

CONSTITUTION OF PERRY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.

December 23, 2021

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 Perry County Amateur Radio Club of Pennsylvania 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 to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

No part of the assets of this corporation shall be the property of the members or any of them, but such assets and income shall be devoted exclusively to the purpose of the club.

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.

Members must have a valid amateur radio license and not be in arrears in membership dues.

Article II

Section. 1. Offices

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

1. President

- a. Shall preside at all meetings, maintaining order and dignity.
- b. Decide all parliamentary arguments according to "Robert's Rules of Order".
- c. Appoint all committees as the need arises.
- d. Cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie except for the election of officers.
- e. Shall appoint or re-appoint a station License Trustee, as the need arises, to be responsible to the FCC for the Club's amateur radio station license. Said Trustee to serve for the license term or until removed for just cause.
- f. At the last meeting of November shall appoint an auditing committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
- g. Appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) members at the meeting in November.
- h. Will be the second signature on all Club bank accounts.

2. Vice President

- a. Shall perform all duties of the President in his/her absence.

3. Treasurer

- a. Shall receive and keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures of Club monies.
- b. Pay all bills as ordered by the membership or Club Officers.
- c. Shall be responsible for all Club monies in his/her care.
- d. Coordinate and manage the preparation of the Club's annual tax returns

4. Secretary

- a. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings and preserve same.
- b. Carry on all club correspondence except frequency coordination and Club amateur radio license documents.

Section 2. Terms and Conditions of Officers

1. Vacancies in office due to a resignation, withdrawal, or death of an elected officer shall create a vacancy in that office. Vacancies shall be voted on by the club membership at the next available club meeting.

Section 3. Elections

1. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President at the membership meeting. Nomination from the floor may be made at the monthly meeting. All members shall be qualified to vote at the monthly meeting and shall be notified through the Club's newsletter or by a special mailing at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Term Limits

1. An individual may not hold the same office for more than two terms and may not serve more than three consecutive terms as an officer.
2. An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section. 5. Vacancies

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

Section 6. Eligibility

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

Section 7. Resignation

1. 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.

Section 8. Removal of Officers

1. Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President.
2. After investigation, the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and voted on by the membership.
3. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

Article III

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. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings

Article IV

Dues

The club, by a 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 V

Membership Assistance

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 VI

Club Call Sign

The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall: Be a member of the club in good standing Meet FCC requirements. Not had his/her Radio Amateur license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article VII

Dissolution of The Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Club Officers vote that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two-thirds 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.

Article IX

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.