

YORK RADIO CLUB, INC.

Articles of Organization

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PREAMBLE

We the undersigned, being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, by furthering better cooperation among its members, develop individual efficiency furthering the interest of radio in the general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the York Radio Club and do enact this **Constitution** as our governing laws.

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ARTICLE I - Club Name

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be the York Radio Club, Inc., hereinafter called York Radio Club, or, the Club, a not for profit corporation existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Illinois.

Section 2 - The business address of the Club shall be as follows: York Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box 1201, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Section 3 - The Club shall be affiliated with The American Radio Relay League

ARTICLE II - Object and Purpose

The object and purpose of the Club is to promote the interest and welfare in general, and the knowledge, technique and operation in particular of amateur radio, thereby securing the benefits and pleasures of such association for those persons having such Common interest: and to provide, within the means of the Club and its members, emergency communication services and to assist authorized communications and other organizations in such emergencies, when requested by such authorized groups.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1 - All persons who are interested in Amateur Radio, and who agree with the Articles of Organization and By-Laws of this Club, may be eligible for election to membership in the club.

Section 2 - Every Club member shall abide by the F.C.C. Rules and Regulations governing amateur radio, abide by the Articles and Bylaws of this organization; and abide by the actions approved by the majority of the Club members at regular and Special Club meetings or by mail action and vote.

Section 3 - Any member may resign from the Club by submitting such resignation in writing to the Executive Board. However, such resignation shall not relieve the person from any back dues that may be in arrears nor shall he be relieved from the responsibility of returning and accounting for any records, monies, equipment and other properties belonging to the Club.

Section 4 - Any member may be expelled, or otherwise disciplined upon written charges of improper conduct being signed and filed against him to the Executive Board for investigation and subsequent recommendations and actions on said charges. Should expulsion be recommended by the Executive Board, then such charges, recommendations, and reasons thereof shall be placed before the Club membership. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all members in good standing shall be necessary for expulsion. For purposes of tallying the vote, the number used to represent the total of all members in good standing shall be adjusted downward by one, for each member in good standing that fails to enter a vote of either yea or nay for any reason beyond the Club's control. Members will have at least three weeks from date of postmark to return their ballot. In the event of any objection to said recommended expulsion the issue shall be referred back to the Executive Board for their investigation, hearing, and final action.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings

Section 1 - An annual meeting of the Club shall take place at which time the annual Election of Club officers shall be held, and all annual reports for the fiscal year ending shall be read and made a part of the Club records

Section 2 - The By-Laws shall provide for the Annual, Regular, and Special meetings. At all meetings the membership present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V - Elections and Appointments

Section 1 -The Elected Officers shall be: (President) (Vice President) (Secretary) (Treasurer) All of the above mentioned elected officers shall serve for a period of one year or until their respective successors shall have been elected and assumed their offices.

Section 2 - There shall be three Directors with staggered three year terms. The retiring President automatically becomes a Director. Should the President retain his office or decline the Directorship, a Director shall be elected by the membership at the Annual meeting.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring in any elective office during the year may be filled or left vacant for the balance of the current term at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 4 - The President may at any time appoint various members to serve on standing or special committees or to act as representatives to organizations as may be necessary to coordinate various Club activities, emergency communications, services, etc. All appointments shall have the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 5 - Any elected or appointed Officer or Director may be removed from office upon written charges of improper conduct being signed and filed against the Officer or Director by five (5) members of the Club in good standing and after a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all members in good standing present at a regular or special meeting called for this purpose or by special mail balloting but not at the meeting at which the charges are referred. The accused shall be permitted the services of council and complete opportunities for defense. A vote will be taken at a mutually acceptable time not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of the charges.

Section 6 - Any active member holding a valid Amateur Radio license and in good standing shall be eligible to election or appointment to an Club office or to the Executive Board. Any Club member in good standing shall be eligible to appointment as Chairperson or member of various committees.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of Elected Officers

Section 1 - The Club President shall be the Executive head of the Club. The President shall: 1. preside at all Club and Board meetings, 2. perform such duties as directed by either the Club or the Executive Board, 3. have full power to enforce the provisions of these Articles and By-Laws, 4. be an ex-officio member of all committees, however, the president shall not participate in any committee voting.

Section 2 - The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of/or inability of the President to act and shall perform other such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President or by the Executive Board.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Club and of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall: 1. keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all Club and Executive Board meeting, 2. be the custodian of current records and papers of the Club, 3. render reports annually or when requested by the President or Executive Board, 4. call the Roll of Officers at the Club's Annual Meeting, 5. conduct all Club correspondence as directed.

The Secretary shall also perform the duties of the President in the temporary absence or inability of the President and Vice President to act and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Executive Board.

Section 4 -The Treasurer shall receive, hold and disburse under the direction of the Executive Board all monies and securities belonging all to the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all Club finances and securities and to see that they are received and safely deposited in the name of the Club in such bank or depositories as selected by the Executive Board. The books shall be open to any active member in good standing for inspection at all reasonable hours and shall be open to audit by the Executive Board at the close of books at the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and render reports of same at all Regular meetings and at the Annual Meeting. No disbursements shall be made except by voucher and shall require two, out of three, authorized signatures from those holding the following three offices. President, Treasurer, or Secretary. The treasurer shall also maintain a register of all Club members including names, addresses, phone numbers, call and class of license.

Section 5 - All officers herein provided for shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to their respective offices.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Board

Section 1 - The Executive Board of the Club shall coordinate the activities of the Club and shall be vested with the administrative powers to manage the affairs of the Club subject to the approval of the Club.

Section 2 - The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Club; the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the three (3) Directors, Registered Agent, Trustee, and Equipment Manager.

Section 3 - The Executive Board shall be responsible for the following appointments.

a. Registered Agent, for the purpose of acting as agent for the Corporation.

b. Trustee, who will be responsible with regard to any and all applicable F.C.C. Regulations. The Trustee will be on record with the F.C.C. either as the duly appointed Trustee of the Club Station and license, if future F.C.C. regulations require it, the Trustee will hold the individual Amateur Radio License whose call letters are used by the Club Station.

c. An Equipment Manager who shall be responsible for possession and management of the Club operation, test, and other equipments and other real property owned by, leased to, and is otherwise the responsible responsibility of the Club.

d. The registered Agent, Trustee, and Equipment Manager shall hold indefinite terms of office and can be removed or replaced by the Executive Board as required. They will hold seats on the Executive Board and they may, if elected serve concurrently as an Officer or Director.

Section 4 - Only members of the Executive Board will be allowed to vote at their meetings. The Board, however, can invite members of various Committees or other Club members to participate in any Board Meeting in an advisory capacity to the Board at the particular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Finances

Section 1 - The dues of the Club shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be approved by the Club members at the Annual Meeting. Special expenditures that may occur or that are anticipated which are of a one-time nature can be levied as a special assessment for the current year only, which would be added to the normal dues for that year. Special assessments of this nature shall also be approved by the Club members at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

Section 1 - Proposals for amendments to these Articles of Organization may be made by the Executive Board or by a petition signed by any five (5) members and submitted to the Secretary at a Regular Meeting.

Section 2 - These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all members in good standing. For purposes of tallying the vote, the number used to represent the total of all members in good standing shall be adjusted downward by one for each member in good standing that fails to enter a vote either of yea or nay for any reason beyond the Club's control.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall cause the text of the amendment, in the form of a ballot, to be distributed to the membership prior to the next regular meeting after submission. Members will have at least three weeks from date of postmark to return their ballot.

Section 4 - The proposed amendment shall be brought to the floor for discussion at the next regular meeting following distribution. If said timing in Section 3 has been met, the Secretary shall collect any outstanding ballots prior to counting the votes at which time, the results are to be announced. If said timing has not been met, received ballots are to be opened and counted at the next regular meeting. The secretary will be responsible for safeguarding the ballots until counted.