

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Susquehanna Valley Amateur Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and co-operation 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.

MEMBERSHIP:

ARTICLE I

All persons interested in amateur radio communication* shall be eligible for membership. (Membership shall be by applications and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-laws provide.)

OFFICERS:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1 - The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Activities Manager.

Sec. 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be quorum, at the December business meeting ; officers to serve for Fiscal year beginning 1, January of each calendar year.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership, present at a special meeting, called for the purpose of taking action for removal.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; 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 the president.

Sec. 2 - The vice President shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

* Radio communication between amateur stations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

Sec. 4 - The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At each monthly meeting he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 5 - The Activities Manager shall organize club member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefit, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He shall maintain close liaison with ARRL Emergency Coordinator or SEC to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. He shall encourage new stations in reporting activities to the club (bulletin) and to the elected Section Communications Manager of the ARRL; all these things to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

MEETINGS:

ARTICLE IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, attendance as set forth by the by-laws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUES:

ARTICLE V

The club, by 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 objects as set forth in the preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments two months in arrears, shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership. Exoneration of dues and assessments shall be granted upon request, to members serving in the military or attending college fulltime.

MEMBERSHIP
ASSISTANCE:

ARTICLE VI

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 station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. 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 radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

AMENDMENTS:

ARTICLE VII

This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at two(2) successive business meetings. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following business meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or by-laws at said meeting. Mailing is to include proposed amendment as submitted, in writing, for consideration.

RULES:

ARTICLE VIII

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

BY-LAWS

1. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. After two consecutive terms the President shall not hold that office for a minimum of one (1) year from the expiration of his/her last term as president.
2. **SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and by-laws of the Club and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Membership is open to all licensed amateurs and those possessing an active interest in amateur radio. Only those members possessing a valid amateur license regardless of class, shall be eligible to hold club office. Applications for membership shall be submitted at business meetings.
4. **MEETINGS.** Regular business meeting shall be held the first (1st) Wednesday of each calendar month at 7:30 P.M. local time; at such place as the president shall order with the club option to hold social meetings on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each calendar month for the purpose of furthering member knowledge of amateur radio. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be so that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting time.
5. **QUORUM.** A minimum of five (5) members and two (2) officers present at a club meeting shall constitute a quorum.
6. **DUES.** A regular monthly assessment of \$1.00 per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Members eighteen (18) years or under will be assessed one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the dues rate.
7. **INTERFERNECE COMMITTEE.** The QRM committee shall be appointed when deemed necessary. This committee shall direct investigations, invite the proper members to inquiries, and organize the presentation of technical facts and any other testimony within its province, reporting to the club on its results.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES.** Miscellaneous committees may be appointed as deemed necessary, by club vote.

This constitution and by-laws accepted and approved at the October 4th, 1978 meeting of the Susquehanna Valley Amateur Radio Club. All requirements for the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws were complied with as specified.

Secretary *Mark A. Reich*
Susquehanna Valley Amateur Radio Club

We, the undersigned officers and members of the Susquehanna Valley Amateur Radio Club, do hereby subscribe our names to this Constitution and By-Laws this 18th day of October, 1978

President *Donald R. Hinton* *SN* *WB3GDH*
Vice-President *Robert M. Goodspeed* *SK*
Secretary-Treasurer *Mark A. Reich* *WB3DTH*
Activities Manager *Jeffrey W. Dutton* *WB3H ky*

MEMBERS

Herb Bender
Ruth & Ester *N3CLV*
James L. Hill
Walter *WA3DTV*
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