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87 Years of Continuous Service in the Yakima Valley
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YAKIMA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CONSTITUTION

ENACTED: FEBRUARY 20, 2018

PREAMBLE

To further the purposes set forth herein, the members agree to be, and hereby are, organized under this Constitution as a not for profit service and social club, for the Association to be named YAKIMA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, hereafter referred to in this document as “YARC”, and do enact this Constitution as our governing law.

PURPOSE

- A. Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- B. Continuation and extension of the amateur’s proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- C. Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
- D. Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronic experts.
- E. Continuation and extension of the amateur’s unique ability to enhance international good will.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL

YARC members will conduct themselves with mutual respect and decorum towards their fellow HAM operators and the community at large, following rules and regulations required by governing agencies, the YARC Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 1 Membership Eligibility

- a. Any person, without regard to race, creed, gender, age or physical impairment, interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership in the YARC. Membership shall be by application and by what the YARC bylaws shall provide.
- b. Memberships will be in good standing with the FCC; of good moral character; who have an interest in amateur radio and/or electronics, have an interest in the aims of the club, and be willing to voluntarily respond to and assist during declared emergencies or disasters. Such persons may become members of the club, provided they also meet other requirements of the Bylaws.
- c. Membership provides for one individual member the privileges of their approved membership level.
- d. Memberships shall be for a period of one year, beginning the date of membership acceptance and ending December 31st of that current year.

SECTION 2 Removal of Members

- a. Any member whose FCC-issued Amateur Radio License is suspended or revoked with cause or who is assessed a fine or other penalty by the FCC shall be automatically removed from membership in the YARC
- b. Any member who operates his/her station in violation of Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations, and who does not cease and desist from violations, may be removed from membership in the YARC.
- c. Any member who causes adverse publicity to Amateur Radio or the YARC may be removed from membership in the YARC.
- d. Any member whose annual dues are in arrears for more than 30 days shall be removed from membership rolls, but may reinstate upon payment of said dues.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICES

GENERAL

Members elected, appointed or by volunteer, accepting positions and/or offices do so knowing and agreeing to hold said office in good standing, in the best interest of amateur radio and the YARC. Furthermore, agree to follow the specific responsibilities, duties and procedures contained within the YARC Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the membership.

SECTION 1 Elected Officers

Officers shall consist of four elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. YARC Officers will fulfill the duties assigned to their office as described in the club bylaws, and in the best interest of the YARC.

Office shall be filled under the following:

- a. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year by ballot of a simple majority of those members present at the first regular meeting in the month elections have been scheduled, and shall take office at the following regular meeting.
- b. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special ballot or vote at the first meeting at which resignation or withdrawal is announced.
- c. Officers may be removed for cause upon a motion of two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the regular or called meeting, provided all members have been notified in advance by mail/email of the intent to do so.

SECTION 2 Club Trustee

In accordance with FCC rules and regulations, the Elected Officers will annually select or reaffirm a YARC Member, who is licensed as an Amateur Radio Extra Class operator by the FCC, to be the official Club License Trustee and representative of YARC.

Club Trustee shall be responsible for:

- a. Maintaining Club Station License
- b. Designation of control operators
- c. Act in the best interest of the club.

SECTION 3 Committees

Committees may be established as a Formal Committee or a Special Committee, governed by objectives and guidelines within the YARC Constitution and Bylaws, in specific areas of interest of the YARC mission.

SECTION 4 Long-Term Appointments

Long term appointments of key individuals shall be made by the President when necessary (e.g., Club Historian, Inventory or Property Custodian, etc.). These appointments shall be for an indefinite period, preferably for several years, and should only be given to members who are able to perform the specific requirements of the job.

ARTICLE III BUSINESS OPERATIONS

SECTION 1 Meetings

- a. Regular meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place decided by a vote of 2/3 majority of the members present at the regular or called meeting, provided all members have been notified in advance by mail/email of the intention to do so.
- b. Special meetings and meetings of the W7AQ Board of Committees may be called at the discretion of the President, or his designated representative.
- c. All proceedings during meetings shall be kept as informal as possible, but where conflicts arise, shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised."
- d. Total attending Full Members present at any regular monthly meeting, properly announced called meeting or special meeting having had all Full Members notified in advance, shall constitute a quorum for valid majority votes as required by the YARC Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 2 Dues

- a. The YARC, by two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a regular or called meeting provided all members have been notified by mail/email of the intent, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments deemed necessary for the organization within its objectives set forth in the preamble thereof.
- b. Membership approved increases or decreases to established dues amount shall go into effect upon the beginning of the following renewal period.
- c. A schedule of dues shall be published on the YARC website each December. Annual dues shall be payable January of each year.

SECTION 3 YARC Property

- a. Any item purchased with YARC funds become the sole property of the YARC. An inventory of property or assets will be maintained by the President.
- b. Donated items become the sole property of the YARC. Any donations by individuals or business shall be overseen by the YARC President, who will maintain an accounting of items or moneys.
- c. Members accepting donations on behalf of the YARC without immediate notification and inclusion of the YARC President may be found not acting in good faith and best interests of the YARC and be subject to disciplinary actions outlined in the YARC Bylaws.

SECTION 4 YARC Finance Administration

- a. All YARC members will be good stewards of the funds and property owned and operated by the club.
- b. Financial records will be maintained and audited to ensure compliance with non-profit requirements and the principals contained within the YARC Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. YARC's bank accounts will only be held at approved financial institutions. A signature card shall be kept by the bank showing the signatures of the current President, Vice President and Treasurer.
- d. The Treasurer will report the status club finances to the membership each regular meeting and upon request and in the manner prescribed under guidelines set forth in the YARC Bylaws.
- e. Any member of the YARC, willful, intentional, or through acts of negligent management of funds shall be cause for immediate removal, permanently barred to future memberships. Legal actions afforded by applicable laws can be pursued.

SECTION 5 Amendments

- a. The Constitution may be amended at a regular club meeting by 2/3rds majority vote of the membership present, provided that the proposed amendment has first been presented in writing to the YARC Elected Officers, Review Committee. The membership shall be notified by mail/email that a proposed change will be presented at the next regular meeting and then been presented as a motion and read to the club at the next regular meeting where the membership shall vote on the proposed changes.
- b. Amendment to matters within the Bylaws, unless specifically mandated, provided that the proposed amendment has first been presented in writing to the YARC Elected Officers and Review Committee, may be by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the regular or called meeting, having been presented as a motion, unless limited by the Constitution or the Bylaws. The membership shall be notified by mail/email that a proposed change will be presented at the next regular meeting

SECTION 6 Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of YARC, the assets of YARC may be sold as a fundraiser for a designated community service project, or donated by the approval of the membership of the YARC to one or more non-profit organizations in such manner as defined in the YARC Bylaws.

**ARTIVLE IV
SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Constitution or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Constitution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the Constitution is severable.

**ARTICLE V
ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION**

The YARC Constitution has been reviewed, discussed, and adopted as written above on February 20, 2018; by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at the regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with the Articles contained within.

ATESST:

Robert Rutherford
Robert Rutherford President

FEB 20, 2018
Date

Robert Dameron
Robert Dameron Vice President

Feb 20, 2018
Date

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the adopted Constitution of Yakima Amateur Radio Club, and that said Constitution was adopted on the date set forth above.

Deanna Sanchez
Deanna Sanchez Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Feb 20, 2018
Date