

# CONSTITUTION OF THE McHENRY COUNTY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

## PREAMBLE

We the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves The McHenry County Wireless Association and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and co-operation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, to so conduct club programs and activities and to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

## ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership as provided in the by-laws. Membership shall be by application as provided in the by-laws.

## ARTICLE II OFFICERS

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

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present at the first meeting on or after September 1st, of each year.

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election at the first meeting following the withdrawal or resignation. Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

## ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to "Robert's Rules Of Order". He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and by-laws; 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 of President.

The **Vice-President** shall assume all duties of the president in his absence, and will function as Public Information Officer in order to secure a harmonious relationship with the community.

The **Secretary** shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of the members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor.

The **Treasurer** shall receive and make receipt for all monies paid to the club. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. At each regular meeting, he shall read to the membership an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts and forward to the Secretary, a written copy of same for permanent attachment to the minutes. He shall at the expiration of his term, turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor.

## ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE V DUES

The club may levy upon the membership, such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the club within its objectives as set forth in the preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

This constitution or the by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or by-laws at said meeting. Members will be allowed to submit mail ballots or have ballots delivered to the Secretary before the vote takes place in order to have such votes counted. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The members and officers of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law in connection with any actual or threatened civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding (whether brought by or in the name of the Club or otherwise) arising out of their position in or service to the Club or to any other organization at the Club's request. Persons who are not members or officers of the Club may be similarly indemnified in respect of such service to the extent authorized at the time by the Club Officers. The Club may maintain insurance to protect itself and any such members, officers or other person against any liability, cost or expense incurred in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding. The provisions of the Article shall be applicable to actions, suits, or proceedings commenced after the adoption hereof, whether arising from acts or omissions occurring before or after the adoption thereof. The indemnification herein provided for shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any by-laws agreement, or otherwise.

As adopted by the Charter Members,  
September 12, 1978  
Submitted by: Denny Granger WB9SIE

As amended by the Members,  
March 2, 1999  
Submitted by Doug Cluts, N9PLN

As amended by the membership on December 2, 2003  
and attested to by Eric Rademacher, KC9AVP President of MCWA.

### BY-LAWS OF THE McHENRY COUNTY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

- 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 at each meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
- 2. Activities Director.** It shall be the duty of the President to organize club activities and advance club and activity as approved by the club.
- 3. Membership.** Full membership is open to all licensed amateurs. A student membership for a maximum period of one year shall be open to anyone actively engaged in study leading to an amateur radio license. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold club office and to vote for club officers. Student membership carries no club privileges. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary for presentation at the next regular meeting. In the event that more than one member resides at the same address (Family Member), the first shall pay full dues with the remaining Family Member paying no dues. Mailings to Family Members shall be one per household. All licensed Family Members have full club privileges.
- 4. Meetings.** Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the President shall order. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. All meeting notices shall be sent so as to arrive, in the course of ordinary postal delivery, not less than 24 hours before meeting time.
- 5. Dues.** Dues are payable in advance, per member at \$15 annually, the year ending December 31. Dues for new members joining after June 30, are \$10. New members joining after September 30 may pay \$15 for dues through December 31 of the following year.
- 6. Payments by the Treasurer.** The treasurer will be able to write checks for up to \$100 on his own authority. Two members of the executive committee must sign checks for amounts between \$100 and \$300. For all checks with amounts over \$300 the treasurer must get membership approval in advance.