

# **SUSSEX AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC. CONSTITUTION**

## **PREAMBLE**

We the undersigned wishing to secure ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Sussex Amateur Radio Association, and do enact this constitution as our governing law. The association is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware.

These Constitution and By Laws are adopted to reflect the expanded scope of Association activity which has evolved since the adoption of the original documents. These documents dated November 13, 2007 shall supersede and repeal all like instruments and amendments adopted before this date.

## **PURPOSES**

Our purposes shall include but not be limited to:

1. Further the exchange of information and co-operation between members and other interested persons.
2. To promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, individual operating courtesy, and efficiency.
3. To conduct our activities in such a manner as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.
4. Encourage members of the community to become Amateur Radio Operators.
5. Provide public services to the community through ARES/RACES, Skywarn, and other communications support activities sponsored by recognized entities.
6. Provide training to members through presentations, demonstrations, contest, etc..
7. License, operate, maintain and improve repeater systems in Sussex County, Delaware for the use of all licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

## **ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP**

All persons interested in Amateur Radio Communications shall be eligible for membership and shall by application be acceptable for membership under such terms as provided in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE II** **OFFICERS**

1. The officers of this association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers of this association shall be elected or appointed as provided by the By-Laws.
3. The affairs of the club shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the club, The Immediate Past President, and two directors elected as provided by the By-Laws. .
4. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special ballot at the first regular meeting following such vacancy.
5. Officers may be removed by a three fourths majority vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting, provided that all members have been informed in writing (email or 1<sup>st</sup> class mail for members without email) of the intended vote at the specified meeting 72 hours in advance.
6. The same person may be nominated and elected to both the offices of Secretary and Treasurer if approved by the membership. However no other two offices may be held by the same member simultaneously.
7. Officers of the association shall be licensed amateurs with membership in good standing.

## **ARTICLE III** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. President – The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observations of the Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President. Vice President – The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence.
2. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, read or distribute minutes, and distribute written notices of any special meetings. The Secretary shall also maintain a file of Association documents in accordance with Article I of the By-Laws.
3. The Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the association and shall keep an accurate account of monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall keep a roll of the members. The Treasurer shall pay no bill without proper authorization as provided by the By-Laws. The Treasurer shall submit monthly, an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts.
4. Each officer shall, at the expiration of their term of office, turn over everything in their possession belonging to the association to their successor.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**MEETINGS**

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a majority of those present shall constitute a quorum. However for the transaction of Association business a Quorum of at least 10% of the membership shall be present.

**ARTICLE V**  
**DUES**

The Society may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in Article IV of the Bylaws

**ARTICLE VI**  
**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE**

This Association shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported, by any member station and may offer advice if requested, to non-member stations in such cases where such stations are causing interference. The Association, 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 signal, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation for Association member stations. The Association shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee ballots must be delivered to an Association Officer prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots may be in the form of an email, or a printed or handwritten form.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the membership attending a meeting, provided all members have been notified thirty days prior, to the intended amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws at the specified meeting. Notification can be either hard copy or email.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern proceedings not covered by the Articles of Association or Bylaws.

Approved by the membership on: November 13, 2007

Signed:

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| 1. President      | <u>Joseph Stormer (W3TL)</u>    | _____ |
| 2. Vice President | <u>William Prettyman (W3DR)</u> | _____ |
| 3. Secretary      | <u>William Hammond (N3IOD)</u>  | _____ |
| 4. Treasurer      | <u>Dennis Karol (KB3MJ)</u>     | _____ |