

Section A - Purpose, Policy

- 1.0 The objectives of the White County Amateur Radio Society, hereafter called WCARS, shall be the promotion of the interest in amateur radio and public service, the advancement of the radio art, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among radio amateurs, the promotion of allied activities, and the encouragement of family participation in amateur radio activities.
- 2.0 It shall be the policy of WCARS to support other amateur radio groups with kindred Objectives and to collaborate with other radio amateurs in promoting the interests and objectives of WCARS.

Section B – Membership

- 1.0 Any person interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership in WCARS.
- a. Full voting membership shall be available to fully paid members that are recognized licensed amateur radio operators.
- 2.0 Application for membership shall be submitted to the membership committee on a membership application as provided. Dues shall accompany each such WCARS application as specified in section F of the bylaws. The committee shall act upon each application at the present club meeting or by the following club meeting. Applications approved by the membership committee shall be voted upon by the WCARS membership at the present meeting, a majority of the members present being required for acceptance. If the voting is unfavorable, the application and dues shall be returned. A rejected applicant may re-apply ninety (90) days following the rejection and this application must be presented at a club meeting along with the recommendations of the committee. A rejected applicant may appeal the decision of the membership by submitting a request for appeal to the committee chairman. The request must include: 1) That the applicant requests a review of the decision of the membership. 2) The reason for which the applicant feels the unfavorable decision is not a true reflection of the views of the membership. 3) Any additional information that may not have been considered in the original determination. The chairman of the committee will review the request for appeal and present it to the committee. The committee will make a determination on the validity of the appeal and may move the appeal forward to the membership only with the unanimous approval of the committee. If the membership again rejects the application, the applicant may not reapply or appeal the decision for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days following the rejection of the appeal.
- 3.0 Any person who passes their first amateur radio license examination and becomes a licensed amateur radio operator as a result of documented attendance at a WCARS sponsored training course shall receive free membership in the WCARS for the rest of that year ending on December 31st of that year.

Section C – Officers

1.0 The officers of the WCARS shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2.0 All officers of the WCARS shall be full members.

3.0 The regular election of officers shall be handled as follows:

- a. At the November meeting each year, the president shall accept nominations from the floor. The nominations shall be posted on the club website and the yahoo group or by another method approved by the membership.
- b. Elections shall be held at the December meeting. Further nominations from the floor will be accepted. Each member shall vote for not more than one (1) nominee for each office.
- c. Any nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
- d. A runoff election between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be held in the event that no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot.
- e. The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

4.0 Special elections may be held at any regular meeting to fill vacancies, which occur between regular elections. If a special election is to be held, a notice to this effect shall be published on the club website and the Yahoo group or by another method approved by the membership.

5.0 Term of office for all officers shall be for one (1) year commencing at the adjournment of the December meeting following the election and ending at the adjournment of the December meeting the following year, or until their successor has been elected. No officer shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms and may be re-elected after a one year break at that present office. Officers elected at special elections shall assume office immediately and their term of office shall end at the adjournment of the December meeting next following.

6.0 A motion to remove any officer must be presented at a regular meeting, and tabled to be voted on at the next regular meeting. Any vote to remove an officer must be by two thirds vote of the full membership. The motion shall be posted on the club website and the Yahoo group or by another method approved by the membership.

Section D – Duties of Officers and other Appointees

1.0 The President shall preside at all meetings of the WCARS and conduct same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of these bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the WCARS, be an ex officio member of all committees, and perform all customary duties of President.

2.0 The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the President and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

3.0 The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the WCARS. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and shall expend no club funds without prior authorization by the WCARS general membership or its officers constituting a business committee, except that:

- a. Regularly recurring bills of the club shall be considered to be authorized expenditures.
- b. The club may, by majority vote in a regular business session, empower the Treasurer to expend club funds up to a stated amount for an extraordinary purpose in furtherance of club business without prior authorization. He or she shall give a report at each meeting of the income and expenditures of the club funds for the past month and shall give a report of the financial status of the WCARS at such intervals as the club may from time to time see fit. He or she shall at the expiration of their term, turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the WCARS to his/her successor.

4.0 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members in conjunction with the Treasurer, carry out all correspondence, thank in writing all guest speakers and other persons, firms or organizations obligating to the WCARS by their favors, read communications at the meetings, and shall at the end of his/her term turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the WCARS to his/her successor.

5.0 The Activities Manager shall be in charge of official activities of the WCARS and shall appoint such assistants as may be necessary to assist him in specific fields of activity. They shall cooperate with the ARRL White County Emergency Coordinator to the best of their ability.

6.0 The Editor of the WCARS News letter shall be responsible for writing, publishing, and distributing the WCARS News Letter.

Section E – Meetings

1.0 Regular meetings shall be held once each calendar month at such place and at such time as the President shall order. A regular meeting may be cancelled by the President providing a special meeting is called for, under section E part 2.0 of these bylaws, within ten (10) days of the cancelled meeting.

2.0 Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any three (3) members of the WCARS and for this purpose the President himself may sign such a request. A notice will be posted to the club website and the Yahoo group by the Secretary informing them of the special meeting, and of the business to be transacted. Only such business as is designated in the notice shall be transacted at the special meeting as provided in section E part 1.0 of these bylaws, in which case any business may be transacted.

Section F – Finances

1.0 Types of Memberships:

- a. Individual: \$25.00 annually.
- b. Student: \$15.00 annually.
- c. Senior (over 65): \$15.00 annually.
- d. Family (family members residing at the same address): \$35.00 annually.

2.0 The fiscal year for purposes of finances shall be from January 1 through December 31 of

the same year. A new member joining after June 30 shall pay half (1/2) dues to carry him through the end of that fiscal year. A member joining after September 30 shall pay one-quarter (1/4) dues to carry him through the end of that fiscal year. Annual dues to be set by the WCARS membership at the November meeting each year.

3.0 Any member whose dues are in arrears more than sixty (60) days shall be dropped from the membership and may be reinstated as per section B part 2.0 of these bylaws.

4.0 It is requested that any student enrolled in a class sponsored by the WCARS be a member of the WCARS or affiliated with an amateur radio club. A non-member may participate in any WCARS sponsored class but will incur a charge to cover the cost of instructional material plus a \$10 administration fee. Charges may be incurred by members for class participation to cover the cost of instructional materials if approved by the membership. In recognition of their donation of time and tower space, the charge for any amateur radio license preparation course will be waived for any Chalmers town council member for as long as WCARS maintains amateur radio equipment on property owned or maintained by the Town of Chalmers.

5.0 In any WCARS sponsored event, the individual volunteer will not be compensated with the exception of expenses for materials that are approved by the WCARS executive board.

6.0 Approval of a WCARS sponsored event, use of logo, or the name White County Amateur Radio Society must be approved by the membership and/or the executive board.

7.0 Due to the donation of the KC9PQA 2 meter repeater (regardless of repeater location), any current or future membership dues are waived for operator Ray Allie (WA9RAY).

Section G – Amendments / Suspension of Bylaws / Rules

1.0 These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the WCARS membership, or by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any meeting. The proposed amendment is to be published on the club website and the Yahoo group or by another method approved by the membership and voted on at the next regular meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall be read word for word by the Secretary just prior to voting.

2.0 Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the WCARS except in case of conflict with these bylaws in which case the bylaws will govern.

3.0 A majority of members in good standing present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business except for bylaws as provided in section G or were otherwise contradicted by the bylaws.

Section H – Appointments / Committees

1.0 The President shall have the power to appoint such committees as he deems advisable for the welfare of the WCARS and he shall have the power to dissolve such committees at any time.

2.0 Immediately upon assuming office the president shall appoint a membership committee

consisting of a chairman and two (2) other members. It shall be the duty of this committee to carry out the functions detailed in section B part 2 of these bylaws.

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