

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

RIVER CITIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I : 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 a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following:

- A Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur radio 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
- C Life Membership : Life membership was approved by the Association at the October 2008 regular business meeting. Life

Membership shall be offered to all members based on a one time fee of ten (10) times the regular members annual dues fee per Art. 2, Sec. 3 Members 65 and older shall receive a 25% discount on the Life fee.

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

The membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) annually, payable upon obtaining membership in the association. Once membership is obtained, a \$20.00 per year due will be payable in October of each year. Associate Members dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) annually.

Section 4 : Meetings

- A Business meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. Special meetings may be called by the President. Alcoholic beverages, drugs etc. are not permitted at any business meeting.
- B At least five (5) regular members in good standing present at a business meeting shall constitute a quorum for the Association to meet and conduct business.

ARTICLE 3: Officers, Elections, Vacancies and Eligibility to hold office, Board of Directors and Eligibility to hold a seat on the Board of Directors.

Section 1: 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 chairpersons and reassign as he/she may deem necessary.

Vice President: Act as special programs chair, and assist the President in his/hers duties, and preside in the absence of the President.

Secretary: Maintain accurate records of official club actions, club minutes, and communicate all club business to the appropriate person or organization.

Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records, and report at each meeting. To organize and chair fund raising events as needed and approved by the Association.

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 officers.

Section 2 : Elections at the Annual Meetings

- A The election 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, Section 1:
- 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

Each member is entitles to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. Associate Members shall not have a vote.

Section 4: Term of Officer

The term of office for 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

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-director 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 association functions.

ARTICLE 5 : Removal of Membership

Section 1: Reasons for Removal

A member shall be dropped from the membership roll for any of the following:

- A Failure to pay dues within a 2 month period of time.
- B Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on the association.

C Unlawful misuse of any of the associations funds, facilities or equipment.

D Failure to adhere to any and all of FCC part 97 operations rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 6 : Finance

Financial matters must be voted on at any business meeting. The signature of the President and Treasurer, or approved designates, must be on all checks before it is negotiable.

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. The pledge of allegiance shall take place. In the absence of the President, the following shall preside in the order given: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

B The President shall call upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting and any correspondence. He shall subsequently request a vote of approval of the read minutes by the membership; corrections and additions may be made, subject to the discretion 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. This report may be waived on a majority vote of the membership.

D The President will recognize the Emergency Coordinator for the monthly Amateur Radio Emergency Service report for Boyd/Greenup Service Area.

E The President shall recognize Old Business from outstanding or previously tabled items, Committee Reports, and individual member comments or items shall be recognized per the meeting agenda. (Items not on the approved Meeting Agenda will not be recognized by the presiding officer.)

F The President shall now proceed with New Business items from the approved meeting agenda. Any new, non-approved agenda items, shall be placed on the next business meeting agenda for Association consideration.

ARTICLE 8 : Operation and Disposition

Section 1 : Disposition of Association Property

- A 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 of the Association. The Custodian shall maintain a complete list of all Association property and value of such property. This list is to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis at the October business meeting.

- B All property (physical and monetary), except the repeater station and associated software and equipment, will be converted to negotiable instruments so they can be donated to the ARRL Scholarship Fund at ARRL headquarters in Newington, Conn.

- C The repeater station and additional equipment, upon dissolution of the Association, shall be donated to an area Amateur Radio Club in order that the repeater station and assigned frequency can remain in operation for use by all amateurs. The donation shall be determined by the officers-directors.