

COLUMBUS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for us the pleasure and benefits of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, do hereby constitute ourselves the Columbus Amateur Radio Club, CARC, and do enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the interest of Amateur Radio; to educate and train individuals to become licensed and proficient operators in order to serve the community in the event of emergency, such as flood or earthquake, when normal communications are inadequate; to serve other not-for-profit entities such as Red Cross, Emergency Management, and other community organizations as requested; to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the general community according to the standards of our federal authorization as set forth in the FCC Rules & Regulations Part 97.1, Basis and Purpose of the Amateur Radio Service and 97.1(a)(4) Definitions including "without pecuniary interest."

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP:

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership upon such terms, as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS:

Sec. 1 - The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors. This group constitutes the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 - The officers of the club, excepting one Director, shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the regular meeting on the second Thursday of December, each year. The immediate past President shall serve as the Director excepted above.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

ARTICLE III

DISSOLUTION

Sec. 1 – Should the organization dissolve, cash assets will be divided equally between the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the American Radio Relay League of Newington, Connecticut. CARC Equipment and other assets will be donated to the local Chapter of the American Red Cross for use by Amateur Radio operators in times of emergency.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

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

Sec. 2 - The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter, and shall serve as Program Chairman.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and present those minutes at the following meeting. The Secretary shall also carry on correspondence, send notices to each member, and maintain liaison with other organizations at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep current the record of members as per By-Law Number 5, and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the club or the officers constituting a business committee, and shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at each club meeting. The Treasurer shall propose an alternate signatory for bank accounts, pending approval by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 - The Board of Directors shall act on any matter referred to them by the club, and shall bring to the club various proposals and recommendations for the betterment of the club. The Board of Directors shall resolve all questions of membership outside of itself as provided for in this document.

Sec. 6 - All officers shall at the end of their terms turn over to their successors any and all items that belong to the club, including records.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS:

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, two-tenths of the voting membership present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

DUES:

The club, at any regular meeting with a quorum of the membership present, may by majority vote levy upon the general membership such annual dues and/or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its object as set forth in the Preamble. Dues and assessments may be waived only by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:

Club members are encouraged to assist each other in individual station projects, and to participate whenever possible in programs that foster good public relations in those channels favorable to Amateur Radio work.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS:

This constitution or its By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the voting club members present at a given meeting, provided that all members have been notified 30 days in advance through reasonable written or electronic means of the intent to amend the Constitution or its By-Laws at the specified meeting.

ARTICLE IX

RULES:

General proceedings conducive to harmony, good fellowship, and satisfaction of all members, shall prevail. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

BY-LAWS

1. SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and have it with him (her) at every regular and special meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Payment of Dues constitutes application for and election to Club membership. Such payment signifies one's willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the club as well as all current rules and regulations established by

the Federal Communications Commission in providing for the Amateur Radio Service. Failure to abide by these designated rules and regulations, or action contrary to the purposes of the club as provided for in this document, or both, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall result in termination of membership.

There shall be two classes of membership: Full, or voting, membership, available to all licensed Amateur Radio operators; and Associate, or non-voting, membership, available to all others interested in Amateur Radio. All unspecified club privileges are available to both classes.

3. **MEETINGS:** Regular meetings shall be held as established by recommendation of the Board of Directors and subsequent vote of the membership, and shall be held at such place as the President shall order. Notification of any change in the date or time of regular meetings shall be sent to all members at least one week before the change takes place.

Special meetings may be called by the President or, upon the written request of, any five members of the club. Such notices shall be sent in such a manner that they shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time set therein for the meeting, and only such business as is designated in the notice shall be transacted

Board meetings may be called by any single (1) Board member. Notification will be same protocol as special meetings.

4. The Board of Directors shall serve as a standing business committee.
5. **DUES:** Each individual over the age of 18 shall pay the full amount set for dues as per Article VI; individuals under the age of 18 shall pay half that amount. Dues are payable anytime prior to or during the first meeting of each calendar year.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

Columbus Amateur Radio Club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or any other protected statuses as required by federal regulation in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, membership, selection of vendors and provision of services.

Accepted and passed by the Columbus Amateur Radio Club on

12/12/2013

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President