

The Iron Range Amateur Radio Club Constitution

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Preamble

It is the purpose of the Iron Range Amateur Radio Club to associate ourselves together with persons commonly interested in amateur radio. It shall be our purpose to further exchange information and cooperation between members, to promote radio efficiency, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency and to conduct the Club programs and activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

Membership

Article I a. - Regular Membership

Section 1 - All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2 - Only members who are licensed amateurs shall have the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3 - Those under 18 years old as of January 1, if there are no other hams in the family, may become members by paying \$1 in annual dues.

Section 4 - Newly licensed hams will have a free membership for 12 months.

Article I b. - Associate Membership In the interest of promoting international fellowship within the Amateur Radio community, for those hams who live outside of the US and are interested in Associate Membership in our Club, who have checked into the Sunday night Net at least twice, and upon the recommendation of a Regular Member, without objection from any Regular Member, shall be Associate Members, without voting privileges, for the current fiscal year. This privilege may be revoked at any time by a simple majority vote of the Regular Club Members. There will be no cost to become an Associate Member.

Officers

Article II - Election of Officers

Section 1 - The officers of this Club shall be: President; Vice President; Secretary; and Treasurer.

Section 2 - The officers of this Club shall be elected for a term of one year by a simple majority of the members present at the final regular meeting of the year or another meeting designated for elections.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Article III - Duties of officers

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this constitution, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2 - The Vice President shall run the meetings when the President is absent.

Section 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, read communications at each meeting. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the Club to his successor. It shall also be his duty to keep the Constitution of the Club and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by the members upon request.

Section 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and issue receipts for all monies paid to the Club. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Club President. At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Club to his successor.

Meetings

Article IV

Section 1 - Monthly meetings shall be held at such place and time as the President shall order. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of any five Club members. Members shall be notified about special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted at special meetings.

Section 2 - A minimum of 6 members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of making decisions which affect the whole Club. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings.

Dues

Article V

Section 1 - The Club, by a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments 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 or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

Section 2 - Yearly dues of \$24 per member shall be paid prior to March 1 to maintain membership. If more than one amateur exists in the immediate family then the dues shall constitute a family membership. New members shall be received on a pro-rated, quarterly basis.

Committees

Article VI

Such Committees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary to advance the Club business and interests. Such committees as a "Tech Committee," "Repeater Committee," "Interference Committee," and "Packet Committee" shall be appointed as needed.

Amendments

Article VII

Section 1 - This constitution may only be amended when due notification has been given to the membership prior to the meeting in which the vote shall take place. Such notification may be given at a regular Club meeting prior to the meeting in which such a vote will take place, or by written notification of all members.

Section 2 - This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at a special or regular meeting.

Dissolution

Article VIII

In the event that the Iron Range Amateur Radio Club dissolves, the equipment shall be sold and then all the Club monies shall be given to the Iron County Historical Museum in Caspian, Michigan.