

Constitution and By-Laws

River Cities Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This Club shall be called the River Cities Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Section 2: Purpose

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having fundamental purpose as expressed in the following:

- (A) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (B) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (C) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur radio service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
- (D) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians and electronics experts.
- (E) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.
- (F) Providing a means by which members, regardless of location, can have fellowship and participate in activities provided by the association.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership

- (A) Regular Members
- (B) Associate Members

Section 2... Membership Requirements

- (A) Regular members shall be FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators.
- (B) Associate members shall be anyone interested in Amateur Radio and recommended by a Regular member in good standing.

Section 3: Dues

- (A) The membership dues shall be \$15.00 annually, payable upon obtaining membership in the association. Once membership is obtained, \$15.00 per year thereafter will be the dues payable in October.

Section 4: Meetings

- (A) Business meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, at the Central Fire Station, Carter are. Ashland, KY.
- (B) Special meetings may be called by the Club President.
- (C) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the Business Meetings.
- (D) At least four (4) regular members in good standing and one elected officer present at a business meeting shall constitute a quorum for the Association to meet and conduct business.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICER, S ELECTIONS, VACANCIES
AND ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFIC BE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND ELGIBILITY TO HOLD A
SEAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1: Officers and Their Duties

The Officers of the Association shall consist of:

- (A) President: Preside over all meetings, direct all official business, appoint and direct all committee functions, supervise all club functions subject to vote of the membership, and review all committee chairmen and reassign as he or she may deem necessary.
- (B) Vice President: Act as program and activities chairman, assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President.
- (C) Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings. Provide said minutes at all meetings, and conduct all general correspondence for the Association.
- (D) Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records and report such at all meetings.
- (E) The officers listed above shall be directors and each person's title as such shall be officer-director. The director's duties shall be the same as the four (4) officers.

Section 2: Elections at the Annual Meeting

- (A) The flexion of officers-directors shall be held annually at the business meeting during the month of September. Officers-directors shall be elected by a majority of votes cast. Voting for each office shall be held separately in order listed in Article 3.
- (B) The President will appoint a nominating committee at the July meeting annually to select a slate of candidates for office for the coming year to be reported to the membership at the August meeting.

Section 3: Eligibility to Vote

- (A) Each member is entitled to one vote.

Section 4: Term of Office

- (A) Proxy votes are not permitted.
- (B) The term of once for the officers-directors shall begin the first meeting day in October, and end on the last meeting day of September or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies

- (A) In the event of an officer-director seat becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked at the next business meeting and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office-seat.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office-director seat, a member must:

- (A) Have been a regular member in good standing for six months.
- (B) Have shown an active interest in the association functions.

ARTICLE: AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a 2/3 vote of the regular members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at the previous business meeting.

ARTICLE 5: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Reasons for Removal

- (A) Failure to pay dues within a two (2) month period of time.
- (B) Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on the Association.
- (C) Unlawful misuse of any of the Association's funds, facilities or equipment.

Section 2: Removal of Officers-Directors

(A) Any officer-director not performing the duties of his or hers office may be subject to impeachment upon the filing of charges by a regular member in writing presented and read at a regular business meeting.

(B) Any officer-director maybe removed upon approval of a 2/3 majority vote of regular members present at the next regular business meeting.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCE

Financial matters must be voted on at any business meeting. Only the President or Treasurer shall be authorized to sign an Association check.

ARTICLE 7: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: Order of Business Meeting

The general order of proceedings for business meetings shall be as follows:

- (A) The President shall call the meeting to order. In the absence of the President, the following shall preside in the order given: Vice-president Secretary and Treasurer.
- (B) The President shall call upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting and any correspondence. He or she shall subsequently request a vote of approval of the read minutes by the membership; corrections and additions may be made, subject to the desecration of the presiding officer. This report may be waived on majority vote of the membership.
- (C) The President shall call upon the Treasurer for a financial report or related information (count of paid up members, list of expenditures etc.). This report may be waived on majority vote of the membership.
- (D) Old business:
 - 1, Outstanding or previously tabled items
 - 2, Committee reports
 - 3, Comments on (1) or (2) above after each individual item or report

shall be in order.

(E) New Business

The order of priority shall be designated by the presiding officer.

(F) The presiding officer shall have the power to change the order of business or the proceedings of the meeting.

(G) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all matters not covered.

ARTICLE 8: ASSOC. PROPERTY: OPERATION AND DISPOSITION

Section 1: Association Property and Equipment

(A) Custody and safekeeping of all Association physical proper, other than bank account (s), will be the responsibility of a custodian appointed by the President annually.

(B) Club Owned Repeater Station

1. The Association owned two meter Repeater station will be operated and maintained by a permanent committee of qualified members appointed by the President upon approval by the membership.
2. Repeater (s) will be used and operated in such a manner to better amateur radio operations within our coverage area, and will be available for all amateurs to use to transmit and receive legal communications as prescribed from time to time by the FCC.

(C) Disposition of Properties

1. If and when the Association membership is reduced to no less than five (5) members present at three consecutive scheduled business meetings, then the President shall direct the Treasurer and Custodian, in writing, to proceed with the disposition of the physical and monetary property.
2. All property (physical and monetary), except the Repeater

Station, will be converted to negotiable instruments so they can be donated to the ARRL Scholarship Fund at ARRL headquarters, Newington, CT.*