

CONSTITUTION

BLOOMINGTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

7 March 2010

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 Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and do enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general 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 general community.

MEMBERSHIP: **ARTICLE I**

Sec. 1 -- All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. (Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its bylaws provide.)

Sec. 2 -- Improper conduct by a member in any club activity shall be cause for his expulsion by a two-third vote of the members at a meeting.

OFFICERS: **ARTICLE II**

Sec. 1 -- Only members in good standing who are licensed amateur radio operators shall be elected to a club office.

Sec. 2 -- The officers of this club shall be: A president, vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, a public relations officer, and four directors.

Sec. 3 – The officers of the Club shall be elected by a vote of members in good standing at the December meeting. One director shall be elected in a similar manner at the December and June meetings.

Sec. 4 -- Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot, at the first regular meeting at which the withdrawal or resignation is announced.

Sec. 5 -- Officers may be removed on motion by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 -- The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted, he shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Sec. 2 -- The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is not able to perform them.

Sec. 3 -- The officers of the club shall be elected for one year by the members in good standing at the December meeting. The new officers will assume the duties of their office in January. The term of a director is two years.

Sec. 4 -- The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all regular meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. He shall receive and receipt for all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization. At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 5 -- The elected officers of this club shall compose a Board of Directors. The Board shall transact the business of the club (except as herein provided) during the periods when the club is not in session, reporting its activities at the following regular meeting. It shall plan and organize club activities. It shall facilitate emergency communication organizations and shall endeavor to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible.

MEETINGS: ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1 -- The bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. For all meetings, a quorum shall consist of the members present.

DUES: ARTICLE V

Sec. 1 -- The Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, Inc. by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its object as set forth in the preamble thereof. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE: ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1 -- The club through designation INTERFERENCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, and OTHER COMMITTEES will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean

signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations in those channels favorable to amateur work.

AMENDMENTS: **ARTICLE VII**

Sec. 1 -- This constitution or the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the club members at a meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the constitution and/or bylaws at a specified meeting.

RULES: **ARTICLE VIII**

Sec. 1 -- Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

BYLAWS

Sec. 1 -- SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and bylaws of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and have the same with him at every regular and special meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

Sec. 2 -- MEMBERSHIP. Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing and each application must express a willingness of the applicant to abide by the Constitution and bylaws and such rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the club. Membership applications shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 -- MEETINGS. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month at such place as the President shall order. If the first Friday falls on a legal holiday, the President may change the meeting night to the following Friday. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of five members of the club. Notices shall be given to all members by either mail or phone of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Such notices must be in the hands of the members at least 5 days before the time set for the meeting. Only such business as is designated in the said notice shall be transacted at special meetings.

Sec. 4 -- EXPENDITURES. Expenditures of funds from the club treasury shall be subject to prior approval by a two-thirds vote of those present at a meeting.

Sec. 5 -- INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE. The committee shall consist of three members appointed by the club President. This committee shall direct investigations, invite the proper members to inquiries, and organize the presentation of technical facts and other testimony within its province, reporting to the club on its results.

Sec. 6 -- PUBLIC RELATIONS. The Committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the club President. This committee shall collect, prepare, edit, and disseminate information of public interest concerning club activities. It shall submit timely advance notice of each meeting including a brief program topic description to at least one of the local newspapers.

Sec. 7 -- OTHER COMMITTEES. The club President shall have power to form any committees as he sees fit and to appoint members thereof at his own description.