

White County Amateur Radio Club Constitution and By-Laws - February 13, 2018

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the White County Amateur Radio Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club) and enact this Constitution and the included By-Laws as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternity, and individual operating efficiency, to provide emergency radio communications to the greater White County community, and to conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I - ADOPTION

Section 1 - This Constitution and By-Laws are adopted to bring the functions and operations of the Club up to date, superseding and repealing all like instruments including but not limited to the Constitution and By-Laws adopted February 22, 2013.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Section 2 - The following are membership requirements of the Club: a) a Full Member shall hold a valid amateur radio operator's license; b) a Family Membership shall include two (2) or more licensed amateur radio operators living in the same household.

Section 3 - Membership is for one year beginning on January 1. The dues for each class of members shall be due no later than the February monthly meeting of the Club in each calendar year as follows: a) Full Membership – \$20.00; b) Family Membership – \$30.00. Dues may be prorated for membership granted between the June regular monthly meeting and the December regular monthly meeting each year.

Section 4 - Members whose dues are in arrears shall be carried on the Club roster until the close of the March regular monthly meeting of each calendar year, whereupon membership shall automatically terminate. Reinstatement shall be only as provided for new members in Section 1.

Section 5 - Any member may be expelled from the Club upon a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. The member to be expelled must have been given due written notice mailed to their last known address at least thirty days in advance and must have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any three (3) club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - The offices of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual January meeting. If the January meeting is cancelled due to weather conditions, election shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Club.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring between regular elections shall be filled at the first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President. After investigation, the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and a voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

Section 5 - The affairs of the Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Club as defined in Section 1.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall conduct same according to Roberts Rules of Order, shall decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the Club, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2 - The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Section 3 - The Secretary (or his/her delegate) shall keep minutes of all regular meetings, keep a roll of members and notify members of any special meetings of the Club. At the expiration of the term the Secretary shall turn over all records to his/her successor.

Section 4 - The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the Club, provide updates at monthly club meetings with summary account information, shall draw monies with the Executive Committee in payment of obligations, shall supervise and invest any surplus funds of the Club in a prudent manner with the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office. At the expiration of the term the Treasurer shall turn over all records to his/her successor.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB ASSETS, PURCHASING, DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - No part of the assets of the Club shall be the property of any individual member and all such assets shall be devoted exclusively to the goals set forth in the Preamble. No member of the Club shall use such membership for personal gain.

Section 2 - No purchases shall be made for the Club without being approved by a two-thirds vote by members at a regular meeting or without prior consent of the Executive Committee. Receipts are required for all Club purchases and are to be submitted to the Treasurer by the close of the next regular meeting following the purchase.

Section 3 - In the event of dissolution of the Club, all assets shall be liquidated and all proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Section 4 - The Club shall have no interest in, or claim to, any equipment that has not been explicitly donated to the Club. Equipment used by, or loaned to, the Club (e.g., a privately owned repeater) that has not been explicitly donated to the Club remains property of the owner. The owner reserves all rights to said equipment. In the event of dissolution of the Club, the equipment shall be returned to the owner.

ARTICLE VII - CLUB CALL SIGN

Section 1 - The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall: a) Be a member of the club in good standing; b) Meet FCC requirements; c) Not had his/her Radio Amateur licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time.

ARTICLE VIII - Amateur Radio Emergency Service - ARES ®

Section 1 - ARES® is a program of the American Radio Relay League -- our club will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL's Field Organization as they may be amended from time to time, and by ARRL policies, rules, and guidelines contained in ARRL publications.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by ballot by two-thirds of members present of any regular or special called meeting. Those present at a regular or called meeting (notified by the Secretary) shall be deemed a quorum for any business of the Club.

By:

Signature on file with Secretary.
Daniel Marcum, KK4MKZ, Vice President

Signature on file with Secretary.
John O'Connor, KD4WX, President

Signature on file with Secretary.
Steve Kujawski, NN9J, Secretary

Signature on file with Secretary.
Joan O'Connor, KF4DAM, Treasurer