

## WELD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: Term of office. The term of office for all duly elected officers is one year, commencing with the meeting following the election. Officers elected to complete unfinished terms will fulfill the unfinished portion of the term. The term of office of all board members is also one year, commencing with the meeting following the election.

A: The president shall appoint a nominating committee of three full members, one of whom shall be designated Chairman. The committee shall make its report at the July meeting, at which time nominations may also be made from the floor.

## ARTICLE II: Duties of Board Members

A: With assistance from general membership and the Board of Directors, the President shall identify and staff the committees and subcommittees of the Society. The President is an ex-officio voting member of all committees. The committees shall report their findings at a general meeting of the membership before action is taken, unless directed to act previously by action of the membership.

B: The board shall serve as a nominating committee should a vacancy occur among the Officers or Directors, with replacement election to be held at the next general meeting. At such election, floor nominations shall be open.

C: The board shall authorize the emergency expenditure of funds. In case of such an emergency, a bona fide effort must be made to contact the voting membership to advise them of the nature of the expenditure and the meeting called to authorize such expenditure. Such notification must be made at least two days in advance of such meeting.

D: In case of improper or illegal operation of Club facilities, the Trustees shall first be notified. If the problem continues or the Trustee desires it, the Board of Directors shall convene and decide on a course of action to insure the rectification of the problem.

E: Directors shall meet at least once per quarter. Each Board member will be notified at least ten days prior to the meeting, of the time and place. Special meetings may be requested by any Club member in good standing.

ARTICLE III: Membership Dues. Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and confirmed by the general membership. Dues may be prorated quarterly. All but Associate memberships have full voting privileges so long as a current amateur radio license is held. The following guidelines apply:

A: Full membership. 100% of the established rate for full members. Immediate family members of full members otherwise qualifying for membership do not pay full dues.

B: Associate Membership. 50% of the established rate.

C: Youth Memberships. Age 18 and under pay 25% of the established rate.

D: Lifetime memberships. 1500% of the established rate

E: Extenuating circumstances. By majority vote, the Board may waive all or part of the dues on a case-by-case basis. Application may be made directly or on behalf of an individual otherwise qualified.

ARTICLE IV: Business Address. The official business address of the Weld Amateur Radio Society shall be the office of the American Red Cross chapter located in Greeley, Colorado.

ARTICLE V: Business Meetings. A regular business meeting must be held at least once per year. Special business meetings may be called by any of the officers as necessary with the approval of the Board of Directors. In the case of special business meetingd, a good faith effort must be made to contact the voting membership advising of the time and place of the meeting at least two days in advance.

ARTICLE VI: Repeater Trustee. A full or lifetime member, selected by the Board of Directors from available qualified volunteers, shall serve as trustee of any Club repeaters and will be supported by the membership in striving for legal, courteous operation of the Club repeaters. The repeater trustee shall keep the Club repeaters registered, licensed and coordinated. Technical assistance can be requested from Club members as needed.

ARTICLE VII: Radio Room Trustee. A full or lifetime member selected by the Board of Directors from available volunteers, shall serve as trustee of the Club radio room and will be supported by the membership in striving for legal, courteous operation of the Club radio room. The Trustee shall maintain the equipment located in the Club radio room in a state of readiness.

ARTICLE VII: Equipment Trustee. A full or lifetime member selected by the Board of Directors from available volunteers, shall serve as trustee of all Club owned equipment and will be supported by the membership. The equipment trustee will maintain an inventory of all Club owned equipment, it's condition, and it's location. The Equipment

Trustee will present the inventory to the Board of Directors annually, and whenever requested to by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: Expenditure of Funds. The expenditure of funds shall be made in accordance with the guidelines recommended by the Finance Committee and accepted or modified by a majority of the voting members attending a general meeting. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and two or more board members appointed by the President. Its meeting shall be open to all voting members, announced at the preceding general meeting. The signatures of two officer shall be required for each check issued. One signature must be that of the Treasurer, and the second signature that of the Vice President or an individual appointed by the Board. Any expenditure over fifty dollars shall be approved by the Board of Directors, or passed as a motion at a regular Club meeting

ARTICLE X: Financial Audit. An audit committee, appointed by the President at a general meeting and confirmed by a majority of eligible voting members attending that meeting, shall examine all records, including official bank records, and shall submit an annual report on the finances of the Society to the members at the July meeting, which coincides with the election of Officers and Directors. All voting members shall be eligible for appointment to the audit committee except those individuals whose names appear on the current bank signature card.

ARTICLE XI: Recall of Elected Officers. On signed petition of 2/3 of the total voting membership, a special recall election must be held within a month at the next general or special meeting. Such election will be conducted as a regular election except that replacement officers will fulfill the term(s) of the replaced officer(s).

ARTICLE XII: Amendments. These bylaws may be amended as necessary following the procedures established in Article VI of the Weld Amateur Radio Society constitution.

ARTICLE XIII: Quorum. Twenty percent of the current full membership constitutes a quorum at the general meeting, except that for voting for Constitution and/or By Law changes, sixty percent of the full membership constitutes a quorum.

ARTICLE XIV: Autopatch. Local auto patch facilities will be maintained for the use of club members.

ARTICLE VX: Rules of Order. The conduct of all meetings shall be governed by 'Robert's Rules or Order'.

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