

Philipsburg Amateur Radio Association

Philipsburg, PA

Organizing Constitution

Revised June 2008

Article I

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of people commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Philipsburg Amateur Radio Association and enact this constitution as our governing law.

It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

Article II

Persons interested in Amateur Radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application, which may be submitted either on line, or at scheduled meetings. The election of officers will be upon such terms, as the club shall provide in its By-Laws:

1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.
3. Vacancies occurring between elections may be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting, following the withdrawal or resignation.
4. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership and officers.

Article III

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct them according to the rules. He/She shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; safeguard all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office. At the end his/her term, he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.
2. 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 activity as approved by the club. At the end

his/her term, he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, read communications at each meeting, and submit membership applications. At the end his/her term, he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies paid to the club, and keep a ledger of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer may issue checks or pay bills when needed. At the end of each quarter, he/she shall submit an itemized list of disbursements and receipts. At the end his/her term, he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Article IV

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

Article V

The club, will provide advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VI

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Any 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.

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By-Laws

1. **Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club, and have same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes, and additions on the documents and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.
2. **Membership.** Full membership is open to licensed amateurs. Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in classes leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.
3. **Meetings.** Regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each calendar month, at 3:00 PM. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so they arrive not less than twenty-four hours before the meeting.
4. **Dues.** No annual dues shall be levied. Only donations are to be accepted as a primary source of club income.