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IRL Constitution and By-Laws

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an Organization of Persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Illinois Radio League Club, Of New Lenox, Illinois, being a separate identity other than tax ID, from the Illinois Radio League Organization in itself.

And enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct Club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article I

Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership.

Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the Club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Appointees will be done separate from the Club meetings. The Third (3rd) Friday of every month shall be the general meeting date, unless, unforeseen circumstances keep from allowing a meeting at that time to take place.

$\frac{3}{4}$ of members of the Board must be present at such meeting! Unless, a health or other major illness is present and then such person may be on a conference call, via voice and sound.

Section 1. Offices

The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Sargent at Arms.

Section 2. Appointing

The officers of this Club shall be voted upon by the members, unless no one wants such positions. At that time, a member can be appointed, as long as there are no objections from members. The Board of Appointees or the Appointed Officers will be for a 2-year term unless, relieved of his, or her duty, or the Club members of $\frac{3}{4}$ agree in writing that a change in President or Board Appointee is warranted.

Section 3. Term limits

An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term, unless no one is available to fill said vacancy. Terms will be consistent of 2 years.

Section 4. Vacancies

Vacancies that occur, may be filled at the next month's meeting by The Illinois Radio Club, itself asks for such person to fill the vacancy, agreed upon the request at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation, members do not step forward for the position and a vote has been established by members, is not needed or warranted.

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license, along with being/becoming a VE within a month of such office held and be 21 years or older.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the Club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of majority, (2/3) of the Illinois Radio League Club full paid voting members, presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation, the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the Club and an opening of that office will be presented to members of the Club for future appointment.

Article II

Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings unless prior notice has been given or arranged, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the Club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize Club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance Club interest and activity as approved by the Club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's local ARES[®] Emergency Coordinator to further Club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.[®]

(Note that ARES[®] and Amateur Radio Emergency Service[®] are registered trademarks of ARRL.)

If no Vice President is available due to absence, no decisions, unless prior approval can be authorized without telephone or voice conference via President or Vice President.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, and submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration, or removal of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the Club to his/her successor.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and give receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization. Authorization includes 1.) For expenses exceeding \$250, the majority of full voting club members present or 2.) The Officers constituting a business meeting or 3.) The Board of Directors. At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. All PayPal and other electronic services used by the club must have financial receipts at all times. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Club to his/her successor.

No refunds for membership or any other fees will be given, unless prior authorization from the Board has been decided.

Article III

Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV

Dues

A yearly membership of \$25 dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Club. Non-payment of dues will remove a member's ability to have any say so of any kind in relations to the Illinois Radio League Club. Membership dues will stay current with all other radio clubs within the Chicagoland area, unless an additional option is given outside of membership dues, for such fees that will be optional to members. Additional fees will be decided upon, for refund basis if necessary, and members will be told if a refund is possible or not of such fees. All dues must be received by March 31st to be included in the club roster.

Article V

Club Call Sign

WB9IRL is the Club's Call Sign and is to be used with permission from the Trustee for use on airwaves and in writing of any kind.

The Trustee

The Club Call Sign must be under an Extra Class Trustee License.

Article VII

Dissolution of the Illinois Radio League Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Directors, and club votes that the Club should be dissolved with a motion for dissolution, the Club will follow dissolution guidelines and all funds, equipment, and any other physical, electronic, and other items related to the Illinois Radio League Club will be liquidated to cash to be distributed to the Club members. Funds that were donated by Club members for a specific purpose I.E... repeater purchases, will be returned to those members if the funds have not been already expended for their intended purpose.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Illinois Radio League Club Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the Club following termination of Operations Guidelines. This will ensure nothing is unaccounted for, or retained for personal gain. No member or group of members from the Illinois Radio League Club, or Organization shall receive benefit from the assets.

Refer to Termination of Operations, Disposition of Assets.

Article VII

Amendments

This Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by The Illinois Radio League Club Board and approved by 2/3 of voting members.

Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all Illinois Radio League Club Board members have been given advanced notice by email of the intent to amend the Constitution

and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

By-Laws

1. Accessibility of Constitution

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the Constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

2. Membership

Members will be recognized as Lifetime and Full members.

Lifetime membership is for Lifetime members that don't want to make yearly payments or for those that purchase large expenses themselves and are given life memberships by the Club, so that the purchase is now owned by the Club, or by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Lifetime membership of \$650 will be granted to those that wish to become a Lifetime member. This fee will stay the same, even if membership dues change in the future.

Full membership includes all Club privileges as well as rights to hold a Club office and to vote for Club business. Members must be 18 years of age to vote.

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs.

Open membership is for those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license, but an Open member cannot hold an Office position until all requirements have been met for that position.

Open members will only be recognized as attendees and will have no say as to how the Illinois Radio League Club conducts business from the Board or the Illinois Radio League organization's stand point, but can recommend or ask for a direction of interest that others may have.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. or online at WWW.WB9IRL.ORG

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the 3rd Friday of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request and notification to all Club members. Notices shall be sent to members via email. If you are not on the Club Email list. The Club cannot be responsible for non-receivable emails of members for the notification of special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

4. Dues, Fees and Assessments

Annual dues of \$25.00 per member or \$35 per family are hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

Membership dues are from January 1st through December 31st of the same year. Anyone who needs payment help can, make arrangements if Treasurer agrees to keeping track of such help. \$5 will be added

\$30/12 to make such payments of \$2.50 a meeting. Non-current payments as of the month before a vote will result in the member deemed a member and not able to vote.

Any member whose dues are not paid by March 1st will be considered Open and removed from the membership roster. Open members have no privileges under Full membership.

New membership after June 1st will be prorated at \$13.00 for the remainder of the year.

Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

5. Interference committee

This committee shall consist of five members (appointed by the Club President). The committee shall direct investigation, invite proper inquiries, establish technical facts and testimony and report its results to the Club for any Illegal or intentional mishandling of Club property, funds, or any other damaging image to the Illinois Radio League Club. This includes repeaters and other electronic devices and anything owned by the Illinois Radio League Club or its members in possession by the Illinois Radio League club in events and such. Any slander, berating of, or racial bias, or any other misconduct that can hurt the Illinois Radio League Club name and image financially, including on social media, media of any sorts or talking on behalf of the Illinois Radio League Club.

6. Equipment, property

Any Club member or person who is caught tampering with, or misusing in a malicious way, equipment or property, can and will be prosecuted and or removed from the Illinois Radio League immediately upon full evidence of such act. No refund or partial refund of dues paid for up to the instance will be refunded to a paid member.

Any property or object that is partially paid for or donated to the Illinois Radio League Club will have a documentation and receipt for such item to identify as given or donated and record of such will be copied and held by the Illinois Radio League Club for record of ownership rights.

Borrowing of such items by the Club or use of, must be recorded and dated as to whom, why, and return of damaged items due to negligence or such must be made record of.

The Club will have a detailed list of all equipment owned by, borrowed by, and held onto by, and where the equipment is stored at all times.

Any equipment damaged by an individual must be noted immediately and determined fixable, or be destroyed.

7. Official Electing process

The Illinois Radio League Club President will ask for those wanting to be on the Board.

Election Years will be even years. 2014, 2016, 2018 etc.. The October meeting will be held for that election. Meetings held must have 2/3 of the voting members present for the vote. If one person is running, they will be granted automatically as Members had the right to be heard and

vote. If no one is running for official Board slots the previous board will remain until the members decide changes need to be made.

8. Amateur Radio Emergency Service – ARES® ARES® is a program of the American Radio Relay League -- our Club will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL's Field Organization as they may be amended from time to time, and by ARRL policies, rules, and guidelines contained in ARRL publications.

9. Lifetime Memberships Granted as of January 16th, 2015

Bill Jr. Byerley

Joan Byerley

Nick Byerley

Bill 3rd Byerley

Ralph Oldt

Keith McAlpine (SK) Rhonda McAlpine

This Constitution and By-Laws are for the Illinois Radio League Club and the Club only as its own Identity.

Jerry Watts

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President of the Illinois Radio League Club 2014

Drafted on 01/16/2015 @ 1300HRS

President

X _____ Date _____

Vice President

X _____ Date _____

Treasurer

X _____ Date _____

Trustee

X _____ Date _____