

# The Williamson County Amateur Radio Club Bylaws

## 1.0 Membership

The WCARC shall have four classes of membership:

### 1.01 General Membership

General membership shall be open to all licensed amateur radio operators upon payment of assessed membership dues. A general member has all rights and privileges of membership in the WCARC. A general membership is converted to a limited membership upon expiration of the general member's amateur radio license.

### 1.02 Family Membership

Family membership shall consist of two or more members of the same household. Each person in a family membership holds the same rights and privileges of membership for which each would qualify individually.

### 1.03 Limited Membership

Limited membership shall be open to all persons interested in amateur radio and do not possess a valid amateur radio operator's license upon payment of assessed membership dues. Members holding a limited membership are not granted the privileges to vote or hold an elected office. All other rights and privileges of membership in the WCARC are granted. A limited membership shall be converted to a general membership upon the limited member's obtaining a valid amateur radio operator's license.

### 1.04 Honorary Membership

Honorary membership shall be bestowed upon persons who have contributed substantially to the WCARC. An honorary member will be elected per Voting section 6.02. This membership shall be for life. The honorary member shall have the same rights and privileges of membership for which each would qualify individually. Membership dues shall be waived for honorary members.

### 1.05 Cancellation of Membership

Membership in the WCARC is automatically cancelled upon the suspension or revocation of a member's license and shall remain cancelled for the duration of such suspension or revocation. Reinstatement of membership in the WCARC under these circumstances can be achieved by an election per Voting section 6.03.

### 1.06 Removal of Membership

Removal of a member of the WCARC shall be by a vote of the voting membership per Voting section 6.03. Voting for removal of membership shall be upon a written petition to remove, signed by a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership. The petition shall be presented to the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such removal is brought before the membership of the WCARC. The final vote for removal may occur upon ten (10) days' notice to the voting membership of the WCARC by regular US Mail.

## 2.0 Dues

The annual dues shall be:

### 2.01 General and Limited Membership

General and limited membership dues shall be \$10.00.

### 2.02 Family Membership

Family membership dues shall be \$15.00.

### 2.03 Honorary Membership

Honorary membership dues shall be waived.

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## 2.04 Prorating of Dues

Dues shall be payable on January 1st or upon application for membership. First time payment of membership dues paid in the last two months of a year will cover the following year's assessment. There will be no other prorating of membership dues.

## 3.0 Officers

### 3.01 President

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the WCARC. The duties of the president are to: a) preside at all meetings; b) have general active management of the business and affairs of the WCARC; appoint the chairman of the Activities Committee, and d) see that all resolutions and orders are carried into effect. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

### 3.02 Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be responsible for the program following each month's business meeting. In the absence or disability of the President the Vice-President shall perform all duties and have the authority and power of the President.

### 3.03 Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all proceedings in a book kept for that purpose and shall be the custodian of all official books and records of the WCARC, except for those of the treasury. The Secretary shall be responsible for all general notices required by these bylaws.

### 3.04 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep all the financial records of the WCARC and shall be the custodian thereof. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and securities of the WCARC and shall make deposits thereto and disbursements there from. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the membership roster and membership status and for all WCARC financial reports.

3.05 All officers shall assume office at the annual business meeting immediately after the election is certified.

3.06 A vacancy occurring in any office except the President shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee as soon as practicable. The Vice-President shall become President should a vacancy occur in the President of the WCARC. All appointments by the Executive Committee due to a vacancy are for the un-expired term of the office.

### 3.07 Assistants

Any elected WCARC officer may appoint assistants from the voting membership as necessary and delegate authority to them upon consent of a majority of the Executive Committee.

### 3.08 Removal from Office

Removal from office of a WCARC officer shall be by a vote of the voting membership per Voting section 6.03. Voting for removal from office shall be upon a written petition to remove, signed by a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership. The petition shall be presented to the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such removal is brought before the membership of the WCARC. The final vote for removal may occur upon ten (10) days' notice to the voting membership of the WCARC by regular US Mail.

## 4.0 Committees

### 4.01 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the elected officers of the WCARC and the immediate

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past president. The President of the WCARC is the chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall not acquire nor dispose of any property or interests therein, nor enter into any agreements related to WCARC affairs without the consent of the voting membership per Voting section 6.02.

## 4.02 Activities Committee

The Activities committee shall be comprised of WCARC members appointed by the Activities Committee Chairman.

## 4.03 Other Committees

Other committees may be formed as needed to support WCARC activities and services.

## 5.0 Meetings

5.01 The regular meeting place of the WCARC shall be at the discretion of the President. The WCARC shall meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

5.02 The WCARC shall hold an annual business meeting to elect officers in December at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall select. Notice of this meeting shall be posted to all voting members by regular US Mail at least twenty (20) days prior to such meeting, unless the meeting is to be at the regularly scheduled place and time.

5.03 The Executive Committee of the WCARC may meet monthly or as needed to address the needs of the WCARC. The meeting may be scheduled by the Chairman or any three members of the Executive Committee upon three days' notice to the other members. The notice provision of the bylaws may be waived by the unanimous vote of all the Executive committee members.

5.04 The WCARC may hold such called meetings as the Executive Committee shall designate, or call by a quorum of the voting membership upon ten (10) days' notice to the membership by regular US Mail.

5.05 The notice provision to the general membership of all preceding bylaws herein may be waived by giving notice at the preceding regular monthly meeting provided that at least a quorum of the General Membership is present at such meeting.

5.06 The use of the official publication of the WCARC, posted in the US Mail may suffice as notice as required by any of the preceding bylaws.

5.07 Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard of conduct for all meetings.

## 6.0 Voting

6.01 Voting shall be by a show of hands in open meetings, except for election of officers which shall be by written ballot. Voting for election of officers may also be by a show of hands for officer positions which are unopposed.

### 6.02 Fifty Percent Vote

The fifty percent vote may be either a vote of fifty percent (50 %) of the voting members of the WCARC or fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the WCARC present at two regularly scheduled meetings of the WCARC when a quorum is present.

The second vote may occur upon ten (10) days' notice to the voting membership of the WCARC by regular US Mail.

### 6.03 Two-Thirds Vote

The two-thirds vote may be either a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the WCARC or two-thirds of the voting members of the WCARC present at two regularly scheduled meetings of the WCARC when

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a quorum is present.

The second vote may occur upon ten (10) days' notice to the voting membership of the WCARC by regular US Mail.

6.04 The WCARC may hold such called meetings as the Executive Committee shall designate, or called by a quorum of the voting membership upon ten (10) days' notice to the membership by regular US Mail.

6.05 Any action of the Executive committee may be rescinded by a vote per Voting section 6.02.

6.06 The notice provision to the general membership of all preceding bylaws herein may be waived by giving notice at the preceding regular monthly meeting provided that at least a quorum of the General Membership is present at such meeting.

6.07 Twenty percent (20%) or five (5) members, whichever is greater, of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum to do business at any meeting.

6.08 Any action taken without compliance with the bylaws is void, but each action may be made acceptable by subsequent compliance with the bylaws.

### **7.0 Bylaw Amendments**

7.01 These bylaws may be amended at a regularly scheduled meeting by a vote of the voting membership per Voting section 6.03, upon giving written notice of such amendments at the regular meeting immediately prior thereto.

7.02 Any amendment contrary to the law or the Charter of the WCARC is void.