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Boundary Waters Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated
BYLAWS

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, enact these bylaws as our governing law.

Article 1. Name:

Boundary Waters Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated, also referred to as BWARC. It shall be a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Article 2. Purpose:

BWARC is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and education purposes.

The purpose of this corporation is:

To foster the hobby of radio communication and the Amateur Radio Service in Cook County Minnesota, to pattern its activities after the American Radio Relay League. To foster exchange of information and co-operation among members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

Additionally, BWARC will provide the communications infrastructure and support for the Cook County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Response Team (CCART), a permanent subset of BWARC. CCART will be led and directed by the Emergency Coordinator (EC) appointed by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). CCART is the focal point for Cook County amateur radio operators in preparing for and participation in all aspects of civil emergency communication and to coordinate the participation of Cook County amateur radio operators in events of public interest.

Article 3. Membership:

Open to any person having an interest in radio communication as a hobby. Voting membership limited to licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

Annual Dues: Payment of annual dues shall be a requirement of active membership. The Club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting with quorum present, may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objects as set forth in the preamble and statement of purpose. Non-payment of such dues shall be cause for the expulsion of said member within the discretion of the membership.

Article 4. Officers:

Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. (Secretary can be combined with other duties.) Annual terms of office with a maximum of three consecutive terms. President and Vice President shall be licensed Amateur Radio Operators. President to be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of officer.

Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of membership.

The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. S/he shall enforce due observance of these 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.

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and read said record at the following meeting; carry on all correspondence; read communications at each meeting. S/he shall at the expiration of term turn over all items belonging to the club to the successor. No one, other than the secretary and the President, shall sign any correspondence or papers relating to club matters with the Boundary Waters Amateur Radio Club signature.

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its Officers constituting a business committee). The Treasurer shall give a financial report at each regular meeting. Signed checks must have two signatures, Treasurer and one other officer. At the expiration of term, all records that belong to the club must be turned over to the successor.
Board of Directors: The officers constitute a Board of Directors.

Article 5. Meetings:

At least one meeting a year at which elections will be held. Quorum: Two officers (at least 40% of directors) plus additional members to comprise at least 10% of membership. A minimum of four members must be present to conduct the business of the organization. Action carried by majority of those present at meeting. Meetings as informal as possible under "Roberts Rules of Order".

In addition to the required annual meeting, regular monthly meetings will be held when agreeable to the membership. To this end the Community Center Education Room has been reserved for the last Wednesday Noon of each month.

Article 6. Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee shall be chaired by Vice President with one other member to prepare a slate to be announced prior to annual meeting. All nominations to have the prior consent of the nominee. Nominations can be made from the floor with consent of the nominee.

Additionally, the nominating committee will nominate, if a vacancy exists, a candidate to be recommended for consideration by the Section and or District Emergency Coordinator as his/her appointee to the position of ARRL-ARES Cook County Emergency Coordinator.

Article 7. Amendment of Bylaws:

Proposed amendments to be made known to the membership prior to meeting where action is taken. A two-thirds vote of a quorum of membership, in attendance, may amend the bylaws.

Article 8. Funds:

The treasurer will maintain club funds in an account at a banking institution chosen by the Board.

Article 9. Committees:

The board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, training, etc.