

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Constitution and By-Laws

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ARTICLE I

NAME

Section I

The name of this organization shall be Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. It is a nonprofit organization hereafter referred to as the club.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

Section I

The club is a fraternal and non-Profit organization to promote the growth of Amateur Radio and Emergency communications in the Carolina Low Country.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Members are of three classes: Regular, Associate and Honorary.

Regular Members who already possess a valid Amateur Radio License are permitted one (1) vote on all elections of officers and other club matters.

Associate Members are those interested and endeavoring to obtain an Amateur Radio License but do not possess any class license, and those licensed amateurs in the Charleston area who do not wish to become regular members. Associate members shall not have voting privileges and may not hold office.

Honorary membership may be bestowed on any person deemed worthy by the membership. This membership shall be for one year with associate privileges unless already a regular member in which case regular privileges will be retained.

Section II

Regular membership applications shall be read at the regular or called meeting of the club and balloted on at the next regular or called meeting. An applicant for membership, either regular or associate, shall be denied membership by the casting of three negative ballots. Less than three negative ballots cast shall constitute acceptance of an applicant. Associate membership applications shall be acted upon at the first regular or called meeting of the club. Honorary membership may be bestowed at any regular or called meeting by a majority ballot. Balloting for new membership shall be promulgated by members of good standing in attendance.

ARTICLE IV

CHARTER MEMBERS

Section I

All members of record prior to issuance of the first repeater license, WB4QGK, constitute the Charter Membership Role.

ARTICLE V

DUES AND FEES

Section I

All regular membership shall require the payment of \$20.00 to the treasurer as an initiation fee upon tendering application and thereafter \$20.00 per year as dues, due August 1 and payable in advance. For new members joining during the year dues will be prorated at 3 month intervals, decreasing by \$5.00 every 3 months as follows; [November 1 through January 31-\$15.00] [February 1 through April 30-\$10.00] [May 1 through July 31-\$5.00]. The following exception applies: After the first member of a family and residence all others will pay one-half the above dues.

Section II

Associate Membership shall not require payment of the initiation fee, but shall be required to pay the above dues. (Exception applies).

Section III

Members whose tour of duty is away from the area for more than (3) months may be given credit for dues during their absence. (Advance notice required.)

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Section I

Members more than two (2) months delinquent in dues payment will be considered a member not in good standing and shall lose all voting privileges. A member may be reinstated during a four (4) month period by payment of all delinquent and current dues before February 1. After this period membership shall be terminated automatically and a new application for membership will be required. Termination for any other reason shall require two-thirds of members balloting.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

Section I

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer elected for a term of (1) year beginning on August 1.

Section II

Nomination of officers shall be submitted during the June and July meetings. Election of officers shall be conducted during the July meeting.

Section III

No one shall hold an elected office in the club and another local radio club concurrently.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and conduct same, according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of the constitution and by-laws; decide on 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. He shall appoint engineers, repeater licensee(s), and such other control stations as necessary.

Section II

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Section III

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 this term, turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor.

Section IV

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; he shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the club or Board of Directors. At the end of each quarter, he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursement and receipts. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

ARTICLE IX

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I

The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers, the Technical Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

Section II

It shall be the duties of the Board of Directors to formulate plans and decide all purposes, policies, and procedures of the club and make recommendations therefor. They shall hold at least one meeting a year to elect a secretary and chairman.

ARTICLE X

REPEATER LICENSEES, CONTROL STATIONS, AND ENGINEERS

Section I

The repeater licensees shall be the person who holds the FCC licenses for the repeaters. The control station shall be responsible to the licensees and club for proper operation of the repeaters. The repeater engineers will be responsible for maintenance and repairs of the repeaters and club-owned equipment. Club engineers will be responsible for technical information and recommendations to the club.

ARTICLE XI

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Section I

The by-laws committee shall consist of all Past Presidents and Presidential appointees, not to exceed (3). The president will appoint a chairman of this committee.

Section II

It shall be the duty of the By-Laws committee to make modifications and/or amendments to the By-Laws in the form of recommendations to the club.

Section III

The procedure for motions of amendments shall be as follows: Recommendations from club members shall be turned in to the chairman of the By-Laws committee. The By-Laws committee shall discuss and prepare as necessary for club vote.

Section IV

The chairman of the By-Laws Committee shall report on any committee decision regarding rulings and/or procedures.

ARTICLE XII

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section I

The Technical Advisory Committee shall consist of the Repeater Licensees and the club Engineers.

Section II

The committee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the repeaters and club owned equipment. They shall make recommendations to the club in technical matters.

ARTICLE XIII

MAINTENANCE & SECURITY OF FUNDS

Section I

All funds of the club shall be promptly deposited in a checking account in favor of the club at a local bank. All bills and disbursements shall be paid promptly by check. Expenditures of \$50.00 or less is authorized without approval. Expenditures exceeding \$50.00 shall require prior approval of the membership in attendance by majority vote.

ARTICLE XIV

CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS

Section I

The herein rules shall constitute the By-Laws of the club until such time as they are changed, modified, or amended by the regular members. A two-thirds majority vote of all regular members in good standing is required.

ARTICLE XV

INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT

Section I

The secretary of the club shall have the responsibility of keeping a current running inventory of all club property and equipment.

ARTICLE XVI

DISBANDMENT

Section I

In the event it is decided to disband the organization, a committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to dispose of all club property. Any monies obtained, and/or in the club treasury, shall first go to pay any outstanding debts incurred by the club, the remainder of all monies and/or assets shall be donated to a non-profit charity or charities at the discretion of the committee. Under no circumstances shall any funds revert back to the membership at disbandment.

Section II

All outstanding debts must be paid before disbandment is possible. If the club has insufficient assets to pay completely all indebtedness, then the members shall be assessed, on an equal basis, that amount required to liquidate the indebtedness.

ARTICLE XVII

RULES

Section I

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings when not in conflict with above.

ARTICLE XVIII

MEETINGS

Section I

Meetings will normally, but not necessarily, be held once a month and special meetings may be called at any time by the president.

Section II

A quorum for any meeting is considered to be fifteen per cent of the regular membership.