

Twin Rivers Amateur Radio Club

104 S. Memorial St., Pittsfield IL. 62363



Constitution

Approved April 9, 2014

Preamble:

We, amateur radio operators of Pike County in West Central Illinois, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, and to establish a camaraderie as furthered by Larry C. White KB9WAL/SK constitute ourselves “**THE TWIN RIVERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**” (TRARC) and enact this constitution as our governing law. The objectives of this organization are: promotion of interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation; education of prospective amateur radio operators; public service to the community; to promote radio knowledge; the exchange of information and cooperation among members; and to conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

TRARC is a non-profit organization founded on April 9, 2014 in the County of Pike and State of Illinois, by a group of amateur radio operators to promote the interests of amateur radio and provide public service communications in West Central Illinois.

Article I Membership

1. All persons interested in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership.
 - A. Full membership is available for licensed amateur radio operators.
 - B. Associate membership is open to all other interested persons.
2. Membership shall be by written application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.
3. Members with paid Dues for the current year shall be considered a member in good standing.

Article II Officers

Section. 1. Officers

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section. 2. Election

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Term limits

Term of Office will be 12 consecutive months and begins January 1st.
An individual may not hold the same office for more than two terms consecutively.
An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section. 4. Vacancies

- a. Vacancies occurring with more than six months before elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.
- b. Vacancies occurring with six months or less before the next election may be filled by appointment of the President, and will be only for the remainder of the term.

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and voted on by the membership.

Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths (75%) vote of the full membership.

Section 8. Gratuities

Officers of the TRARC are not eligible to win raffles, drawings or lotteries sponsored by the TRARC unless they are offered to members only.

Article III Duties of Officers

Section. 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section. 2. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARES ® Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ®

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Section. 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and email and facebook post meeting notices. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Section. 4. Treasurer

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). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Article IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third (33%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V Dues

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

Article VI Membership Assistance

The club, through designated interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation's from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII Club Call sign

The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall:

1. Be a member of the club in good standing
2. Meet FCC requirements.
3. Not had his/her Radio Amateur licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article VIII Dissolution of TRARC

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the membership or Officers make a motion that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote (66%) of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

- a. The TRARC Officers shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club.
- b. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets.
- c. All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization.
- d. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote (66%) of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by email, phone or the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Approval

We, the undersigned officers of The Twin Rivers Amateur Radio Club, certify that this Constitution, 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

Wayne White (KC9RFO)
President

David Hill(KC9RFP)
Secretary

Fred Slight (KC9BXE)
Vice President

Gilbert Hernandez (KC9YYM)
Treasure