

# Twin Rivers Amateur Radio Club

104 S. Memorial St., Pittsfield IL. 62363



## BY-LAWS

Approved April 9, 2014

### 1. Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

### 2. Membership

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. Applications for membership will be approved by a simple majority vote of members present.

- a. **Full membership:** open to licensed amateur radio operators and includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.
- b. **Associate membership:** open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons.
  - 1) Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers.

### 3. Expulsion and Reinstatement

In the event that any member shall act contrary to the provisions of these by-laws or in the best interests of TRARC or amateur radio, or shall willfully disregard or contravene any law or regulation of the FCC relating to amateur radio, any member may recommend that such member should be expelled. This recommendation shall be made at any general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose and, if at least two-thirds (66%) of the votes cast approve the expulsion, the member shall be expelled from membership. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

Any member expelled from TRCARC shall be reinstated as a member in good standing only if two (2) members in good standing recommend such reinstatement at any regular meeting of TRARC and at least two-thirds (66%) of the votes cast with respect to the recommendation are cast in favor of reinstatement. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

In both of the above cases, expulsion and/or reinstatement shall only be voted on provided there is a quorum present of at least forty percent (40%) of the total number of Regular Members for the said vote.

#### **4. Meetings**

Regular meetings shall attempt be held one each calendar month.

##### **a. Special Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club member.

Notices shall attempt to be made to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be made by email, text, or phone as well as posted to the TRARC facebook closed group page, so members will have not less than 24 hours notice before the meeting.

#### **5. Dues Fees and Assessments**

- a. Annual dues of \$20.00 per member are hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.
- b. Family membership: \$25.00 per year. (Includes; primary member; spouse; and children under 18 years of age living at home).
- c. Student membership: \$10.00 per year. (Full time student under 18 years of age)
- d. Membership dues are payable at the March meeting of each year.
- e. Any member whose dues are not paid by May 1st will be considered inactive and removed from the membership roster. Inactive members have no voting privileges, and must reapply for membership.
- f. Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

#### **6. Elections**

Officer elections will be held annually at the regular November meeting. Officers will assume their elected office January 1 of the following year.

##### **a. Nomination Committee**

1. The President will appoint a nomination committee six months prior to elections.
2. The committee will be charged with finding qualified candidates to run for office.
3. The committee will present a ballot to the president at the regular meeting one month prior to elections at which time the President will entertain a motion for nominations and to accept the ballot.
4. The final ballot will be published and made available to all club members by email and TRARC facebook closed group page.
5. The President will dissolve the nomination committee after the annual elections.

## **b. Voting**

1. Voting will be done using paper ballots.
2. Immediately after voting the ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership.
3. Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots.
4. In the case of an unopposed slate the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a single ballot.

## **7. Funds**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officer, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the TRARC Constitution. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **8. Committees**

The membership may from time to time establish and appoint committees to assist it in any of the business, social or other TRARC activities. Such committees shall report to the membership.

A custodian shall be appointed by the membership to have care and custody of club owned equipment, which shall be recorded in a book belonging to TRARC.

## **9. Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds (66%) majority vote at a regular meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the By-Laws at said meeting.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be published on the TRARC facebook Page, at least 30 days prior to calling for a vote at a regular meeting and shall be distributed to all members attending the general meeting the month preceding the regular meeting where the vote on the amendments shall be taken.

## **Approval**

We, the undersigned officers of The Twin Rivers Amateur Radio Club, certify that this BY-Law, dated April 9, 2014 was approved by a two thirds majority vote of members present at a TRARC meeting on that date, placing this document in full effective as of April 9, 2014

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Wayne White (KC9RFO)  
**President**

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David Hill(KC9RFP)  
**Secretary**

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Fred Slight (KC9BXE)  
**Vice President**

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Gilbert Hernandez (KC9YYM)  
**Treasure**