

Constitution

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 Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts (CARE) of Medford, Oregon 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.

Article I Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and board approval. Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article II Officers

Section 1. Offices

The officers of this club shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member(s) at Large.

Section 2. Election

The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by majority ballot of the members present at the November meeting.

Section 3. Term limits

An individual may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms before relinquishing that office for a minimum of one term. 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. In order to provide for continuity of leadership, should the President's office become vacant during a term, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President and a new Vice-President shall be elected as provided above.

Section 5. Eligibility

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

Section 6. Dues

In order to hold an office an individual must be current in annual dues.

Section 7. 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 the President or Vice President.

Section 8. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of one-third (1/3) or more of club members and presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation the petition and findings of the investigation will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership. An officer removed from office shall turn over all records and assets of the club to the President or Vice-President.

Section 9. Removal of Members

A member may be removed from membership for unacceptable conduct or practices contrary to ARRL code of conduct or FCC regulations at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Article III Extraordinary Circumstances

As not all possible circumstances can be provided for within the Constitution and Bylaws of any organization large or small, the Governing body requires some means of dealing with extraordinary circumstances. To that end, in the presence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board may take any and all actions as they believe to be necessary to ensure the best possible results for the Club and its membership.

Any such action shall require a documented vote of at least a Quorum of the Board with a simple majority required for approval of any action proposed by the Board under this authority. Voting and documentation may be accomplished by whatever means possible under the circumstances and will be reported to the membership as soon as practical and within 10 days.

"Extenuating circumstances" shall be defined as events or governmental constraints that prevent the normal business of the club from being accomplished. Accommodations made to voting will be temporary in nature, and past accepted club voting procedures will resume in effect as soon as these constraints are removed.

For a period not to exceed 180 days from adoption.

Article IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V Special Assessments

The club, at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such fees and assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization.

Article VI Membership Assistance

The club, through designated assistance (Elmering), Public Relations, and Operating 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.

Article VII Club Call sign

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

The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall:

Be a member of the club in good standing.

Meet FCC requirements.

Not have had his/her Radio Amateur license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article VIII Changes to Constitution and By Laws

Changes to governing documents require a motion for changes and a vote of 51% of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Advanced notice of agenda shall be distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Article IX Dissolution of the Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the membership votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The membership, by majority vote, shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be donated to a nonprofit organization or sold and net proceeds donated to a nonprofit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a nonprofit organization after all club debts are satisfied.