

**Barron County
Amateur Radio Association**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Barron County Amateur Radio Association

Constitution

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 Barron County Amateur Radio Association 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 club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I 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 club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

ARTICLE II Officers

Section 1. Offices

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Election

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies

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

Section 4. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year, a full time Barron County resident, and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 5. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

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Section 6. Removal Of Officers

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.

ARTICLE III Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

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ARTICLE IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

All proceedings during meetings shall be kept as informal as possible, but where conflict arise, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V Dues

The club, 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 club within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VI Dissolution of The Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Director votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than three-fourths vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club.

No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets.

All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization.

All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization

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ARTICLE VII Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been noticed by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

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By-Laws

1. Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

2. Membership

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs. Includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.

Associate Membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio, but not licensed. Includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers

Honorary Membership includes The ARRL Central Division Director, ARRL Central Division Assistant Director, the Emergency Services Director of Barron County, others who are nominated by the Board and approved by the membership. An Honorary Member carries no club privileges, cannot hold office, cannot vote for club officers.

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of every-other calendar month. The president shall have the authority to re-schedule or cancel a meeting based on extenuating circumstances. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five 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.

4. Elections

Officer elections will be held annually during the last meeting of the calendar year. Nominations shall be made at the prior meeting. Voting will take place during the last meeting of the calendar year. Mail in ballots will be made available prior to this meeting and must be filled in, mailed, and received by the secretary prior to the meeting in order to be counted with the live vote at the meeting.

5. Dues

No annual dues per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

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