

Bylaws of the Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club

Preamble

These Bylaws govern the operation of the Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club. These Bylaws shall not be considered all inclusive of all the operating regulations of this Group. Additional operating rules and guidelines will be provided in the Groups *Charter, Policies, Memorandums of Understanding, and Standard Operating Guidelines*. All members of this Group shall follow all of the aforementioned. Unfortunately, not all-possible situations can be covered by any set of documentation. Members need to remember the purpose of this Group in all situations they are involved in when representing this organization.

Article 1 - Membership

Full membership is open to licensed amateurs. Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings No person shall hold themselves out as a member of this Group unless they are a member in good standing.

Article 2 - Application for Membership

To apply for membership the individual must complete a membership application form. Applicants must provide proof of current FCC Amateur Radio License if joining as a full member. The Group may at any time or from time to time prescribe further rules and regulations defining and governing the admission of individuals to membership to this Group.

Article 3 - Rejection of Membership Application

Any application for membership shall be rejected if the applicant has not met any one or more of the qualifications set out in these Bylaws or is felt not to meet the standards of this Group.

Article 4 - Resignation of Members

A member may resign at will by submitting a written resignation to the Group. Such resignation shall be deemed to be effective when accepted or if a resignation date is given it shall be effective as of that date. The return of all equipment and materials owned by this Group shall be a prerequisite to resignation.

Article 5 - Removal from Membership

The Officers shall cancel the membership of any member by a majority vote upon determining that such member has:

- Failed to maintain FCC License (if applicable).
- Failed to maintain the standards of this Group

The removed member shall return all Group owned equipment and materials immediately.

Article 6 - Appeal from Cancellation or Rejection of Membership

Any individual whose membership has been canceled or rejected may make a written appeal for reconsideration. The appeal shall state the reasons the applicant or terminated member feels the determination was in error and setting forth any additional facts they wish the Group to utilize in their reconsideration.

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Article 7 - Dues

An annual membership fee will be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Charter for the purpose of providing funds for expenses. The Group at the last regular meeting prior to the end of the year will set the amount of the assessment for the following year. This assessment is due at the first regular meeting of each year for that year's membership. New members shall pay the full amount of the assessment for that year, regardless of what month they join.

Article 8 - Meetings

Regular meetings of the Group shall have the place, dates, and time stipulated by the Group. Special meetings of the membership may be held on the call of the President, Vice President or a majority of the membership. Notices shall be sent to members or announced during regular meetings or radio nets 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 9 - Votes

Only members in good standing shall be qualified to vote at meetings or upon other matters coming to this Group for action. Each active member is entitled to vote unless otherwise noted in these Bylaws. Voting on any proposition before a meeting shall be by voice vote. The exceptions are that a motion for a written ballot shall take precedence, or if a ballot is called for else where in these Bylaws. At any meeting all questions before the Group shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the quorum unless otherwise noted. A simple majority is defined as fifty one percent (51%) or greater of the quorum. At any meeting, the members entitled to vote pursuant to these Bylaws present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article 10 - Elections

Elections of the Group officers shall be held at the last regular meeting prior to the end of the year. The elected officers will take office on January 1st. Nominees for a Group office must be current members of the Group in good standing. All officers shall be elected on a written ballot or by voice vote if running unopposed. No proxy votes shall be permitted. Results will be announced at the meeting.

Article 11 - Committees

Under the direction of the Executive Board, special committees may be appointed and discharged as required. The club, through designated interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article 13 - Amendments

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing and shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for review and approval. If approved by the Executive Board, all members shall be notified by mail of the intent to amend the Bylaws at the meeting stated in the notice. The proposed amendment(s) may be incorporated into the Bylaws if ratified by 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of Group members present at the meeting.