

CONSTITUTION OF THE STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB

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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

A: The name of the organization shall be:

THE STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB, Inc.

B: The **STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB, INC. (SRRC)** is a noncommercial association of persons interested in amateur radio whose purpose is:

1. To have an organization for the promotion of interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation.
2. For the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of an emergency or public service
3. For the advancement of the radio amateur in legislative matters.
4. And, for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

The **STARVED ROCK RADIO CLUB, INC. (SRRC)** is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois, and is an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Its affairs are governed by its general members. The **SRRC** is noncommercial, and no one who could gain financially from the shaping of its affairs is eligible for membership or any of its offices.

A bona fide interest in Amateur Radio is an essential qualification of membership; an amateur radio license is not a pre-requisite, although full voting membership is granted only to licensed amateurs that have their dues currently paid.

C. The organization shall not operate for any financial benefit other than that which is necessary for club promotion.

D. Dissolution clause: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the officers after receiving authorization from 4/5 majority of its members in a regular meeting shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the officers shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A: Any person interested in the art of amateur radio shall be eligible for consideration as a member of the club.

B: There shall be no limit placed on the number of members on the roll of the club.

C: There shall be no limit placed on the age of the members

D: Provision shall be made for the following types of memberships. Dues are to be paid in advance and are due at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. Assessments are due at the first regular meeting after the assessment is made.

1. REGULAR MEMBERS:

Persons that are licensed and active in club activities and affairs. Dues and assessments are expected as specified in the by-laws.

2. NON-LICENSED MEMBERS:

Persons who are interested in amateur radio and want to be active in the Club, but do not have an amateur radio license.

Non-licensed members have voting rights with the exception of constitution and by-law issues. Non-licensed members cannot hold office in the club. Dues and assessments are expected as specified in the by-laws.

3. FAMILY MEMBERS:

One regular member and any other interested persons living at the same address. All family Members must be listed on the regular member's application form.

Only one issues of STATIC will be sent.

Family members have the same voting rights as regular members or non-licensed members depending upon their situation. Dues and assessments are expected as specified in the by-laws.

3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Persons who are not active in club activities because of geographic or time/work constraints, but wish to receive STATIC and remain affiliated with the club.

Associate members cannot vote or hold office in the club. No assessments are required of such members. Dues and assessments are expected as specified in the by-laws.

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4: HONORARY MEMBERS:

Persons that the club sees fit to honor by extending to all of the privileges of regular members

(Except the power to vote and to hold office in the club).

No dues are required of such members.

E: Individuals meeting the requirements of ARTICLE II A, B, C, and D shall become members of the SRRC by filling out the prescribed form and paying the prescribed dues. The President or Acting President shall introduce the new member to those present.

1. New members will pay prorated regular dues based on the month of joining the SRRC. This amount is to be determined by the Treasurer.

2. Any member who becomes three months in arrears in payment of dues and assessments shall be notified by the Secretary by mail of the member's obligation to the club. Said Member shall be considered not in good standing and shall lose his/her right to vote, serve on any committee or attend special club functions, and will receive only one more issue of "STATIC", the club's newsletter.

3. (DELETED)

4. Any member who is (4) four months in arrears in payment of dues and special assessments shall be automatically dropped from membership.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Editor of club bulletin "STATIC"
6. Directors (3)

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ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. The officers shall be nominated at the regular meeting in November, and elections shall take place at the regular meeting in December. Members may be nominated for only one office. Each nominated member must be present at the November meeting.

B. The procedure of the election of officers shall be:

1. Officers elected at the December meeting shall take office on January 1 at 12:01am, for a term of one year.
2. In case of one and only one nomination for any office the nominee will be declared elected at the December meeting.
3. A simple majority of votes shall be sufficient to elect
4. Nominations and balloting shall be in this order:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-president
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Editor of "STATIC"
 - (f) Directors (3)
5. Officers that are elected must be members in good standing.

C. Vacancies occurring between the regular elections shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.

D. Any officer may be removed from office by a motion and a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting membership present at the meeting following the regular business meeting at which the motion was made.

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ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. Duties of the President:

1. Preside at all meetings of the club and conduct them in accordance with the rules set forth in this constitution.
2. Decide all questions of order.
3. Sign all official documents adopted by the club and none other.
4. Perform all customary duties pertaining to the office for advancement of the club.

B. Duties of the Vice President:

1. Assume the duties of the President in his absence.

C. Duties of the Secretary:

1. Keep a record of the membership.
2. Keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings.
3. Carry on all club correspondence.
4. Read all club communications at meetings.
5. Notify the membership of balloting on members, officers, or changes in the constitution, or any other pertinent matters which the membership should be notified before action can be taken.
6. At the request of the President or chairman of any committee the Secretary shall send written notices or notify the members appointed to serve on committees of special meetings.
7. Keep a copy of the constitution available at all meetings.
8. Cause all amendments and changes in the constitution to be noted thereon and permit same to be consulted by the members at any time.
9. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous states meeting and special meetings at the request of the President.
10. At the expiration of his term of office he shall turn over all club records to his successor.
11. At the regular meeting held in the month of April, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to read the list of names of all members whose dues are in arrears.

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D. Duties of the Treasurer:

1. Collect all dues and assessments., and handle all other money received by the club. Notify the Secretary of members delinquent in dues payment to comply with paragraph c (11). A list of current members shall be given to the Editor of STATIC and the President when changes are made.
2. He shall be authorized by the club membership to withdraw from treasury any money to meet expenses incurred by the club. The club membership may at any time, by motion and majority vote, authorize the Treasurer to pay certain expenses that must be paid by certain dates, such as utility bills or taxes without membership consent at meetings so long as expenditures are listed in the financial record of the club proceedings.
3. At the expiration of his term of office he shall turn over all financial records to his successor.
4. Keep a clear and concise record of the financial proceedings of the club and shall permit them to be inspected at any meeting of the club.
5. Make a monthly report of the financial status of the club at the regular meeting of the club.
6. Receive all monies collected.
7. Deposit all funds in the bank chosen by the club as the official depository of the club.

E. Duties of the Editor of "STATIC":

1. To see that "STATIC" is printed and mailed each month.

F. Duties of the Directors:

1. To act as advisors to the officers when requested.

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ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

- A.** The constitution provides for regular and special meetings.
- 1.** At all meetings, six voting members including two officers shall constitute a quorum
 - 2.** Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. If that day is a holiday, or if that day is the day following the Club's hamfest, the meeting will be postponed to the following Monday. If for any reason a meeting must be postponed, the following will govern:
 - A.** At the previous month's regular meeting the next meeting may be postponed to a following Monday by three-fourths vote of the members present. Notice of the postponement will be sent to all members.
 - B.** At any other time a meeting may be postponed or cancelled by agreement of at least three elected Officers. Postponement will be to a following Monday. Every effort will be made to inform all members. This rule is intended to be used only in emergencies or unforeseen situations, and will not apply in case of a failure to convene a quorum.
 - C.** A once postponed meeting will not be further postponed.
 - 3.** All regular meetings and special meetings shall be held at the clubhouse, unless changed by a 2/3 vote of the membership. In this case all members shall be notified of such change.
 - 4.** A special meeting can be called at the request of the President or five (5) members in good standing can request the President to call such a meeting. When such a meeting is called, it shall be noted in the proceedings of the club the five members responsible for the calling of the meeting, and the purpose of all special meetings shall be noted in the proceedings.
 - 5.** All members shall be notified of such special meetings a minimum of 48 hours in advance. The notice shall include the time, place and nature of the business to be transacted.
 - 6.** Only the business specified shall be transacted at such special meetings.
 - 7.** Regular meetings are scheduled to start at 7:00 PM local time.
 - 8.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of SRRC meetings, except when inconsistent with this constitution.

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ARTICLE VII DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

A. Regular Dues:

1. The dues of members may be changed by the regular procedure of amending the by-laws

B. Special assessments:

1. The Starved rock Radio Club, may, by a vote of the membership, be empowered to levy on the entire regular membership, such assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within it's object as set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution. Voting shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting in a regular meeting to carry.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

A. The following procedure shall be used to effect an amendment to this constitution.

1. A motion is made by a member in good standing to amend a definite portion of the constitution.
2. The President shall appoint a committee to prepare the amendment for presentation to the membership for consideration.
3. The entire membership shall have the privilege of discussing the amendment prior to voting.
4. An interval of one month shall elapse between the discussion and final balloting on such amendment.
5. Those members of the Starved Rock Radio Club, who are privileged to vote, shall receive by mail a copy of the proposed amendment at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at which the balloting is to take place.
6. Voting on an amendment can only take place at a regular business meeting.
7. A vote in favor by two-thirds (2/3) of those members voting shall be required to adopt the amendment.