

ZEPHYRHILLS AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Articles of Incorporation
CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves and others the pleasures and benefits of associating with other persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the ZEPHYRHILLS AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., and enact this constitution as our governing law.

Our purpose shall be to promote and encourage Amateur Radio as a hobby, by furthering the exchange of information and radio knowledge and by encouraging operating efficiency. We will work to coordinate the activities of individuals and Amateur Radio Clubs, foster the civic, educational, and social aspects of Amateur Radio by conducting club programs and activities, create awareness and advance the general interest regarding the welfare of Amateur Radio in the community and especially by participating in disaster communications in times of emergency by exercising all such powers enumerated in the GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I (MEMBERSHIP)

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be entitled to apply for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its by-laws provide.

ARTICLE II (OFFICERS)

Sec. 1-- The officers of this club shall be: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER. These officers shall constitute the Club's Board of Directors.

Sec. 2-- The officers of this club shall be elected in uneven years for a term of two years. Election shall be by ballot of the members present, providing there shall be a quorum. Nominations for officers will be made at the February meeting (in odd years) and all nominees must be 18 years old, a member in good standing and a full time Florida resident. Elections for officers will be held at the March meeting. The officers elected will assume office beginning with the April meeting following the election. Election shall be by simple majority. The License Trustee is appointed by the Board of Directors to the board as a non-voting member and will serve continuously until such time he/she is removed by three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors..

Sec. 3 -- Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation, providing there is a quorum present.

Sec. 4 -- Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership present at the first meeting after notification by mail of the pending election or removal.

ARTICLE III (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

Sec. 1 -- The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He or she shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of president, and such others as may be prescribed by the by-laws or that may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 -- The Vice-President shall assume and perform all duties of the President in the absence of the latter, and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 -- The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting when necessary. He or she shall at the expiration of his or her term turn over all such records and items to his or her successor. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be presented by the by-laws or that may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4 -- The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club, and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The treasurer will pay all appropriate and required license fees and taxes from the club treasury. No bills shall be paid without proper authorization by the club or its officers constituting a business committee. At each meeting the Treasurer shall submit a treasurer's report of disbursements and receipts, bills to be paid, and the balance on hand, and shall at the expiration of his or her term turn over all such records, monies and items to his or her successor. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws or that may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 -- The appointed License Trustee must hold an FCC Extra Class license (required to maintain the club call which is an extra class call) and will be the trustee of the CLUB License.

ARTICLE IV (MEETINGS)

The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings a minimum of twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V (DUES AND MEMBER EXPULSION)

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting may levy upon the membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objects as set forth in the preamble. Non-payment of such dues shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership. Other causes for expulsion

may be adopted and approved from time to time by the Board of Directors and notice thereof shall be given to the membership.

ARTICLE VI (AMENDMENTS)

This Constitution may be amended by a minimum of two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted upon at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution at said meeting.

ARTICLE VII (RULES OF ORDER)

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings and all questions not otherwise specified in this Constitution or the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII (EFFECTIVE DATE)

This Constitution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the membership at a regular or special meeting with prior notice having been given to the membership.

The foregoing Constitution of the ZEPHYRHILLS AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. was adopted by the membership at their meeting with prior notice having been given to the membership, said adoption having occurred on this the th day of _____, _____

Geoffrey Smith

President (WB3JUZ)

Joseph Dunn

Vice President (KB3LIU)

Charles Nelson

Secretary (KE7UTH)

Charles Nelson

Treasurer (KE7UTH)