

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Amateur Radio Association of Nebraska.

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PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned desiring to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, by fostering better cooperation among its members, developing individual efficiency, promoting the interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, and advancing the radio art in general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the Amateur Radio Association of Nebraska, and do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE 1

MEMBERSHIP:

Sec. 1-- All person interested in amateur radio solely with personal aim and without pecuniary interest shall be eligible for membership subject to the membership by-law of the Amateur Radio Association of Nebraska.

ARTICLE 2

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Sec. 1-- The officers of the this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Trustee.

Sec. 2-- The President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Trustee, and two board members shall be Elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there is a quorum, at the last general business meeting of the year. They shall enter their official duties on the first of January following their election. The newly elected officers will be members of the Board of Directors. The last retiring President shall remain on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE2

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Sec. 3-- Nominations: Prior to the last General business meeting a nomination committee composed of the Board of Directors will nominate at least one candidate for each office and two candidates for board members. The nomination committee must have the consent of each person being nominated and he or she must agree to serve that position if elected. A call for nominations from the floor at the last regular business meeting will be made. Again the consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name can be considered on the ballot.

Sec. 4-- Directors:

(a) The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a board of seven (7) directors. The club officers shall serve as the officers of the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

(b) The Board of Directors shall meet, at such time as directed by the President, presiding the General meeting of the club. The President upon request of any members of the Board may call special meetings.

(c) The minutes of the regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be read at the next regular meeting of the club, and any recommendations or action by the Board of Directors must be approved or disapproved by a majority of the members present, if there is a quorum of 25% of the full membership.

(d) Any meeting held by the Board of Directors shall be open to any member of the club.

Sec. 5-- The officers and directors of this club must have a FCC Amateur license and be of legal age.

Sec. 6-- Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot, at the first regular meeting at which the vacancy is announced.

Sec. 7-- Officers and directors maybe removed on motion by three-fourths vote of the membership.

Sec. 8-- Any member whose dues remain unpaid past April 30th will be dropped from the membership of the club. If an officer, the office will be declared vacant and a special election held to fill the office for the rest of the term.

ARTICLE3

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Sec. 1-- The president shall preside at all meetings of the club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none-other; and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the President.

Sec. 2-- The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice President shall also be Program Chairman and shall be responsible for a program at each regular meeting of this club.

ARTICLE 3

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Sec. 3-- The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and perform other duties required by this office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for all monies paid to this club and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. Other than for regularly recurring obligations, the Secretary-Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization of a two-thirds affirmative vote of a quorum of members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Amateur Radio Association of Nebraska and have the same with them at every regular and special meeting, and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. The Secretary-Treasurer shall at the expiration of the term, turn over everything in possession belonging to the club, to the successor. Sec. 4-- The Trustee will be in charge of and responsible for stations and club equipment as outlined in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 4

MEETINGS:

Sec. 1-- The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, twenty-five percent (25%) of the full membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE 5

DUES:

Sec. 1-- The Amateur Radio Association of Nebraska, shall levy upon the membership such dues and assessments as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 6

AMENDMENTS:

Sec. 1-- This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular business meeting, if there be a quorum of 25% of the full membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE 7

RULES:

Sec. 1-- Robert's Rules of Order (or Cushing's Manual) shall govern all proceedings of this club.

ARTICLE 8

VOTING:

Sec. 1-- The privilege of voting on club business shall be granted only those club members who are in full membership status as defined in the membership By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

CLUB EQUIPMENT:

Sec. 1-- The Trustee will be in charge of and be responsible for the club's equipment. (a)

Equipment will be checked out only to club members.

(b) The Trustee, or such person designated, will check in and out club equipment and keep accurate records on each item.

(c) Equipment checked out must be returned as soon as possible after use.

Equipment cannot be checked out by the same person for more than a period of sixty days at a time, or extended time with the approval of the board.

(d) Equipment on loan must be used with care and not modified. Any person losing or damaging equipment or its components must replace or repair the item or items. (e) When equipment is checked in, it will be inspected for damage, proper operation and to see that it is complete, including the equipment manual.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sec. 1-- Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing with dues, and each application must express the applicant's willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the club.

(a) Full membership status shall be granted to those members who are FCC licensed radio Amateurs.

(b) The term "new member" is one who has never belonged to the club, or who has not been a member during the immediate preceding year.

(c) Any member, who through actions brings discredit to the club, may be expelled by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the club membership.

MEETINGS:

Sec. 1-- General meetings shall be held at such place and time, as the President shall order.

(a) Meetings may be called by the President upon the request of members of the club, and for this purpose, the President may grant the request. Notice, either written or verbal, shall be given to all members informing them of the meeting.

DUES:

Sec. 1-- An assessment determined by members at the election, at the last general business meeting of the year, will constitute the annual dues for the following calendar year for member over eighteen (18) years of age or one half of that amount per year for members eighteen years or less, or a relative of member living in the same household, is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the Constitution for the purpose of providing for current expenses.

(a) The dues are payable annually the first day of January of each year.

(b) If becoming a new member past the beginning of the calendar year, such dues shall be prorated for the balance of the calendar year.

(c) Assessment of club members for special activities or purchases by the club, when money is needed in addition to treasury funds or without the use of treasury funds, shall be made only with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR SPECIAL WORKS:

Sec. 1-- The President shall appoint special committees for special work whenever the occasion for such committees is necessary, for example, Field Day, parties, picnics, ect.

CLUB STATION:

Sec. 1-- The Trustee will be in charge of and be responsible for the club stations, including the club equipment.

(a) The club station equipment will be operated only upon the proper authorization of the Trustee and shall be operated according to FCC Rules and Regulations Part 97.

(b) Members of the Hastings Amateur Radio Club, Inc., if using the club's repeater stations will be invited to contribute an additional amount of the annual dues toward the upkeep of the repeater station. Non-club members'in the area will also be invited to make an annual voluntary contribution. All radio amateurs are welcome to use the repeater.