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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WALTHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

1. Name

The name of this association is the "Waltham Amateur Radio Association".

2. Purpose

This association has been organized in order to promote better cooperation and harmony among amateur radio operators, and to make ourselves of more service to our country and community.

Insofar as permitted to corporations under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the club's purpose shall be to, without profit, promote knowledge and interest in radio communications and electronics in general by meetings, lectures, demonstrations, publications and radio amateur activities in general, and to purchase, rent, lease and hire all kinds of property, personal, real and mixed for carrying out said purpose.

3. Membership

All active members on the membership list on the date that this amended constitution is approved are considered as members , preserving their existing membership expiration date.

- a. A new member may be admitted by submitting a membership form and paying dues according to the Bylaws. No formal approval is required.
- b. If any club officer raises a concern about admitting a new member within 3 months of their application, then admission requires a simple majority vote by members attending the next regular club meeting.
- c. A membership can be rescinded by a 2/3 vote of the membership list.
- d. A member is considered active, having voting rights, only when required dues are up to date or as otherwise specified in the Bylaws.

4. Officers

- a. The officers of the association are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Trustee.
- b. A member may hold more than one office. However, the President may not serve as Vice President, and the Treasurer may not serve as Assistant Treasurer.
- c. The President, Vice President, and Trustee must each hold an amateur radio license.
- d. Elections for officers shall be held periodically according to the Bylaws.
- e. Any officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the membership list.

5. Board of Directors

- a. The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers, as defined in Section 4.
- b. In any case of decision making by the Board of Directors, an officer holding more than one office gets only 1 vote.

6. Method of Amending

- a. A 2/3 vote of the membership list shall be required to add an amendment to the constitution.
- b. A 2/3 vote of the membership list shall be required to appeal an amendment.

Note: The Ratification section of the original 1938 Constitution is no longer applicable. Changes are covered by the Method of Amending section.