.org

**Major Awards Issued For The Month Of
December**

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	262
LC-2	12
LC-3	15
All Others	12

Other Awards

Call	Date	Award	Number	Call	Date	Award	Number
W0GXQ	12/27/2004	BINGO2	61	W6TMD	12/14/2004	BINGO II	31
ND3T	12/13/2004	BINGO III	6	W3CR	12/28/2004	BINGO IV	2
KS5A	12/30/2004	Last County Count	100 194	W9GUY	12/30/2004	Last County Count	100 195
AB4YZ	12/30/2004	Last County Count	125 138	W0NAC	12/30/2004	Last County Count	150 120
W0GXQ	12/30/2004	Last County Count	150 121	K9DZG	12/30/2004	Last County Count	25 431
KQ0B	12/30/2004	Last County Count	25 432	AA0IP	12/30/2004	Last County Count	25 433
N2OCW	12/30/2004	Last County Count	25 434	KL1V	12/30/2004	Last County Count	375 27
AA8R	12/30/2004	Last County Count	50 290	KA4TYG	12/30/2004	Last County Count	50 291
KC0JG	12/30/2004	Last County Count	500 18	KA9PZS	12/30/2004	Last County Count	575 14
KC1NA	12/30/2004	Last County Count	675 7	N1BY	12/17/2004	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	343
AD8W	12/13/2004	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	184	KG7GV	12/27/2004	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	119
K8GPC	12/4/2004	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	19	W3CR	12/28/2004	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	20

USA-CA Issued By K1BV

To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
K9MOT	12/2/2004	1107

**Please Welcome Our New Memembers
And Add Them To Your Data Base**

Marac No.	Call	Full Name	Address
City and State	Home County	Phone Number	

R-3158 AD5OS Brian D Shircliffe 2230 West 18th #50
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R-3159 AF3X Jeffrey Napier 2804 Sue Ellen Drive
Knoxville, TN Knox 1-865-690-367 af3x@af3x.us
37921-3754

R-3160 WA4EE Dorothy L Johnson 6601 Bougainvilla Ave. SO
St. Petersburg, FL Pinellas 1-000-000-000
dljohns@earthlink.net 33707

A Special Thank You

In September, I was very fortunate to receive a very prestigious award from the Ohio Section of the ARRL.

To be honored so by my peers in the Section was, indeed, an honor.

Now, I want to thank those county hunters who have congratulated me through phone calls and email, and, also, through comments on the forums. All were appreciated.

I am, indeed, fortunate to have so many friends.

Joyce Judy, KD8HB

KwikLog 2005

Questions about KwikLog 2005? Ask Don McMinds K7DM at K7DM@casco.net.
Questions on the various versions of the original Kwiklog should be directed to KK7X.

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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

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