

Chester County Amateur Radio Club 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 Chester County Amateur Radio Club 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, collective 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 county, and, in the community.

Membership: Article I

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Officer's: Article II

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Collectively, they shall make-up the Executive Board. The Executive Board can assemble for meetings outside of regular business meetings. The Secretary and Treasurer Office may be combined as needed

Sec. 2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by vote casting of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual election meeting.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at a time that the remaining Executive Board members shall determine. The President shall reserve the right to appoint an Interim Officer to fill the vacancy until the time of the special election.

Sec. 4. Officers may be removed by a quorum vote of the membership.

Duties of Officers: Article III

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, schedule regular programs, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section and Local Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mailings as needed.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts.

Sec. 5. At the end of their terms each officer will turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to the Executive Board.

Meetings: Article IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. A minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Dues: Article V

Club dues shall be of such amount as stated in the By-Laws.

Membership Assistance: Article VI

The club, through designated individuals, Public Relations, and Operating Committees, will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practices, and absence of spurious radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations and education.

Amendments: Article VII

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a quorum of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

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