



Constitution of the Richfield Amateur Radio Club

Ratified at the Charter Meeting of March 17, 2015

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Preamble

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the **Richfield Amateur Radio Club** of **Richfield, Minnesota** 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, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community as well as the general welfare of our community in times of need.

Article I. Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as provided in the By-Laws.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, disability or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article II. Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary.

Treasurer to be added at such a time it becomes applicable, via a constitutional amendment.

Section 2. Election of Officers

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Elections will be performed by written ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum.

Section 3. Term Limits

An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section 4. Vacancies

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

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to any club officer.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of four (4) or more members, only two (2) of which may be current officers, presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club following a minimum of 30 days after the petition was presented and a voted on by the membership.

Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths majority vote of the ~~active full current~~ membership ~~present at the properly called,~~ ~~assigned meeting~~ via a closed ballot.

Article III. Duties of the Officers

Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due

observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club.

~~He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL's local ARES[®] Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service[®].~~

He/she shall be the curator of all physical club assets. This responsibility may be delegated to another committee or special position.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, ~~keep a roll of members, submit membership~~ maintains all member lists and applications, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting.

At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Section 4. Treasurer

~~The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee).~~

~~At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.~~

Article IV. Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The active membership shall be defined as the members that regularly participate in club meetings and events.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V. Dues

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.

Non-payment of such dues or assessments may be cause for expulsion from the club through a majority vote within the discretion of the membership.

Article VI. Club Repeaters and Call Signs

Section 1. Club Repeater Equipment

The club shall purchase and maintain or enter into an arrangement for the use and maintenance of repeaters for the purpose of promoting amateur radio communications among all radio amateurs and for the purpose of emergency communications.

The club shall establish control and operating procedures to ensure the proper use of the repeaters in accordance with FCC rules and regulations.

Section 2. Club Call Sign

The FCC Assigned Club Call Sign is WØRRRC WØPWW.

The club may elect to apply for a vanity call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97.

Section 3. Trustee

The President may shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign, which must comply with the Richfield Department of Public

Safety requirements as Richfield Public Safety is the owner of the repeater equipment.

The trustee shall:

- Be a member of the club in good standing
- Meet all FCC requirements.
- Not had his/her Amateur Radio license ~~Radio Amateur~~ licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time.
- Maintain affiliation with the Richfield Public Safety Department in one of the following roles: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Police Reserves, or an employee of the City of Richfield
- Appointed by the Director of Public Safety

Article VII. Dissolution

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event of a motion that the club should be dissolved. The vote will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full membership.

The motion at that time must receive a two-thirds majority of the active ~~full~~ membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The club officers shall handle the disbursement of all the assets of the club.

No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets.

Equipment may be donated to another amateur radio club or group that does not consist of more than 49% of current or former members of this club.

Equipment may also be sold, the proceeds for which, along with any remaining cash belonging to the club will be donated to a

non-profit organization with interest in amateur radio or based or providing services within Richfield, Minnesota or a served agency.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the **active** **full** membership.

Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Affirmation

These by-laws were adopted by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the **Richfield Amateur Radio Club** on **March 17, 2015**.

It includes all changes approved by the general membership prior to that date and supersedes all other adopted by-laws.

This is affirmed by the current club officers:

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Thomas York (KØZZX) - President

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Grant Gartland (KEØAJL) - Vice-President

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Mark Rowe (KEØBVZ) - Secretary