

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service
in conjunction with
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club



MANITOBA MARATHON
05 SEP 2021
AMATEUR RADIO NOTES
PSE-182

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These notes cover the Amateur Radio component of 2021 Manitoba Marathon. Amateur Radio volunteers were asked for feedback and it has been integrated.

Past reports have had four main sections:

- Planning/Preparation
- Operation
- Recovery
- Mitigation.

The notes from the 2021 operation are those of the ARES Emergency Coordinator and those volunteers that submitted comments. Planning/Preparation and Operations for 2021 were all based on previous years' experience since recruiting did not actually begin until 16 JUN 2021, approximately six months later than usual. That lag or pause was due to ever changing COVID-19 concerns and Public Health measures which earlier obviated any sort of marathon.

Recruiting for 2021 was difficult for two main reasons, some previous ARES volunteers were hesitant to volunteer due to COVID-19 threat and perceived health risk to themselves and with Race Day being on the Sunday of Labour Day weekend a number of previous volunteers indicated that they were committed to family activities, often involving time at their cottages as what's seen as the last long-weekend of the summer (personally it was nice to be at the cottage for Father's Day weekend, not normally a "free" weekend).

The 2021 Volunteer Code of Conduct included this statement:

"At all times, volunteers will comply with all the rules and regulations of the Manitoba Marathon, Dominion of Canada, Province of Manitoba and Public Health concerning matters of health and safety and specifically as they relate to COVID-19 or such other communicable disease or contagion."

Recruiting was once again done on-line via the Winnipeg ARC website.

The usual Amateur Radio repeater utilized for medical back-up was not available for use this year, Pathfinders ARC offered the use of VE4PAR immediately when it became apparent that the previous repeater was down.

The ARES component of Comm Centre set-up is traditionally done the Friday afternoon before Race Day and 2021 was no exception. Feedlines were color-coded with colored tape and radio circuits were tested once temporary roof antennas were established. ARES "shadows" at the Care Centre once again operated on UHF with their

communications fed into the VHF medical repeater via a portable repeater (previously documented).

2021 Manitoba Marathon Notes

- Pre-arranged pick up for supplies for ARES volunteers went well this year.
- “No show” volunteers missing briefing much less problematic this year, only one registered volunteer missed the briefing without any notification and his “stuff” was delivered by an ARES volunteer in attendance.
- Radio circuits should be checked and operations firmly established before the roof crew at Comm Centre set-up leave the roof
 - A sub-optimal circuit was identified when the roof crew returned to the Comm Centre necessitating another climb up – not the end of the world but something to be mindful of going forward
 - ARES Coordinator considering a written SOP for future Comm Centre set-up – checking all radio circuits before vacating roof will be documented in that SOP
 - A member of the roof crew suggested using beanbags for holding down feedlines and keeping connections off the roof deck – another great suggestion for Comm Centre Set-up SOP.
- One back-up or reserve volunteer did not check-in with Race Operations Net and self-dispatched himself to a course checkpoint for unknown reasons – fortunately Race Operations Net Controllers did not need that or any back-ups for “fill-in” duties.
- Hospitality NCS **does not** have a list of Hospitality Station Captains, requested by ARES Coordinator previously, not provided though. Not as great an issue with a reduced footprint Marathon but potentially problematic once we return to a “usual” Marathon.

- Insufficient number of back-up or reserve operators, goal is to have at least two back-up operators per course sector (three sectors) and two back-up operators for Care Centre/Comm Centre. One registered back-up volunteer did not check in Race Day morning with the Race Operations Net – it was subsequently determined that he was hospitalized.
- Very specific information is required in Comm Centre if operators radio in a request for emergency medical assistance. Required information is in ARES booklet (page 11) and was briefed at ARES volunteer briefing, additionally this year, each ARES volunteer received a an Amateur Radio Manitoba Marathon tag that contains *aide memoire* of key information to provide as well as the Comm Centre telephone number:

Bib #, Location, Adult or Child, Male or Female, Conscious or Unconscious, Breathing or Not Breathing, Chief Complaint

- General MB Marathon lanyards now have a safety break, greatly mitigating risk to volunteers with previous lanyards with no safety break.
- Course Showers did not exist for SEP 2021, question to be addressed when the Marathon returns to a Fathers' Day time-slot:

Are Station Captains briefed on shower operation? (maybe once showers "on" are authorized no more will be said).

- There was no provision of Medical Kits for on-course vehicles, ARES Coordinator attended Marathon office after pre-race medical meeting and obtained vehicle kits from previous years without knowing if the kits had been checked & restocked
 - The Athletic Therapist for Therapy 5 was notified and brought her personally-owned medical gear
 - The Manitoba Athletic Therapists Association (MATA) ought to be approached with a view to having an MATA representative participating on the medical planning committee.
- Coolers for medical ice at course checkpoints and on-course vehicles were not brought to the pre-race medical meeting

- ARES Coordinator attended Marathon office and obtained the coolers.
- Since Race Day was run without using much IGF infrastructure there was no easy way to supply medical ice to course checkpoints nor on-course vehicles
 - ARES volunteers from the medical supply vehicle agreed to obtain bags of ice Race Day morning from convenience stores on their way in Race Day morning (and relieved the MB Marathon Executive Director of a task that was on her list)
- There was no provision of disposable masks, disposable gloves or hand sanitizer for on-course vehicles in 2021
 - Provision for basic protective equipment for volunteers in on-course vehicles should be made for future years.

**ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING
MANITOBA MARATHON AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS**
loaned equipment or facilities, recruited volunteers

Winnipeg ARES
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club
Manitoba Repeater Society
Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club
Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club
South-Central ARES
Maharlika Amateur Radio Club

Net	Assignment	Secondary Assignment	Call Sign	First Name	Last Name
Race Operations	Mile 2		VE4SBS	Sunday	Satiada
Race Operations	Mile 2		VE4LYN	Lynn	Satiada
Race Operations	St Vital Park		VE4HK	Dick	Maguire
Race Operations	St Vital Park		VE4DBV	Drago	Lambeta
Race Operations					
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Race Operations	Course Split		VE4GS	Glenn	Siefert
Race Operations	Course Split		VE4FTS	Steven	Harrison
Race Operations	Mile 25		VA4CQD	Marc	Collette
Race Operations	Mile 25		VE4CLK	Ian	Clark
Race Operations	Relay 1		VE4TSY	Paul	Copio
Race Operations	Relay 1		VE4LIT	Lito	Guevara
Race Operations	Relay 1		VE4JEP	Joselito	Figuroa
Race Operations	Relay 4		VE4ANF	Bing	Fernandez
Race Operations	Relay 4		VE4BOY	Juanito	Alambra
Race Operations	NCS		VE4HAY	Derek	Hay
Race Operations	NCS		VA4MAC	Ryan	Evans
Race Operations	Lead Vehicle Full		VE4GZ	Jim	Griffiths
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Race Operations	Closing Vehicle Driver		VE4KAZ	Richard	Kazuk
Race Operations	Closing Vehicle Driver/Operator		VE4JFK	Jeffrey	Kazuk
Race Operations	Sweep 5 RadioOperator		VE4YYL	Rosi	Napady
Race Operations	Sweep 5 DRIVER		VE4GWN	Glen	Napady
	Sweep 5 EMR/EMT		n/a	Loic	L.N.U.
Race Operations	-				
Race Operations	-				
Race Operations	Start Line	Triage	VE4CKP	Jim	Coussau

Medical	Medical NCS		VE4MAB	Mark	Blumm
Medical	Medical NCS		VE4EAR	Ed	Richardson
Medical	Wet Bulb -1		VE4ZN	Bob	Myatt
Medical	Wet Bulb-2		VE4MMG	Mariska	Maguire
Medical	Intake/Triage Area		VE4ACX	Yori	Tsuji
Medical	Triage Area	after Start Line	VE4CKP	Jim	Coussau
Medical	Meghan's Shadow		VE4CDM	Craig	Martin
Medical	Doctor's Shadow		VE4ESX	Richard	Sheridan
Medical	Therapy 5 - driver		VE4MBQ	Jeff	Dovyak
Medical	Therapy 5 - radio		n/a		
Medical	Supply 8 - Driver& Radio		VE4TRO	Fred	Collings
	Supply 8 Radio		VE4SYM	Susan	Collings
	Supply 8 EMR		n/a		
Database			VE4DJS	Dave	Stimpson
	Back-Ups				
Spare1	East of the Red		VE4HQ	Tom	Blatch
Spare 2	East of the Red		VE4EBG	Josh	Reimer
Spare 3	East of the Red		VE4JON	John	Wharry
Spare 4	East of the Red				
Spare 11	West of the Red				
Spare 12	West of the Red		VE4MWH	Mark	Havens
Spare 13	West of the Red				
Spare 14	West of the Red				
Spare 15	West of the Red				
Spare 16	West of the Red				

Post Event

Logistics

n/a

Rhonda

Dovyak

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