

# ***QUABOAG VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB***

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - TITLE**

#### **Section 1**

This organization shall be known as The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

#### **Section 1**

The purpose of this organization is to create and maintain a friendly relationship among those individuals who are interested in amateur radio. Also, to organize, promote & participate in any public service activity.

### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1**

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Web Master all of whom shall be elected at the club's annual meeting in September to hold their respective office for two (2) years and/or until their successor(s) are elected.

- a. The election of all officers shall be by voice vote or written ballot at the annual meeting in September and/or by a majority vote of a quorum of the members in good standing.
- b. The June meeting minutes and/or web page shall indicate that nominations have been received and will be voted on at the September monthly meeting.
- c. Ballots may be delivered to the club's secretary prior to the elections, in person, by mail, or by proxy.

## **Section 2**

The President shall preside at and organize all meeting correspondence. He shall enforce all the rules, by-laws and regulations of the organization and shall have direct supervision of the various activities of the club.

## **Section 3**

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume all powers of the President and perform all duties of the President during such absence.

#### **Section 4**

The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the organization assigned to him by the President and have the care and custody of all records and documents. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and shall perform other duties as shall be assigned to him by the President.

#### **Section 5**

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the club's funds and shall deposit same in Country Bank as may be designated by the President within ten (10) days after receipt of said funds. The Treasurer shall submit accurate reports of the club's financial transactions at each regular meeting or whenever called upon to do so by the President.

#### **Section 6**

Any officer may be removed from his or her office for reasonable cause by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing, provided, however, that the individual has received notice of such action.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

Any person professing an interest in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

## **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

### **Section 1**

The annual meeting will be held in September for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing 2 year term which ends with the June monthly meeting.

### **Section 2**

The regular monthly club meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August.

### **Section 3**

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time for all members.

- a. Notice of such special meeting, stating the purpose for which it is called, shall be sent to each member.
- b. There will be no business transacted at such special meeting other than that for which the meeting was called for.

## **Section 4**

Six (6) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all club meetings.

## **Section 5**

Members in good standing and guests may attend the club meetings.

## **Section 6**

The order of business at all meetings of the members shall be as follows:

1. Roll call of officers.
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers and committees.
4. Reading of the correspondence.
5. Old business.
6. New business.
7. Report of financial accounts.
8. Miscellaneous.

## **ARTICLE VI - Dues**

### **Section 1**

The amount of membership dues shall be determined upon the recommendation of the Treasurer. The dues shall be paid on an annual calendar basis and are payable at the September monthly meeting.

## **Section 2**

The initial dues payment for new members joining between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> will cover both the current year and the following year.

Individuals who wish to join after January 1<sup>st</sup> will have their dues prorated.

## **Section 3**

Upon receiving reliable information that a member is unable to pay his/her dues because of hardship, disability or other valid reason, the President, by unanimous vote of the club members, may excuse said member from paying dues for the current year.

## **Section 4**

Any former member wishing to rejoin the club will be reinstated to full membership privileges upon payment of current year dues.

# **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

## **Section 1**

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that such proposed amendment(s) be submitted in writing signed by ten (10) members in good standing at a previous meeting.

## **ARTICLE - VIII**

### **Section 1**

The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club will operate and maintain 2-meter repeater on Coy Hill and an alternate site on Breezeland's Hill in Warren, Ma. @ 147.210 MHz.

### **Section 2**

The operation and maintenance of the repeater's will be managed by the repeater trustee.

### **Section 3**

The Repeater Trustee, must be a Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club member in good standing and reside within the area serviced by the repeater.

### **Section 4**

The repeater will & shall carry the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club call-sign, i.e., K1QVR.

### **Section 5**

The primary purpose of the repeater is to facilitate emergency and public service communications in the area. General communications are otherwise allowed.

## **Section 6**

The repeater shall forever remain available for use by any licensed ham radio operator unless it is off line for unexpected repairs.

## **Section 7**

The repeater will be operated strictly within the confines of all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations as interpreted by the repeater Trustee. The repeater Trustee shall appoint and maintain a cadre of control operators at their discretion.

## **Section 8**

The equipment associated with and the functions available on this repeater shall never exceed the absolute minimum required for legal, reliable two-way voice communication.

## **Section 9**

Financing for equipment and maintenance shall be the responsibility of QVAR Club's general funds and voluntary contributions from club members and other interested parties.

## **Section 10**

A contribution or donation to the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club is not to be considered a prerequisite for use of the repeater, nor will same qualify anyone for any special authority or privileges.



## **Section 11**

Repeater donations and contributions are to be kept in the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club general fund, but accounted for separately and disbursed by the Treasurer for repeater use only.

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