

Patoka Valley 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 Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club of Jasper, Indiana, and enact this constitution as our governing law. It is 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 are eligible for membership. Membership is by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-laws. Membership is not denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other biased or prejudicial reason.

Article II

Officers

Section 1. Offices

The officers of this club are President, Vice- President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director of Presentations. An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section 2. Election

The officers of this club are elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Term Limits

There are no limits on the number of terms an officer may serve.

Section 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections are filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 5. Eligibility

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

Section 6. Resignation

An officer may resign by providing written notification to the other Officers. All records and assets of the club are turned over to the President or Vice-President at that time.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition to the President or Vice-President by a majority of active members. After appropriate investigation, the petition is presented 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 active members.

Article III

Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

The President presides at meetings, enforces due observance of this Constitution and By-laws; decides all questions of order, signs all official documents adopted by the club, and ensures Club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service ®.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President assumes the leadership duties in the absence of the President. In addition, the Vice President organizes club activities, plans and recommends contests for operating benefits, and advances club interest and activity as approved by the club.

Section 3-4. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer records the meeting minutes, maintains roll of active and inactive members including email and mail addresses, processes membership applications, reads communications at each meeting, emails or mails written meeting notices to each member and keeps an accounting of all monies received and expended. The Secretary/Treasurer pays no bills without proper authorization by the Club or its Officers. At the end of each quarter the Secretary/Treasurer submits an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts (these are presented at the January, April, July, and October meetings). At the expiration of the term all items belonging to the club are passed on to the successor.

Section 5. Director of Presentations

The director of presentations oversees the scheduling of informative presentations to further develop our skills as effective communicators and enhance our enjoyment and understanding of amateur radio.

Article IV

Meetings

The By-Laws provide for regular and special meetings. At the meetings, a minimum of one-half the active membership constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order govern proceedings.

Article V

Article V is deleted in whole as it is covered elsewhere in the constitution.

Article VI

Membership Assistance

The club provides technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation's from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII

Club Call Sign

The club holds call sign KD9LLH as provided by FCC Rules Part 97. The President assigns trusteeship of the club call sign as needed. The trustee is a member of the club in good standing and meets FCC trustee requirements.

Article VIII

Dissolution of the Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Club Officers unanimously move that the Club 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 Club Officers handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members receives benefit from the assets. All equipment is sold and net proceeds donated to the American Radio Relay League. All remaining cash is donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX

Amendments

The Constitution or By-Laws is amended by a majority vote of the full membership. Proposals for amendments are submitted in writing at a regular meeting and are voted on no sooner than the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail or email of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

By-Laws

1. Secretary/Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and have the same available at every meeting. The Secretary records all amendments, changes and additions on the Constitution and provides it to members upon request.

2. Membership

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs. Associate membership is open to all other interested persons. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Applications for membership are submitted at regular meetings.

Active membership are those members who hold a valid Amateur Radio license and who have paid annual dues.

3. Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each calendar month. Special meetings are called by the President. Notices are sent to members by mail or email concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated is transacted. Such notices are sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

4. Dues Fees and Assessments

Annual dues of \$20.00 per member are hereby assessed for the purpose of providing funds for expenses. Membership dues are payable at the January meeting. Any member whose dues are not paid by the last day of February is considered inactive and is placed on the inactive membership roster. Inactive members have no voting privileges. Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid. Dues for new members shall be prorated at \$10 for those members joining after the June meeting. No dues are assessed for members joining after the September meeting.

5. Elections

Officer elections are held annually at the regular November meeting. Officers assume their elected office January 1 of the following year.

Nominations. The President calls for nominations at the October meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer publishes the final ballot and makes it available to all club members by mail or email immediately following the October meeting.

Voting. Voting is done using secret paper ballots. Immediately after voting the ballots are counted openly in front of the membership. Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots. In the case of an unopposed slate the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a single ballot.

6. Establishment of Additional Committees

Additional committees for technical, program, publicity and other matters may be established by amending the By-laws.

7. Amateur Radio Emergency Service –ARES ®

ARES® is a program of the American Radio Relay League .The Club abides by the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL’s Field Organization as they may be amended from time to time, and by ARRL policies, rules, and guidelines contained in ARRL publications.

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President