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By-Laws
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ARTICLE I - Membership

Section 1

- a. There shall be six (6) classifications of membership: Full, Family, Student, Associate, Newly Licensed, and Life Member.
- b. Persons seeking membership in the Club must submit an application to the Club Secretary by means of any board member or through U.S. mail. Upon reviewing; the information submitted by the applicant, the Secretary shall submit the request for membership (along with the accompanying recommendations) to the Executive Board meeting following the application receipt.
- c. Upon affirmative vote by the Executive Board membership present at the Executive Board meeting following application, membership shall be granted.
- d. All applicants for membership must submit the proper membership fee along with their application. Upon acceptance by the Executive Board, the fee will be processed and the new member announced and/or introduced to the membership at the next general club meeting.
- e. Members who fail to renew their annual membership before the lapse of the grace period ending April 30, shall be required to reapply as required in paragraph "b" of this section. In addition to reapplying, the full payment of the current years dues must be included to regain "Members in Good Standing" status. (See Article VII Finance, Section 2)

Section 2

- a. Full Membership: requires a valid Amateur Radio License and carries full voting privileges.
- b. Family Membership: Spouse of/or other members of the immediate family currently residing in the same household shall have all of the privileges accorded to a full dues paying member except only family members holding valid Amateur Radio Licenses shall be allowed to vote or hold office. Any member of the immediate family who is a student as defined in Article 1, Section 2c, of these By-Laws and not living in the same household and wishes to receive the Club "Circuitboard" shall be classified under Article 1, Section 2c.
- c. Student Membership: Any person holding a valid Amateur Radio License, under the age of twenty-three (23) and a full time student.
- d. Associate Membership: Licensed Amateurs who are local but cannot attend regular meetings due to health conditions, or those who no longer reside in the local area, but wish to remain on the Club Roster and any unlicensed individuals fall into this membership classification. Associate Members may not vote or hold office.
- e. Newly Licensed Membership: Persons acquiring their first Amateur Radio License during any calendar year, and may vote and hold office.
- f. Life Membership: Life Members will be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership.

ARTICLE II - Meetings

Section 1

- a. A Regular meeting shall be held on the third Friday of each month except during the months of July and August.
- b. The annual election of officers shall take place and all annual reports for the fiscal year ending on the third Friday in December. The preceding shall be read and made a part of the Club records at the December meeting.
- c. Procedure of all business meetings shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order" Revised, when not covered by these By-Laws.

Section 2

- a. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, or by the majority of the members present at any meeting of the Club. No other business than that for which it is called shall be transacted at the Special meeting.
- b. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting shall be delivered to all members not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of each Special meeting.
- c. In the case of a Special meeting, the purpose of purposes for which it is called shall be stated in said meeting notice.

ARTICLE III - Elections

Section 1

- a. The President shall appoint a Nominations Elections Committee preceding the November meeting, said committee to be composed of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members. Those holding current elected offices shall not be eligible to serve on said committee. The members of this committee shall elect their own Chairperson.
- b. The Nominations Committee shall draw up a slate of candidates for election to the offices listed in Article V, Section 1, of the Articles of Organization. The committee will then submit its recommendations preceding the December Club meeting and will solicit nominations from the general membership at the December Club meeting.
- c. Additional nominations for candidates to elected offices may be made at the meeting at which the balloting takes place, and/or may be submitted to the Nominations Elections Committee any time prior to the time the balloting takes place.

Section 2

- a. Balloting for each elected office, starting with the highest office, shall take place as part of the regular business of the December meeting. The candidate for each office receiving a plurality, of the qualified ballots cast for such office shall be declared elected.
- b. Any member not present to vote in person at the December meeting may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member and presented by the full member designated in the proxy at the December meeting.

Section 3

Only members qualified by the Articles and in good standing shall be entitled to vote, and the Club Treasurer shall furnish the Nominations Election Committee with a complete list of all members in good standing.

Section 4

The newly elected officers shall assume their respective official duties immediately after the December meeting. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will serve a term of one (1) year. The Directors will serve a term of three (3) years with the terms staggered over a three year period.

ARTICLE IV - Additional Duties Of Officers

Section 1

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Articles of Organization and By-Laws of the York Radio Club and have the same at every Regular and Special meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted therein and shall permit the same to be consulted on request.

Section 2

The Secretary shall ensure that each member has been presented a copy of the Articles of Organization and the By-Laws of the York Radio Club after each revision or at election to membership.

ARTICLE V - Executive Board

Section 1

Members as defined by the Articles of Organization VII, who by virtue of their vested interest in the continued operation of the Club will provide the necessary continuity in the operation of the Club.

Section 2

- a. Meetings of the Executive Board can be conducted by a physical gathering of the members or by the individual polling of the Board members either person, telephone, or through Amateur Radio.
- b. Matters requiring a vote by the Executive Board shall be resolved on the basis of a simple majority of the total votes available on the Executive Board unless otherwise provided for elsewhere in these By-Laws. Votes requiring the polling of the Executive Board members shall normally be conducted by the Club President, with the results of the poll duly recorded by the Secretary in the Club records. In an emergency where the President is not available, any officer, in order of precedent established in the Articles of Organization V, may conduct the poll of the Executive Board members.

ARTICLE VI - Committees

Section 1

The following Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed annually:

Activities/Special Events
Awards
Club Historian
Editor of Circuitboard
Emergency/Severe Weather
Field Day
Net Manager
Public Relations/Publicity
Repeater (Technical)
R.F.I.
Training
VE Captain

The Committee Chairperson shall secure their own committee from the membership of the Club. Since the committee names clearly indicate the nature and purpose of the committee, no further definition should be required. All matters of interest to the Club pertaining to a committee shall be referred to that committee. When necessary the committee's recommendations shall be brought before the Executive Board for final action.

ARTICLE VII - Finance

Section 1

Club dues shall be as follows:

- a. Full Membership: dues are to be recommended by the Executive Board subject to membership approval in accordance with Article VIII of the York Radio Club as amended.
- b. Family Membership: No Dues.
- c. Student Membership: Dues are 1/2 that of the full membership rate.
- d. Newly Licensed Membership: Dues will be 1/2 of the membership classification rate for the first year only.
- e. Associate Membership: Dues are 1/2 of the full membership rate.
- f. Life Membership: No Dues.

Section 2

Members in arrears for dues at the January meeting will be considered "Not in Good Standing." Any member considered "Not in Good Standing" may be reinstated by the payment of the outstanding dues, and any member who has been dropped for nonpayment may be reinstated by making full payment of the current years dues if they do so before the end of the fiscal year.

Section 3

No Club funds shall be expended for any purpose except in the following prescribed manner: Bills shall be paid only by the Treasurer as recommended by the Executive Board and a vote by the general membership.

Section 4

The President shall have the prerogative of spending up to the sum of \$50.00 each month for Club operating expenses. Any money spent in this manner by the President shall be reported to the Executive Board at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a Regular or Special meeting called for this purpose. A minimum of ten (10) members will be required to constitute a quorum for this purpose.