

Charter of the Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club

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 Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct Group programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article 1 - Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the Group shall provide in its Bylaws.

Article 2 - Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this Group shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The officers of this Group shall be elected for a term of one year upon such terms, as the Group shall provide in its Bylaws.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled upon these terms: If the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall take it over for the remainder of the term. If any office other than that of the President becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the President, with majority of the Executive Board approval, for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. Officers may be removed by a seventy five percent (75%) vote of the membership. An Officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Executive Board. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time is not specified, upon receipt of such notice.

Article 3 - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - Duties of the President

To serve as the chief officer of the Group; to preside at and conduct regular meetings to interface with the outside organizations in the Group's behalf; enforce due observance of this Charter and Bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the Group, and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Group. The President shall pass all files to the successor immediately upon installation and shall cause all other officers files to be passed to respective successors. The President shall be a member of all committees.

Section 2 - Duties of the Vice President

To assume the presidential duties in the absence of that officer; to schedule programs and speakers for meetings and special field trips/events; taking into account the interests and educational needs of the general membership; and to plan for necessary equipment and/or materials for such programs. In general, perform all duties incident to the position of Vice President and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to them by the President. At the expiration of their term they shall turn over all items belonging to the Group to their successor.

Section 3 - Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

To attend all meetings or have substitutes attend, to keep a full and accurate account of the meetings proceedings. Keep a roll of members, submit write-ups of Group activities to publications. Submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. Shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Group;

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keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the Group or Executive Board). In general, perform all duties incident to the position of Secretary/Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to them by the President. At the expiration of their term they shall turn over all items belonging to the Group to their successor.

Article 4 - Executive Board

The Executive Board, composed of the elected officers shall direct the management of the Group. The Executive Board shall meet as required to transact the business of the Group. This includes the authority to make expenditures necessary for operation of the club (postage, supplies, etc) and maintenance of club equipment. Members may attend Executive Board meetings but not vote on their business. Times, places and dates of Executive Board meetings shall be announced at regular meetings.

Article 5 - Meetings

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. 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 present at the meeting constitute a quorum.

Article 6 - Dues

The Group, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Group within the discretion of the membership.

Article 7 - Committees

Under the direction of the Executive Board, special committees may be appointed and discharged as required.

Article 8 - Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution 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 Constitution at the meeting stated in the notice. The proposed amendment(s) may be incorporated into the Constitution if ratified by 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of Group members present at the meeting.

Article 9 - Dissolution of this Organization

All participating in this agreement may, by mutual consent, terminate this agreement if it becomes apparent that its continued existence would not further the purposes outlined above, and / or if notice of withdrawal is made by an inordinate number of the participants.