

CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Article 1

Preamble

We amateur radio operators of Tooele County, Utah, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in the Amateur Radio Service and desire to serve the community in emergencies, constitute ourselves the West Desert Amateur Radio Club (WDARC hereafter called 'Club'), and enact this constitution as our governing law. The club is organized under the auspices of Tooele County Emergency Management (TCEM). The objectives of the Club are:

1. The promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation.
2. To provide emergency communications to TCEM or other agencies as authorized by TCEM.
3. The education of prospective as well as licensed amateur radio operators.
4. To provide public service to the community.
5. To promote radio knowledge.
6. To promote the exchange of information and cooperation between members.
7. To conduct club programs and activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

ARTICLE 2

Membership

1. All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Holding an amateur radio license is not a requirement.
2. Those who are current paid-up are considered Full Members. All other members are considered Affiliated Members.
3. Membership will be granted to a person on the TCEM staff with full rights, including voting privileges.
4. Membership shall be by written application.
5. Full Membership shall grant voting and leadership rights and all other privileges as specified in the Constitution and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 3

Officers

1. Elected officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at a business meeting held in December. The term of office shall be one year.

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2. Officers will be elected by majority vote of members present at the election meeting in December.
3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the next regular meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

ARTICLE 4

Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and conduct them according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce observance of the constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club, with concurrence of the membership, appoint any needed committees, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.
2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President will be responsible for coordination of all public service activities and arranging license examinations in accordance with Club needs.
3. The Secretary shall keep a written record of the proceedings of all meetings, a current roster of all members, and written application forms from the membership, and will prepare all club correspondence as directed by the President. The Secretary will be responsible for scheduling the required facilities for the Club meetings, notification to members of Club activities, keep a file of all E-mails, and preparation, distribution, and counting of election ballots. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate inventory of all items and equipment needed by the club which is owned and managed by TCEM. The Secretary will turn over all Club records to a newly elected Secretary.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all monies paid to the Club and shall issue receipts and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as provided in the Club by-laws and provide a statement of expenses and monies received at each Club meetings. The Treasurer will turn over all Club records and accounts to a newly elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE 5

Meetings

1. The by-laws shall provide for regular business meetings.
2. At business meetings six (6) members, at least one of which must be the President or Vice-President will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If the President or Vice-President cannot attend, a general meeting may be held but may not conduct any Club business.
3. No business meetings will be held in July and/or August unless requested by a member and approved by the Club officers to conduct special business.
4. Club activities can be conducted during the year, including July or August, as organized by the Club or by TCEM.
5. The general meetings of the Club shall be open to anyone, members, past members, potential members, and non-members.

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ARTICLE 6

Dues

1. The Club, by majority vote of the membership, shall levy dues as deemed necessary for the business of the organization.
2. Non-payment of such dues shall be cause for termination of membership privileges as described in the Constitution and the By-Laws.
3. In the event dues are levied, such dues shall be due yearly in the month of October.

ARTICLE 7

Amendments

1. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail (or e-mail) of the intent to amend the constitution and/or by-laws at said meeting.
2. This constitution of the Club by-laws may then be amended by two thirds vote of the membership present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 8

Parliamentary Procedure

1. The proceedings and general functioning of this Club will be in accordance with common rules for orderly conduct using Roberts Rules as a guide.

ARTICLE 9

Dissolution

In the event any reason arises to dissolve the organization of the Club, the existing property and funds owned by the Club shall be disposed of in the following manner:

1. All equipment will be returned to TCEM office.
2. All monies held in the treasury will be given to an organization with similar interests by majority vote of the membership.