



CONSTITUTION OF THE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF BLOOMINGTON

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Amateur Radio Association of Bloomington, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, do hereby constitute and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further 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 who hold a valid amateur radio license shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application.

ARTICLE II

Officers

Section 1. _The officers of this club shall be: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. _The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot which shall be mailed to all members. Nominations shall be made at the December meeting and elections shall be held at the January regular meeting.

Section 3. _Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation. Procedures for nominations and election shall be the same as general elections.

Section 4. _Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 5. _Any member can be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 6. _Any member can be suspended by the President or an officer of the club acting in the President's absence. This action can only be taken in the event that a member disrupts a meeting and only after a verbal warning is given or if a member exhibits behavior that does not represent the values established in the club Constitution and ByLaws. A suspended member cannot participate in club activities until his/her membership status is determined in accordance with Section 5 of this Article.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

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

Section 2. _The vice-president shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the latter. The vice-president shall also help other committees in preparing activities and meeting agendas.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. The secretary at the expiration of their term shall turn over all items belonging to the club to their successor.

Section 4. _The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club 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 its officers constituting a business committee). At a minimum, twice each year the treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. The treasurer shall at the expiration of their term turn over any additional possessions belonging to the club acquired in their duties as treasurer to their successor.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

The bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of 25% of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

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 within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership. The dues schedule shall be recorded and published in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VI

Membership Assistance

This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur stations operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club through designated operating and interference committees or any other committee deemed necessary will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation, to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club members stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster, guide and promote public relations.

ARTICLE VII

Club Repeater

Section 1. _The club shall purchase and maintain or enter into an arrangement for the use and maintenance of repeaters for the purpose of promoting amateur radio communications among all radio amateurs and for the purpose of emergency communications. The club shall establish control and operating procedures to insure the proper use of the repeaters in accordance with FCC rules and regulations.

Section 2. _Members of the Bloomington Communications Group (these are City volunteers) will have the same access privileges to the repeater as are granted to Supporting Members. Dues are the same as for a Supporting Member defined in the Standing Rules.

Section 3. _In the event of a large scale emergency or disaster affecting the City of Bloomington, the City Emergency Manager has the authority to utilize the radio equipment for the purpose of effectively handling emergency communications in support of the disaster.

Section 4._The City Emergency Management may use the radio equipment in the handling of communications for civic events within the City of Bloomington in coordination with the Amateur Radio Association of Bloomington.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

1._This constitution or the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, provided all members have received notification of the intent to amend the constitution and/or bylaws at said meeting.

2._ Standing Rules may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

A Technical/Control Committee, an Operating Committee and an Interference Committee shall be appointed by the president and their duties defined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X

Rules

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings or as designated by the president.

ARTICLE XI

Standing Rules

Section 1._Standing Rules shall consist of regulations for use of properties and operations of the club.

Section 2._No Standing Rule shall be in conflict with or inconsistent with the Bylaws.

Section 3. The Secretary shall maintain the Standing Rules and shall provide an up-to-date set of these rules.

Section 4. Each resolution adopting a Standing Rule shall state it is to be a Standing Rule.



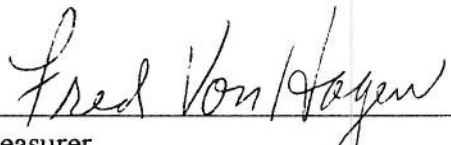
President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer

This Constitution include all changes approved by the general membership as of December 3, 1996.

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BYLAWS OF THE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF BLOOMINGTON

1. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the constitution and bylaws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. The secretary shall cause all amendments, charges and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. All new members shall receive a copy of the constitution, bylaws and standing rules. The secretary shall cause to be sent an appropriate card in the event of illness or death of members or immediate family members or close friends of members.

2. Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep accurate records of all transactions which shall be available for inspection at all business meetings. The treasurer shall maintain a post office box at the local post office for the purpose of receiving all official club correspondence.

3. Membership. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. Classes of membership are as follows:

a. Supporting Member (Inactive). A former club member who now resides outside the seven county Metro area but still desires to maintain contact with the radio club. A supporting member (Inactive) does not vote or hold club office, has access to the open club repeater and has autopatch privileges; receives club mailings and may participate in club activities.

b. General Member. A club member who resides within the seven county Metro area who votes and may hold club office; has access to the open club repeater and has autopatch privileges; receives club mailings and actively participates in club activities.

c. Family Membership. A family membership shall be immediate family members living at the same address. A family membership shall include all rights and privileges of a general member.

4. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held as defined in the Standing Rules. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five club members or in emergency situations. Members shall be notified of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted.

5. Dues. Dues are assessed annually in January of each year in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Member classes and privileges are as follows:

- a. Supporting Member (Inactive). Dues as defined in the Standing Rules per year for individual or family group.
- b. General Member. Dues as defined in the Standing Rules and includes the use of the Autopatch. For new members only, who join the club during the months of January through June, will pay the full annual rate. For new members joining the club between July and October, the dues will be one-half the annual dues. New members who join the club in November and December will pay the full annual rate except that their dues will be applied to the following year.
- c. Family Membership. Dues as defined in the Standing Rules per year for all members of the family residing at the same residence.

6. Interference Committee. The interference committee shall consist of members appointed by the club president. This committee upon being informed will direct investigation and invite proper inquires and report its results to the club when requested.

7. Technical/Control Committee. A technical/control committee shall be appointed by the president to ensure orderly operation and maintenance of the club repeater. All Technical/Control Operators will have full knowledge and access to remotely control the operation of the repeater.

8. Operating Committee. An operating committee shall be appointed by the president to provide technical advice to club members, for station design and operation.

9. Club License Trustee. The President shall appoint a Club License Trustee who will also be a standing member of the Technical/Control Committee.

10. Charter Members. All members who joined this club and paid their 1979 dues before January 1, 1980 will be considered charter members. No other members will be given the designation "charter".



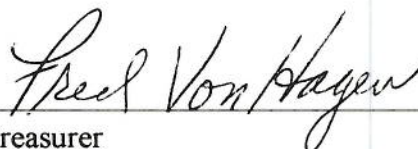
President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer

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AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF BLOOMINGTON

STANDING RULES

1. _ DUES SCHEDULE: _

- a. _ Supporting Member - _\$5.00 Year
- b. _ General Member - _\$15.00 Year
- c. _ Family Membership - _\$20.00 Year

2. _ MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month (excluding July and August).
Meetings will be held at the Creekside Community Center at 7:30 PM.

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