

DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to assure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY 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 Delta County Community.

Recognizing invaluable benefits derived from a national association of radio Amateurs, We hereby unite our club with the American Radio Relay League, (ARRL) and pledge our support to ARRL as an affiliated club.

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ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS OF
THE DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE I

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communication shall be eligible for membership. (See By-Law No. 2)

OFFICERS

ARTICLE II

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

Sec. 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present provided there is a quorum present. Elections will take place at the ANNUAL MEETING to be held on the first regular meeting in December. The term of the office will run from January 1 to December 31. (See By-Law No. 3).

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - For dereliction of duty, any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

DUTIES

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 - The president shall preside at all meeting of this club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none others; and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3 - 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 notice of meeting to each member. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over documents and records belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; and he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without the approval of the club president. At each meeting he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over all financial documents and records belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 5 - At each annual meeting, the membership may choose to combine the office of Secretary and Treasurer for that year only.

MEETINGS

ARTICLE IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings a quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of business. A quorum shall be defined as one (1) officer, and five (5) other full members present at the meeting.

DUES

ARTICLE V

The Club, by majority vote of those members 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 within its objects as set forth in the preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from active membership within the club within the discretion of the membership. Dues are so at the annual meeting as noted in By-Law no. 4.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VI

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a regular meeting providing there is a quorum present. Proposals for amending the Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting following, provided all full members have been notified of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

RULES

ARTICLE VII

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE VIII

Should the club dissolve, the following procedures shall be followed in the disposition of equipment belonging to the club. Equipment that has been purchased by the club for club use shall be sold, at current and prevailing prices, on the open amateur market, with club members holding no privileged position among prospective buyers. With the proceeds being given to a local non-profit organization(s).

BY-LAWS

1. **Secretary:** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments changes and additions to be noted therein and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. The secretary shall endeavor to provide all members with a copy of this Constitution.

2. **Membership:** Application for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution and other rules promulgated by the club. Two-thirds of those present must approve the applicant before he shall be elected to membership. Full membership shall be granted only to a licensed amateur radio operator. Associate membership may be granted to anyone sincerely interested in the hobby of short wave listening and/or amateur radio.

Inactive Membership: If dues are not paid, the member will be carried on the inactive list. Reinstatement to full (or associate) membership status occurs upon receipt of membership dues.

Membership Termination: Members who have had their license revoked by the FCC will require a two-thirds approval of those present to remain as an associate member.

3. **Meetings:** Regular meetings shall be held on the third Monday of each calendar month at such place as the president shall order. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five club members. Notice shall be sent to members concerning special meeting and the business to be discussed, or transacted. In special meetings, only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices must arrive 24 hours before the meeting.

4. **Dues:** For the purpose of providing operating funds and in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution, dues shall be established yearly at the annual meeting. Dues shall be paid by December 31. After that date inactive membership will result. New members may pay one-half the dues, if less than six months remain until the next annual meeting. New licensees will be offered membership without dues for the remainder of the year pending membership application approval.

5. **Officers:** An amateur radio license is a prerequisite for full membership as well as a prerequisite to be elected an officer of the club. Associate members may not hold office in this club.

6. **Additional:** By-Laws may provide for technical, program publicity and other committees, or other rules provisions not provided for in the Constitution itself.

(See rules for Amendments, Article VI).

7. Repeater: The Delta County Amateur Radio Society, Inc. may own and operate a repeater(s) that is open to all licensed Amateur radio operators. The repeater trustee and/or control operator(s) shall cause the repeater to be disabled under the following circumstances:

- (a) If there is any profanity or obscene language used on the repeater. This also includes language used during auto-patch transmissions;
- (b) If there is an equipment failure or malfunction;
- (c) If there is any use of the repeater by any unlicensed station;
- (d) If there is an auto-patch call placed by a non-member, or if there is an auto-patch call initiated by an unidentified station, except as provided above.

8. Auto-Patch: The auto-patch equipment installed on the repeater is for use by club members only. The repeater trustee and/or control operator(s) shall limit use of the auto-patch equipment to paid-up members, excepting that:

- (a) Occasional use of the auto-patch by non-resident amateurs on an intermittent basis;
- (b) Under extenuating circumstances, the repeater trustee and/or control operator(s) shall allow the use of the auto-patch equipment at his discretion.

Addendum

Revision: 08-01-1974

- (1). Added Bylaws #6 Additional Bylaws Language.

Revisions: 10-19-1992

- (1). Added Bylaws #7 Repeater Language.
- (2). Added Bylaws #8 Autopatch Language.

Revision: 01-19-1998

- (1). Reduced quorum requirements

Revisions: 06-18-2007

- (1). Eliminated the need for two signatures to pay bills.
- (2). Eliminated the need to notify members "by mail" on amendment changes.
- (3). Added membership termination language.
- (4). Removed the dues assessment amount and added new licensee dues language.
- (5). Added Addendum page.