

The Constitution of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club

Amended January 2016

BE IT KNOWN BY THESE PRESENTS That the Charter Members of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club having derived much pleasure from amateur radio through personal experience:

FIRSTLY: Desiring to share that pleasure with their fellow Amateurs,

SECONDLY: Desiring to encourage and assist others to enter their world of Amateur radio,

THIRDLY: Desiring to improve their knowledge and technical skills in electro - magnetic communication, and

FOURTHLY: Desiring to make available to their community that knowledge and those techniques (in which they, as no other civic group, excel) in times of local and national emergency,

HAVE, to those ends, caused to be established The Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club, and BY THESE PRESENTS do hereby constitute themselves as THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, and by those enactments following do adopt their Constitution governing THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.

ARTICLE I Name

Section I

The Name of the organization shall be "The Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club" hereinafter referred to as "The Club"

ARTICLE II Eligibility for Membership

Section I

Any and all persons, regardless of sex, age, race or creed, may be enrolled as members on submitting their name, address and other pertinent information to a member in good standing, the type and class of membership to be in accordance with those types and classes as laid down in the BY-LAWS of the club, and by paying such dues required for such type and class of membership.

ARTICLE III Officers of the Club

Section I

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II Executive Committee

These above shall be constituted as a Committee known as the Executive Committee but nothing herein shall inure to prevent further additions to the Executive Committee; but such power to add shall be within the guidelines set by the BY- LAWS of the club.

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Section III Appointment of Auditor

There shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in Committee of the whole, a CLUB AUDITOR, which appointment shall be presented to the entire membership for ratification. Failure to obtain the ratification by a majority vote of the members, the Executive Committee will confer again and submit an acceptable alternate choice.

Section IV Election of Officers

Election of Officers shall take place in September of each alternating year at the general meeting and offices shall be held for a term of two years. With the exception of the Treasurer, no officer may be re-elected for a consecutive term to the same office. The Treasurer may be re-elected for an unlimited number of consecutive terms. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section V Vacancies in Executive Committee

Vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring during the term of office of the person vacating, for whatever reason, shall be filled in the same manner as set out in ARTICLE III Section IV. Where there is a vacancy for an executive office, the President-elect may appoint a member to fill that position for the regular term.

Section VI When office is assumed

Officers shall assume office on the 1st of January following election, at which time the President-elect shall assume the chair when vacated by the outgoing President and the outgoing President shall assume the Vice President chair.

ARTICLE IV Duties of Officers

Section I The President shall

Preside at all meetings of the club, conducting it in accordance with the best rules of order; Recognize each member's rights under the Constitution and By- Laws and give due deference to those rights in questions of order; Sign all official documents on behalf of the club; Perform all the duties customarily associated with the office.

Section II The Vice-President shall:

Assist the president in any capacity designated by the President; Assume the duties of the President whenever the President is unable to carry out those duties.

Section III(a) The Treasurer shall:

Keep an accurate record of all monies received and expended; Keep an up to date roster of the membership; Turn his books and records over to the Auditor at the end of the club year; On being superseded by the Treasurer elect turn all books and records over to the person superseding him/her.

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Section III(b) The Secretary shall:

Keep a record of the Minutes of every General meeting, Executive Committee meetings and such other meetings as are formally called by the President and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall receive and send all correspondence on behalf of the Club Executive. On being superseded by the Secretary elect, turn all books and records over to the person superseding him/her.

ARTICLE V Form of Business

Section I

All business dealt with at general Meetings shall be in the usual form of mover and seconder, voted on by a show of hands, excepting in those cases where, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, a secret Ballot is preferable. Voting may also take place with a website submission method, which duplicates the validity, spirit, quorum and notice requirements of a traditional ballot or show of hands vote.

Section II Quorum

A Quorum shall consist of at least **three** full members in good standing who are not members of the Executive Committee, plus at least **three** members of the Executive Committee. No motions shall be considered or voted on at a general meeting unless a Quorum is present.

Section III Executive Quorum

A Quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least three Executive members.

ARTICLE VI Disbanding of Club

Section I

In the event of the club's ceasing operations under this, the Constitution, such may only be accomplished by a motion brought before the entire membership and approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VII Constitutional and By-Law Amendments

Section I

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at any meeting providing a Notice of Motion is given at least one month prior to the said meeting and all members of the Club advised of such Notice of Motion in writing (either by normal postal methods or by electronic mail) in the intervening time between the Notice of Motion and the meeting at which the voting is to take place.


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Section II Power to amend By-Laws given by Constitution


The Club may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, entertain motions from the floor relevant to deletions from and alterations to any BY-LAWS in the manner set out in ARTICLE V, Sections I and II; but any such motion which has, or tends to have, a nullifying effect on this, or any part or portions of this constitution, shall be declared Ultra Vires of the powers of the Committee and membership, unless such motion is made under ARTICLE VII, Section I, and if such improper motion is voted on, passed and incorporated in the BY-LAWS, by inadvertence, such Motion or BY-LAW must be vacated by the Executive Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, THROUGH OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ADOPT THIS, OUR CONSTITUTION, AND CAUSE SAME TO BE SIGNED BY SAID EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ON OUR BEHALF.




David Newcombe, VE3WI
President

26 Jan 2016
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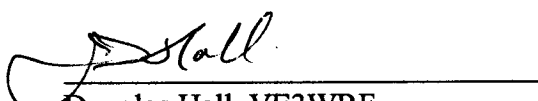
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