

Watauga Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

**CONSTITUTION**

PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, do hereby constitute ourselves the Watauga Amateur Radio Club, Inc and enact this constitution as our governing law.

IT SHALL BE OUR PURPOSE: to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency; to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community; and to provide, in times of emergency, local city, county, and state agencies with supplementary radio communications as might be within our collective or individual capabilities.

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE I -- MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide by its bylaws.

A person may be dismissed from membership in the club by a vote of 3/4 of the members.

ARTICLE II -- OFFICERS

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

Section 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the first meeting of each calendar year, or at the first regular meeting of the year at which a quorum is present.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at the first regular meeting following the

withdrawal or resignation.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE III -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to Roberts' rules of Order. The President shall enforce due observance of this constitution and bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official club documents and perform all other representative and official duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2 - The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter. In addition, the Vice-President shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity. The Vice President shall maintain liaison with the Section Emergency Coordinator, as well as the County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all club correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written notices to each member. The Secretary shall report to the membership the minutes of the previous meeting, and shall bring a copy of this Constitution, the By-Laws, and a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to each meeting of this organization.

Sectopm 4 - The Treasuer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. At the end of each quarter, the Treasuer shall submit an itemized statement of the club financial status, including an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts, and shall balance the club checkbook each month.

#### ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the membership including proxies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE V -- DUES

The Club, by majority vote of the membership at any regular may levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives

as set forth in the preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VI -- AMENDMENTS

This Constitution or the By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted to each member in writing at least two weeks prior to a regular meeting, and shall be voted on at that meeting.

ARTICLE VII -- RULES

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this organization.

ARTICLE VIII -- CERTIFICATES OF EQUITY

The Club may issue Certificates of Equity in radio equipment to identify owners of fractional portions of equipment such as VHF repeaters or other club projects entailing equipment. The Secretary-Treasurer will maintain accurate records of capitol investment in any such equipment.

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The above Constitution is based on a suggested American Radio Relay League constitution; it and the associated by-laws are the work of a pro-forma committee consisting of Bill Schreiber, N4SNF, John Dinkins, WA4KDB, and Dave Long, KM4ZG. The Constitution and bylaws were accepted by the membership at a regular meeting held at the Western Steer Restaurant in Boone, NC on April 2, 1990.

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This Constitution was amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership at a regular meeting on October 1, 1990 in order to qualify for tax-exempt status by adding the second paragraph under IT SHALL BE OUR PURPOSE beginning with the words "This organization is organized exclusively

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This Constitution was amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership at a regular meeting on December 6, 1993 in order to divide the office of

Sec/Tres into two seperate offices of Secretary and Treasuer. Article II Section 1, Article III Section 3 were ammended and Article III Section 4 was added. Also, all references to sexual gender were replaced or removed.

This revised draft of this constitution is due to be subitted to the membership at a regular meeting on August 1, 2012 by a pro-forma committee of John Dinkins, WA4J, David Hooper, N4DE and James Harrison, WS4JH.

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This revised draft of this constitution was subitted to the membership at a regular meeting on January 7, 2013 by a pro-forma committee of John Dinkins, WA4J, David Hooper, N4DE and James Harrison, WS4JH. This constitution was amended by a unanimous vote.

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