

THE SHAWNEE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

SECTION 1. The name of this corporation shall be the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association, Incorporated, a not for profit corporation, chartered under "The General Not for Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. The principle offices of the corporation shall be located in Herrin, Illinois.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are to further the fraternity of radio amateurs, to encourage persons who are interested in amateur radio and to assist, when called upon for disaster or emergency services.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of this corporation shall be divided into the following classes:

- A. Active - Any person holding a valid amateur radio operator's license shall be eligible to become an active member.
- B. Associate - Any person sincerely interested in amateur radio who does not hold an amateur radio operator's license shall be eligible to become an associate member.
- C. Honorary - Any person of good character who particularly distinguishes himself in public or civic service may be elected to an honorary membership.
- D. Life - Any active member, by paying a fee of ten times the current annual membership dues, shall be granted Life membership.

SECTION 2. Active and associate memberships shall be granted to applicants by making application to the Secretary and paying the first years dues. If challenged, the applicant must then receive a favorable vote of a majority of the members present at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 3. Membership privileges shall be as follows:

- A. An Active member shall have all the privileges of the corporation, including those of voting and holding office.
- B. An Associate member shall have the same privileges of an Active member excepting voting privileges and holding elective office.
- C. An Honorary member shall have the privileges of an Associate member.
- D. A Life member shall have the privileges of an Active member for the duration of his or her life span.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

The government of this corporation shall be vested in a nine member Board of Directors, which includes the four elected officers.

- A. The retiring officers shall retire to the Board of Directors for a term of one year.

B. Additional members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as needed for a term of one year to fill the complement of nine.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Regular and special meetings of the corporation and its governing body shall be as provided for in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This constitution or any section thereof may be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Any proposed changes must be presented to the members for discussion during a duly called meeting, but said proposed change may not be acted upon until 30 days following publication and discussion at a regular meeting. The Constitution and by-laws shall be reviewed and dated at intervals not to exceed five years.

ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FEES

The dues and fees shall be set as voted on by 2/3 of the members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

This corporation shall have the power to adopt by-laws with the provision that proposed changes must be presented to the members present for discussion at a duly called meeting. Changes may not be acted upon until the following regular meeting

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BY-LAWS OF THE SHAWNEE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE 1 -DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1. The annual dues for continuing membership shall be payable on the first day of January each year.

SECTION 2. NEW MEMBERS

A. New members who join during the first three quarters (9 months) of the year will be required to pay a full years dues with their membership expiring on December 31 of the same year.

B. New members who join during the last quarter will be paid through December 31 of the succeeding year,

C. Each new member shall be provided with a membership card and a current copy of the constitution and by-laws.

SECTION 3. DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP

A. A previously paid up member shall have three months grace period in which to pay the current dues before being dropped from the membership rolls.

B. A person who is two years delinquent and wishes to rejoin will be treated as a new member.

SECTION 4. DEATH OF MEMBER. The Shawnee Amateur Radio Association, Inc., will provide a memorial gift in the amount of \$35.00 to the surviving spouse upon the death of a member in good standing.

SECTION 5. REPEATER REPAIR COMMITTEE. When a member of the repeater committee reports that they have traveled to the 146.640 repeater site they may be reimbursed \$10:00 for travel expenses. When a member of the repeater committee reports that they have traveled to the 147.090 repeater site they may be reimbursed \$15.00 for travel expenses.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall have control and management of this corporation and shall perform other duties as necessary.

SECTION 2. The elected Officers of this corporation shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. SECTION 3. The duties of all Officers and Directors shall consist of that as ordinarily appertain to and are indicated by the titles of such and as set forth in the following;

A. It shall be the duty of the President to supervise and direct all affairs and activities of this corporation and to also serve as exofficio member of the Board of Directors and all committees. The President shall keep the Vice-President informed as to all actions taken.

B. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in his absence and at the direction of the President, be responsible for all internal affairs of this corporation.

C. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all non-financial records and official papers of this corporation and shall keep correct minutes of all meetings, give required notices of payable and delinquent dues, give notice of acceptance of membership, give notice of annual elections and special meetings, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office which from time to time may be designated.

D. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, book of accounts and financial records and papers of this corporation and shall make a monthly report of the monetary transactions and a separate report for all projects. The Treasurer shall act as the collector of all dues, fees and obligations due this corporation and shall be authorized to dispense funds as required.

SECTION 4. The term of office for the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be one year commencing on the first day of January and ending on the 31st day of December of the same year. There is no limit to the number of consecutive terms a person may serve in the capacity of an officer.

SECTION 5. Vacancies in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall be filled in the following manner: the Board of Directors shall recommend a suitable candidate or candidates to the membership who will then elect the officer by a majority vote at a regular meeting. Any such member shall serve only for the duration of the unexpired term for which elected.

ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The electoral year and the fiscal year shall run concurrently from January first through December 31st of the same year.

SECTION 2. The annual election of this corporation shall be held at the regular November meeting.

SECTION 3. Only those members whose dues have been paid for the current year shall be able to vote or hold office.

SECTION 4. Nominations from the floor will be taken for each office at the regular October meeting.

SECTION 5. Candidates for each office shall be presented and voted upon by the membership at the regular November meeting. A candidate shall be considered elected if he/she receives a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. This corporation shall hold its regular meetings on the first Friday of each month unless a temporary change becomes necessary. Notice of such change shall be given to the membership prior to the meeting date.

SECTION 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. A quorum must be present at all meetings of the Board of Directors in order to transact legal business. Five members constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. All meetings are to be governed and conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order.

ARTICLE V - OFFICIAL ORGAN

SECTION 1. The official publication of this corporation shall be known as the "SARA SLIP" and shall be published monthly. This publication shall be mailed to all classes of membership whose dues are paid up by the end of the first quarter of the current calendar year, and should contain, among other things, the official minutes of each meeting of this corporation, to be supplied to the editor-publisher by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The responsibility of providing the publication shall rest with the editor-publisher who shall be appointed for an indefinite term by the Board of Directors.

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