

# MINUTES OF THE 2019 MARCO MEETING 3

## TAMPA, FLORIDA, APRIL 27TH.

**Attendees:** Bruce Small, KM2L, Etsuo Takada JA0BXP, Jeff Wolf K6JW, Chip Keister N5RTF, Warren Brown KD4GUA, Joe Breault WB2MXJ, Chuck Lind N8CL, Bob Conder K4RLC, Mike McGirt K9AJ, Barry Rabin, WB1FFI, Keith Adams N3IM, Mary Favaro AE4BX, Jay Garlitz AA4FL

Meeting called to order by AA4FL at 9:29 am.

### STANDING REPORTS:

**President's report AA4FL:** Moment of silence for those who have been lost in the past year. K9AJ gave report on attending Rich's K9QA funeral. Update on the optional DX cruise to follow this business meeting.

**Secretary report WB2MXJ:** 135 dues paying members, 10 honorary members, 79 dues expired 1-3.5 years, 12 expressed interest in joining.

**Treasurer's report N8CL:** Converted to the Bank of America account from Wells Fargo. The accounts are not interest bearing. AA4FL clarified that MediShare is not a separate 501c3, it is part of MARCO, and inherits MARCO's 501c3. There is a philanthropy subaccount set up as a separate checking account (MediShare, scholarships, other charitable projects where donations are deposited) and an administration subaccount (deposit dues for administrative costs). Signatories at treasurer, secretary & president.

Re: philanthropy subaccount: Recall that in a prior year the \$18,000 for the sale of the MediShare url was sent to the philanthropy account. 4/1/18 opening balance of \$21,339.04. Donations (\$315.00) minus service fees (\$82.78) and minor adjustments in transfer from Wells Fargo's old account leaves a 3/31/19 closing balance of \$21,766.26.

Re: administrative subaccount: 4/1/18 opening balance of \$4,655.18. After transfer from old Wells Fargo account, dues income (\$2,527.94) minor adjustments, QST Ad payment (\$524.50), Web hosting payment (\$244.18) and Aether potage payment (\$700.00) the 3/31/19 balance is \$6,779.19. Note that April annual meeting not yet charged are typically in the \$2,500-\$3,000 range. The current annual expenses exceed dues income.

**MOTION:** Distribute philanthropy funds as follows: \$10,000 for scholarships (\$1,000 per year), \$6,000 for MediShare, \$5,766.26 that will be available for other projects. Motion was made by AE4BX, seconded by N3IM, and it was approved.

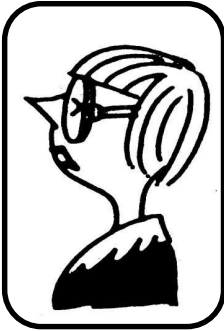
**Philanthropy/MediShare report AA4FL:** donations limited—see above treasurer report. Donations may at times be specified for scholarships or to MediShare or are sometimes directed to specific projects. Generally, donations should be sent to secretary, or new donation button (but that has to be redirected to projects account, not administrative account). Paypal payment dues invoices were asked about, discussed, and how the updates occur was reviewed by WB2MXJ. Ideally members can pay dues via Paypal when the annual dues invoices are issued each January. If paying by check, clarification asked for about best method of check payment.

**MOTION:** Checks should be sent to the secretary—motioned by K6JW seconded by N3IM and approved. Secretary will record and update the membership and PayPal dues databases, and then forward checks to the treasurer.

Discussed: Amazon button on website to get monies to our funds when members use to buy things from Amazon they are buying anyway; also advertising on the website as a potential source of funds. AA4FL will ask KT8E about those possibilities.

Website report by Dave KT8E via email: For my webmaster report, I'm happy to announce the addition of a PayPal DONATE button for MediShare on both the MARCO home page and the MediShare page (snapshot below): I've tested it by making a MediShare contribution in memory of Dr. Lochner.

**Aether & Grand Rounds report KD4GUA:** NL costs \$250 normally per issue to publish but the printer is donating it, so it is free, just postage costs now. Big thank-you to the printer will be sent by the president. CME discussed as explained in the NL. President will develop a publicity and GR committee (initial members WB9EDP, N5AN, KM2L) to figure out GR alternate week GRs speaker. Warren suggests ragchew 15 minutes before the GR so spot is not used by others—will put in newsletter. N3IM stressed importance of hard copy NL for hamfests. Blast email to all when the NL comes out was recommended, but how to do this easily may be an issue—



WB2MSJ will discuss with NT8E.

**OLD BUSINESS: Scholarship update**—\$18,000 inflow from MediShare url sale report: \$2,000 already sent to scholarships, time to do the \$2,000 again. We sent 2 organizations \$1,000 each in the past for two 2 year funding of a MARCO scholarship for ham radio operators interested in a health profession: Thru ARRL \$500, ARRL decides who based on MARCO criteria.

**MOTION:** K6JW motion, seconded by AE4BX and approved to renew the \$1,000 annual funding to each of the above organizations for these scholarships (total of \$2,000/2 year period) when it becomes due for renewal until the original \$10,000 appropriated for this, as detailed in the motion under the treasurer's report is used up. As \$2,000 was spent in the past 2 years, this provides funding for the next 8 years.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There have been 2 donations to a K9QA (the late Dr. Richard Lochner) scholarship to a deserving student in his local area. Should MARCO add \$500 to this fund in his memory?

**MOTION:** Motion by KD4GUA seconded by AE4BX, and approved for board to donate \$500 one time in towards the scholarship in his memory in his local area. This comes out of the above \$5766 for special projects noted above in the treasurer's report. Discussed: Dues membership structure in the bylaws and potential growth. Members aging. Many new members will be ancillary personnel in health care. Shrinking membership numbers. Dues not enough to cover costs of annual business meeting plus other recurring costs. Pros and cons of multiple different membership approaches discussed without clear consensus. One suggestion: Go to \$35/year or \$100 3 years for full members and sustaining members for \$75/yr., \$200/3 years. Query: will this develop a class structure based on economic stratification? Query: better to have just Regular (full) & Associate (inc student) members. Discussion of pros and cons of concept of sustaining membership. Grandfather current honorary members and eliminate the category recommended. Keep student membership and let it be free. Given lack of consensus after much discussion, a president's committee will be formed to come up with a recommendation on bylaws changes & membership dues. Members will be K6JW, N5RTF, N3IM and AA4FL. Committee to send its proposal to the board to review and the board will send its recommendation to the membership to vote on. The committee will also consider other bylaw changes, including whether there should be international and Canadian at large directors. New trustee of WB5D is K6JW, see <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=2626644>.

Special events using WB5D were discussed.

Directors reviewed. MARCO bylaws state the directors at Large are meant to be the last 5 past presidents. Formal voting today only for those positions where there is an open position, namely area 1. It was also discussed that the intention is for the Officers and Directors to be the governance body for MARCO, so if someone cannot come to most of the annual meetings, then their governance contributions is limited or nil, and replacement who can fully share in governance should be explored.

1=Open, proposed K1DCA. **MOTION** for K1DCA as area 1 director made by WB1FFI, seconded by N3IM, approved by board.

No other motion for changes at this time. Some discussion about changes to be made in directors at next year's annual meeting at Hamvention 2020, but will defer to next year's meeting.

Currently the list is: 1—open; 2—WB1FFI; 3—N3IM; 4—AE4BX; 5—KD5BQK; 6—N6DMV; 7—KA7LOT; 8—W8CRK; 9—WA9HIR; 0—K0FS.

Directors at large—the last 5 past presidents.

Discussed: Perhaps the regional directors can assist contacting members who are past due in dues in their area? AA4FL said he will send letters to those with dues expired with cc to regional directors, secretary will provide mailing labels.

AA4FL discussed the next annual meeting, and plans to have it at Hamvention, Xenia/Dayton (May 15-17, 2020) rather than HamCation, Orlando (Feb 7-9, 2020). He is planning on having MARCO booths at both sites in 2020.

AA4FL discussed a DX Committee to explore possible DX vacation rentals that have stations & antenna set up. Anyone interested in planning or participating should contact him.

N5RTF encouraged all to support the CW net before GR at 14.140.

Adjourned at 11:50 am.

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