

Constitution
Walton County Amateur Radio Club
DeFuniak Springs, Florida
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As Amended May 5, 2015

PREAMBLE:

Wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we do hereby constitute ourselves the Walton County Amateur Radio Club and do enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community and to further Amateur Radio activities in the interest of a better and safer community.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. Non-licensed members will be required to obtain an Amateur Radio License within 12 months from the date of membership application.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer (both positions held by one officer) and shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2: The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year as stated in the By-Laws by ballot of the voting members present (or email if not present) at the December meeting of each calendar year and will take office at the January meeting of the next calendar year. Only members in good standing may hold office.

Section 3: Vacancies occurring between elections, as with the initial slate of officers, will be filled by special ballot at the first regular meeting at which the vacancy or vacancies are announced.

Section 4: Removal of Officers

1. The procedure for the removal of officer(s) shall be by majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting and be effective the following month giving those members not present time to submit an email ballot.

ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club, and conduct the meeting according to His or Her style of leadership and personality. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall assume the Presidents duties in the absence of the President.

Section 3:

1. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written notices to members of the Club, except when excused by action under the By-Laws.
2. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walton County Amateur Radio Club and have them available at every meeting of the Club.
3. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
4. The Secretary shall at the expiration of the term of office turn over all Club material to the succeeding Secretary.

Section 4:

1. The Treasurer shall provide a receipt for all monies paid to the Club.
2. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended.
3. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the Club or its officers constituting a business committee or as stated in the By-Laws). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursement and receipts.
4. The Treasurer shall at the expiration of office term turn over all Club materials to the succeeding Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1:

1. The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.
2. At regular meetings at least two Executive Board members, one of which must be either the President or Vice-President, and six voting members shall be present to constitute a quorum.
3. At special meetings, at least two Executive Board members, one of which must be the President or Vice-President, and one-third of the eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month as deemed necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Section: 1

1. The Walton County Amateur Radio Club may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments specified in the By-Laws, as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Club within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble.
2. Nonpayment of such dues or assessments after ninety (90) days past the date due shall be cause for removal from the list of members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Section 1: This Club shall enact rules and plans to minimize interference between member stations and with other radio services. Interference, public relations, and operating committees may be established to provide technical advice and assistance to the members and to guide publicity in channels to Amateur Radio.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

1. Proposals for amendments to either the Constitution or the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting.
 - a. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting membership present or by email ballot.
 - b. The By-Laws may be amended by the majority of a quorum following submission in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES

(See Article III Section 1 and 2)

