

Jefferson County Radio Amateur Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 523, Brownville, NY 13615

CONSTITUTION *(Revised June 2, 2008)*

PREAMBLE:

We, the membership, wishing to secure for us the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Jefferson County Radio Amateur Club, Inc. and enact this Constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operation efficiency, and to conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

MEMBERSHIP:

ARTICLE I

All persons interested in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership.

OFFICERS:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1 - The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities manager elected, annually for a term of one year.

Sec. 2 - The President, in August, will select a chairman of the Nominating Committee, who in turn will pick two (2) other members to serve on the committee. Nominations will be presented at the September meeting. Elections will be held at the October meeting and the elected will assume office in January of the following year.

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

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

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted, shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws; 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.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his absence.

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, read communications at the meetings, and at the expiration of the term turn over all items belonging and/or pertaining to the club to the successor.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter shall submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements. Shall, at the expiration of the term, turn over everything in his possession belonging and/or pertaining to the club to his successor.

Sec. 5 - The Activities manager shall organize club member activities; plan and recommend contests for operation benefit, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. The Board of Trustees shall approve all expenditures.

MEETINGS:

ARTICLE IV

The Bylaws shall provide for regular meetings. At meetings, a minimum of eight (8) of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUES:

ARTICLE V

The club, by majority vote of a quorum present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessment 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.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE:

ARTICLE VI

This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club, through designated INTERFERENCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, and OPERATING COMMITTEES will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation, to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide Public Relations.

AMENDMENTS:

ARTICLE VII

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a quorum. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the NEXT regular meeting.

BYLAWS (Revised June 2, 2008)

1. **SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings and voted upon by the Board of Trustees. Five Board members shall constitute a quorum. Membership and dismissal will be determined by a simple majority vote.
 - A. Full Membership is open to licensed amateurs only. Full membership includes all Club privileges as well as rights to hold a Club office and to vote for Club officers.
 - B. *(This paragraph was deleted by a majority vote at the 2 June 2008 meeting.)*
 - C. Associate Membership is open to all other interested persons. Associate membership includes all Club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote.
3. **MEETINGS:** Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each calendar month, May through November, at such place as the president shall order. If the meeting should fall on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Monday.
4. *(This paragraph was deleted by a majority vote at the 5 May 2003 meeting.)*
5. **INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE:** The RFI Committee shall consist of five members (appointed by the Club President), representative of amateurs, broadcast listeners, and the press. This committee shall direct investigation, invite proper inquiries, establish technical facts and testimony within its province and report its results to the Club.

(Additional Bylaws may provide for technical, Program, publicity and other committees not provided for in the Constitution itself.)
6. There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of not less than five or more than nine members. Each officer shall serve on the Board of Trustees during his/her term of office. Terms of office for trustees shall consist of: One three-year member, one two-year member, and a one-year member. A three-year member will be elected each year.
7. All changes to the Constitution or Bylaws shall be tabled for thirty days before being voted on by the general membership.
8. Parliamentary Authority will be Robert's Rules of Order - The Modern Edition.

Approved - June 2, 2008

President: Fred Weidner, KC2EQF
Vice-President: Mark Chamberlain, WB2PKO
Secretary: Dolores Maeder, KC2KYN
Treasurer: Steven Gunn, WA2VQD
Activities Director: Phil Cox, KC5AMQ
3-Year Trustee: Denver Druessedow, WD9DVM
2-Year Trustee: Ron Sixbury, WB2LCE
1-Year Trustee: Don Scee, KB2VMR

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(President's Signature)