Marginal DAO Security Review

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1 Introduction

1.1 Disclaimer

A security review a detailed evaluation of the security posture of the code at a particular moment based on the information available at the time of the review. While the review endeavors to identify and disclose all potential security issues, it cannot guarantee that every vulnerability will be detected or that the code will be entirely secure against all possible attacks. The assessment is conducted based on the specific commit and version of the code provided. Any subsequent modifications to the code may introduce new vulnerabilities that were absent during the initial review. Therefore, any changes made to the code require a new security review to ensure that the code remains secure. Please be advised that a security review is not a replacement for continuous security measures such as penetration testing, vulnerability scanning, and regular code reviews.

1.2 Risk assessment

Severity	Description
Critical	Must fix as soon as possible (if already deployed).
High	Leads to a loss of a significant portion (>10%) of assets in the protocol, or significant harm to a majority of users.
Medium	Global losses <10% or losses to only a subset of users, but still unacceptable.
Low	Losses will be annoying but bearable. Applies to things like griefing attacks that can be easily repaired or even gas inefficiencies.
Gas Optimization	Suggestions around gas saving practices.
Informational	Suggestions around best practices or readability.

1.2.1 Severity Classification

The severity of security issues found during the security review is categorized based on the above table. Critical findings have a high likelihood of being exploited and must be addressed immediately. High findings are almost certain to occur, easy to perform, or not easy but highly incentivized thus must be fixed as soon as possible.

Medium findings are conditionally possible or incentivized but are still relatively likely to occur and should be addressed. Low findings a rare combination of circumstances to exploit, or offer little to no incentive to exploit but are recommended to be addressed.

Lastly, some findings might represent objective improvements that should be addressed but do not impact the project's overall security (Gas and Informational findings).

2 Security Review Summary

Marginal is a permissionless spot and perpetual exchange that enables leverage on assets with an Uniswap V3 Oracle.

The specific contracts in scope for this review were:

Contract	Additional comments
MarginalToken.sol	Forked from Uni.sol
MultiRewards.sol	Forked from Curve.fi multi rewards
MultiRewardsFactory.sol	Forked from Uniswap staking rewards factory but adapted to Curve.fi multi rewards
StakingPoints.sol	

From Apr 22nd to Apr 24th the security researchers conducted a review of dao on commit hash 5b67cea5. The team identified a total of **16** issues in the following risk categories:

• Critical Risk: 0

• High Risk: 0

• Medium Risk: 3

• Low Risk: 1

• Gas Optimizations: 6

• Informational: 6

3 Findings

3.1 Medium Risk

3.1.1 Loss of precision possible due to rewardRate rounding

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L164-L166, MultiRewards.sol#L168-L176

Description: In MultiRewards.notifyRewardAmount, we compute the rewardRate given the amount of reward tokens to distribute divided by the rewardsDuration, e.g.:

```
rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardRate = reward.div(
    rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardsDuration
);
```

Since we're using integer math, when we divide, we round the result down to the nearest integer. In most circumstances, this is not a concern and results in only dust amounts of rewards to be left in the contract after they've been distributed. However, in some edge cases this can result in a much more significant loss.

For example, consider a circumstance where we use a low decimal <code>_rewardsToken</code>, e.g. GUSD (2 decimals), and a high <code>rewardsDuration</code>, e.g. 4 years (126,227,808 seconds). Any <code>reward</code> amount less than 1,262,278 GUSD would result in the <code>rewardRate</code> being rounded down to 0, permanently locking all the transferred GUSD.

We can also round down to non-zero amounts in less extreme circumstances which still result in some amount of tokens never being claimable. For example, with the same preconditions as above, a reward amount of 2,524,555 GUSD would give us: 252455500 / 126227808 = 1.999999081 which rounds down to a rewardRate of 1, resulting in about 50% of the GUSD being lost.

Recommendation: It's important that the amount of reward tokens to distribute is many multiples greater than the rewardsDuration. As such, it's recommended to include validation both that the rewardsDuration is not too high and that the _rewardsToken decimals are not too low.

A good option may be to implement a minimum reward / rewardsDuration multiple which would indicate the maximum possible relative precision loss, where if the minimum multiple is 1e6 then the maximum possible relative loss is <1/1e6. This should be enforced both in MultiRewards and MultiRewardsFactory, and in the MultiRewardsFactory it's important that the validation is implemented in addReward or else it may be possible to add rewards which can never be removed.

3.1.2 Insufficient validation of amount provided to notifyRewardAmount

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L184-L189

Description: In MultiRewards.notifyRewardAmount, we validate that the _rewardsToken balance of the contract is sufficient to cover future reward emissions:

```
uint256 balance = IERC20(_rewardsToken).balanceOf(address(this));
require(
    rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardRate <=
        balance.div(rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardsDuration),
    "Provided reward too high"
);</pre>
```

While this does effectively validate that we have enough <code>_rewardsToken</code> balance to cover the future emissions, it fails to account for past emissions which have not yet been claimed. Since users must claim their emitted rewards by manually calling <code>getReward</code>, a significant portion of the <code>_rewardsToken</code> balance may be these unclaimed rewards. As a result, the above logic does not sufficiently validate that the contract balance will be sufficient to cover all reward emissions. This allows the invariant that there is sufficient <code>_rewardsToken</code> balance in the contract to cover all emissions to be broken, resulting in some users not receiving any rewards.

It's worth noting that under the expectation of only using this contract with MultiRewardsFactory, this check is somewhat redundant due to the fact that the amount transferred along with the notifyRewardAmount call is equal to the reward amount parameter:

```
IERC20(rewardsToken).safeTransfer(multiRewards, rewardAmount);
IMultiRewards(multiRewards).notifyRewardAmount(
    rewardsToken,
    rewardAmount
);
```

Recommendation: Rather than using the safeTransfer in MultiRewardsFactory.notifyRewardAmount, it's recommended that we instead use a safeTransferFrom of the reward amount in MultiRewards.notifyRewardAmount such that no matter how MultiRewards is used, we ensure that we transfer a sufficient amount to cover all reward emissions.

3.1.3 DoS with block gas limit

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L201-L210

Description: MultiRewards.updateReward is responsible for reward accounting logic and is executed at the start of critical functions: stake, withdraw, getReward, and notifyRewardAmount. The modifier loops over every reward token, checkpointing reward emissions.

The problem with this logic is that rewardTokens is an array that can grow in size to an undefined capacity without the ability to reduce the size of the array. As a result, the gas costs required to execute this logic can also grow to an undefined capacity. If the gas costs ever exceed the block gas limit, the critical functions executing this logic will be permanently blocked. Since this modifier is used on every function responsible for removing staking and reward tokens from the contract, this would result in all staking and reward tokens being permanently locked in the contract.

Recommendation: Add and enforce a maximum length for the rewardTokens array, e.g. in MultiRewards.addReward:

```
// Revert if we've already reached the max length
if (rewardTokens.length == MAX_REWARD_LENGTH) revert EXCEEDS_MAX_REWARD_LENGTH();
```

3.2 Low Risk

3.2.1 Consider using a two-step ownership transfer pattern

Severity: Low Risk

Context: MarginalToken.sol#L56-L60

Description: In MarginalToken, we have a setOwner method, which immediately applies the given _owner address as the new owner.

```
function setOwner(address _owner) external {
    require(msg.sender == owner);
    emit OwnerChanged(owner, _owner);
    owner = _owner;
}
```

If the wrong _owner address is provided, ownership will be burned, causing the mint function to be permanently inaccessible.

Similarly, we inherit the Ownable contract in both the MultiRewards and MultiRewardsFactory contracts, which uses a similar mechanism which may also result in ownership being accidentally burned.

Recommendation: Consider using a two-step ownership transfer pattern.

3.3 Gas Optimization

3.3.1 Redundant require statement

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: StakingPoints.sol#L64

Description: In StakingPoints.free, we include the following require statement prior to decrementing

the stake.balance:

```
require(amount <= uint256(stake.balance), "amount > stake balance");
stake.balance -= uint224(amount);
```

This require statement is redundant due to the fact that if amount > uint256(stake.balance), we will revert regardless on the following line due to an underflow.

Recommendation: Remove the require statement unless the revert message is more desirable than the gas savings.

3.3.2 Redundant on-chain data

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: StakingPoints.sol#L20-L27

Description: StakingPoints.stakes is a mapping which keeps track of user balances and the block timestamp of their last update:

```
struct Stake {
    // balance at last update to stake
    uint224 balance;
    // timestamp of last update to stake
    uint32 blockTimestamp;
}
/// @inheritdoc IStakingPoints
mapping(address => Stake) public stakes;
```

The blockTimestamp does not appear to be referenced on-chain at any point, rather it seems that referencing the block.timestamp is only necessary in event emissions in lock and free. Assuming this is the case, we can simply map user addresses directly to their balances to save gas.

Recommendation: Map user addresses directly to their staked balance:

Note that this also requires modifying current usage of the stakes mapping to accompany this change.

3.3.3 Use uint256 event params in place of smaller variations

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: StakingPoints.sol#L29-L38

Description: The events Lock and Free in StakingPoints use uint32 and uint224 parameters:

```
event Lock(
   address indexed sender,
   uint32 blockTimestampAfter,
   uint224 balanceAfter
);
event Free(
   address indexed sender,
   uint32 blockTimestampAfter,
   uint224 balanceAfter
);
```

To emit these events, we must first cast downcast the parameters from uint256 values. Additionally, the compiler only works with 256 bit values so it upcasts them regardless.

We can test with the following contract that we save gas by using uint256 values for the event parameters:

```
pragma solidity 0.8.17;
contract UintEvents {
    event Lock(
        address indexed sender,
        uint32 blockTimestampAfter,
        uint224 balanceAfter
);
    event LockCheap(
        address indexed sender,
        uint256 blockTimestampAfter,
        uint256 blockTimestampAfter,
        uint256 balanceAfter
);

function lock(uint256 amount) external {
        emit Lock(msg.sender, uint32(block.timestamp), uint224(amount));
}

function lockCheap(uint256 amount) external {
        emit LockCheap(msg.sender, block.timestamp, amount);
}
```

The result of calling lock v.s. lockCheap is an additional 39 gas.

Recommendation: Use uint256 event parameters:

```
event Lock(
    address indexed sender,
- uint32 blockTimestampAfter,
+ uint256 blockTimestampAfter,
- uint224 balanceAfter
+ uint256 balanceAfter
);
event Free(
    address indexed sender,
- uint32 blockTimestampAfter,
+ uint256 blockTimestampAfter,
- uint224 balanceAfter
+ uint256 balanceAfter
+ uint256 balanceAfter
);
```

3.3.4 Mark state variables as immutable and constant where relevant

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: MultiRewardsFactory.sol#L17-L18

Description: stakingRewardsGenesis is a state variable which is assigned in the constructor and cannot possibly be changed, thus it can be marked as immutable. Immutable variables are not stored in contract storage, thus do not require expensive SLOAD's (2100 gas) for retrieval, instead they are stored at the end of the compiled contract bytecode where it is much cheaper to retrieve.

Similarly, rewardsDuration is initialized when defined and also can never be changed, thus it can be marked as constant. Constant variables are also not stored in contract storage and instead are placed directly in the bytecode where they are used.

Recommendation: Mark stakingRewardsGenesis and rewardsDuration as immutable and constant, respectively:

```
- uint256 public stakingRewardsGenesis;
+ uint256 public immutable stakingRewardsGenesis;
- uint256 public rewardsDuration = 30 days;
+ uint256 public constant REWARDS_DURATION = 30 days;
```

Note also that constants should use UPPER_CASE naming convention as can be seen in the above snippet.

3.3.5 Cache storage variable used more than once

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L79-L89

Description: MultiRewards.rewardPerToken references the _totalSupply state variable twice, requiring two SLOAD's. Instead, it would be more efficient to cache the value locally and reuse the cached variable.

Recommendation: Cache _totalSupply and use the cached variable, e.g.:

3.3.6 Circumstantially redundant Reward struct members

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L48-L57

Description: In MultiRewards.addReward, we accept _rewardsDistributor and _rewardsDuration parameters which are added to the rewardData for the included _rewardsToken:

```
function addReward(
   address _rewardsToken,
   address _rewardsDistributor,
   uint256 _rewardsDuration
) public onlyOwner {
   require(rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardsDuration == 0);
   rewardTokens.push(_rewardsToken);
   rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardsDistributor = _rewardsDistributor;
   rewardData[_rewardsToken].rewardsDuration = _rewardsDuration;
}
```

However, when MultiRewards is used with MultiRewardsFactory, the provided _rewardsDistributor and _rewardsDuration values are always the same:

```
IMultiRewards(multiRewards).addReward(
    rewardsToken,
    // @audit always uses address(this) for _rewardsDistributor
    address(this),
    // @audit this is a constant value
    rewardsDuration
);
```

Because of this, if the expectation is to only use MultiRewards in tandem with MultiRewardsFactory, we can remove these members from the Reward struct and reference known constant values. For example, instead of validating that MultiRewards.notifyRewardAmount is only called by the rewardsDistributor, we can add the onlyOwner modifier to the function. Similarly, instead of referencing the rewardsDuration per token, we can reference a global value which applies to all of them.

Recommendation: Consider removing rewardsDistributor and/or rewardsDuration members from the Reward struct, carefully replacing their logic as explained above. Additionally, if this change is made, provide documentation to clarify that the MultiRewards contract is only expected to work in tandem with the MultiRewardsFactory contract.

3.4 Informational

3.4.1 Failing test cases

Severity: Informational

Context: ./tests/

Description: Upon running the test suite with ape test -s -m "not fuzzing", several tests are failing due to AssertionErrors. It appears that the problem is simply that the revert messages are not as expected and not anything more significant, however, it's important to have a passing test suite regardless for improved maintainability.

Output log:

```
----- short test summary info
FAILED tests/mrgl/test_mrgl_mint.py::test_mrgl_mint__reverts_when_not_minter_role - AssertionError: Expected
\hookrightarrow revert message 'not minter' but got 'revert: not minter'.
FAILED tests/mrgl/test_mrgl_mint.py::test_mrgl_mint__reverts_when_not_allowed_yet - AssertionError: Expected
\mapsto revert message 'minting not allowed yet' but got 'revert: minting not allowed yet'.
FAILED tests/mrgl/test_mrgl_mint.py::test_mrgl_mint__reverts_when_to_zero_address - AssertionError: Expected

ightarrow revert message 'minting to zero address' but got 'revert: minting to zero address'.
FAILED tests/mrgl/test_mrgl_mint.py::test_mrgl_mint__reverts_when_exceed_mint_cap - AssertionError: Expected

ightarrow revert message 'exceeded mint cap' but got 'revert: exceeded mint cap'.
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_add_reward.py::test_multirewards_factory_add_rewar
 \leftarrow \texttt{d\_reverts\_when\_not\_owner} - \texttt{AssertionError: Expected revert message 'Ownable: caller is not the owner' but} 
\hookrightarrow got 'revert: Ownable: caller is not the owner'
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_add_reward.py::test_multirewards_factory_add_rewar

→ d__reverts_when_not_deployed - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'MultiRewardsFactory::addReward:
→ not deployed' but got 'revert: MultiRewardsFactory::addReward: not deployed'.
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_add_reward.py::test_multirewards_factory_add_rewar
→ d__reverts_when_already_added - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'MultiRewardsFactory::addReward:
  already added' but got 'revert: MultiRewardsFactory::addReward: already added'.
FAILED\ tests/multirewards/factory/test\_multirewards\_factory\_constructor.py::test\_multirewards\_factory\_construc_{||}

→ tor__reverts_when_genesis_too_soon - AssertionError: Expected revert message

→ 'MultiRewardsFactory::constructor: genesis too soon' but got 'revert: MultiRewardsFactory::constructor:
\hookrightarrow genesis too soon'.
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_deploy.py::test_multirewards_factory_deploy__rever_
→ ts_when_not_owner - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'Ownable: caller is not the owner' but got
\hookrightarrow 'revert: Ownable: caller is not the owner'.
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_deploy.py::test_multirewards_factory_deploy__rever_

→ ts_when_already_deployed - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'MultiRewardsFactory::deploy: already

→ deployed' but got 'revert: MultiRewardsFactory::deploy: already deployed'.

FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_notify_reward_amount.py::test_multirewards_factory|
_ notify_reward_amount__reverts_when_not_ready - AssertionError: Expected revert message
   'MultiRewardsFactory::notifyRewardAmount: not ready' but got 'revert:

→ MultiRewardsFactory::notifyRewardAmount: not ready'.
FAILED tests/multirewards/factory/test_multirewards_factory_notify_reward_amount.py::test_multirewards_factory |

→ _notify_reward_amount__reverts_when_not_deployed - AssertionError: Expected revert message

   'MultiRewardsFactory::notifyRewardAmount: not deployed' but got 'revert:
\ \hookrightarrow \ \texttt{MultiRewardsFactory::notifyRewardAmount: not de..}
FAILED tests/multirewards/rewards/test_multirewards_add_reward.py::test_multirewards_add_reward__reverts_when_ |
→ not_owner - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'Ownable: caller is not the owner' but got 'revert:
\hookrightarrow Ownable: caller is not the owner'.
FAILED tests/points/test_points_free.py::test_points_free__reverts_when_greater_than_stake_balance -
→ AssertionError: Expected revert message 'amount > stake balance' but got 'revert: amount > stake balance'.
FAILED tests/points/test_points_lock.py::test_points_lock__reverts_when_stake_balance_greater_than_uint224_max
→ - AssertionError: Expected revert message 'SafeCast: value doesn't fit in 224 bits' but got 'revert:
\hookrightarrow SafeCast: value doesn't fit in 224 bits'.
----- 15 failed, 33 passed in 12.42s
```

Recommendation: Fix the failing tests.

3.4.2 Zero amounts accepted in lock and free

Severity: Informational

Context: StakingPoints.sol#L50, StakingPoints.sol#L62

Description: Both StakingPoints.lock and StakingPoints.free allow for a zero amount parameter to be provided. This results in execution successfully completing without any on-chain state changing.

Considering how points are tracked off-chain by tracking events, this may cause the indexing logic to behave unexpectedly.

Recommendation: Revert in both lock and free if the amount == 0.

3.4.3 Use UPPER_CASE naming convention for constants

Severity: Informational

Context: MarginalToken.sol#L10-L17

Description: In MarginalToken, we assign the following constants:

```
/// @notice Initial number of tokens in circulation
uint256 public constant initialSupply = 1_000_000_000e18; // 1 billion

/// @notice Minimum time between mints
uint256 public constant minimumTimeBetweenMints = 1 days * 365;

/// @notice Cap on the percentage of totalSupply that can be minted at each mint
uint256 public constant mintCap = 2;
```

The standard casing convention for constants in Solidity is to use UPPER_CASE. This improves readability by allowing developers to easily identify that a given variable is a constant.

Recommendation: Rename the constants with UPPER_CASE naming convention:

```
/// @notice Initial number of tokens in circulation
- uint256 public constant initialSupply = 1_000_000_000e18; // 1 billion
+ uint256 public constant INITIAL_SUPPLY = 1_000_000_000e18; // 1 billion

/// @notice Minimum time between mints
- uint256 public constant minimumTimeBetweenMints = 1 days * 365;
+ uint256 public constant MINIMUM_TIME_BETWEEN_MINTS = 1 days * 365;

/// @notice Cap on the percentage of totalSupply that can be minted at each mint
- uint256 public constant mintCap = 2;
+ uint256 public constant MINIT_CAP = 2;
```

3.4.4 Missing NatSpec comments

Severity: Informational

Context: MultiRewards.sol, MultiRewardsFactory.sol

Description: The MultiRewards and MultiRewardsFactory contract both lack NatSpec comments. Adding NatSpec comments can improve readability for developers and improve user experience on external applications such as Etherscan.

Recommendation: Implement NatSpec comments in the MultiRewards and MultiRewardsFactory contracts.

3.4.5 Outdated compiler version

Severity: Informational

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L2, MultiRewardsFactory.sol#L2

Description: Both MultiRewards and MultiRewardsFactory use Solidity v0.5.17. In general it's recommended to avoid using old compiler versions as bug fixes are added over time.

In evaluating known Solidity bugs, there did not appear to be any bugs which are concerning in the context of these contracts.

Recommendation: Consider using a newer compiler version.

Note: This consideration should also take into account the potential risk of modifying forked code to support the version change.

3.4.6 Include rewardsToken as RewardAdded event parameter

Severity: Informational

Context: MultiRewards.sol#L195

Description: In MultiRewards.notifyRewardAmount, we emit the RewardAdded event at the end of execution to log the amount of reward tokens added:

```
emit RewardAdded(reward);
```

This doesn't take into account the fact that there may be multiple different reward tokens and the actual one in use is not logged. This can make it much harder to index the total amount of rewards added for individual tokens which may be desirable.

Recommendation: Include a rewardsToken param on the RewardAdded event and pass the _rewardsToken when emitted in notifyRewardAmount, e.g.:

```
- event RewardAdded(uint256 reward);
+ event RewardAdded(uint256 reward, address indexed rewardsToken);
- emit RewardAdded(reward);
+ emit RewardAdded(reward, _rewardsToken);
```