

Northwest Indiana DX Club Constitution

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the **Northwest Indiana DX Club** 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 efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article I

Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Article II

Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, if needed.

Sec. 2. The officers in this club are elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Article III

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. 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.

Sec. 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 interest and activity as approved by

the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Sec. 3. 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 out a newsletter containing the minutes of the meeting after each meeting. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 4. 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). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her terms, he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor. At this time, we have no need for this office.

Article IV

Meetings

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

Article V

Dues

The club, by a one-thirds vote of the total membership, 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 loss of full membership rights in the club.

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 radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII

Dissolution of the Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Directors votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than one thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization.

Article VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a one-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments of the Articles 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 noticed by email of the intent to amend the constitution at said meeting. By-laws may be changed by a vote of one-thirds of total membership at any one meeting, or via email vote.

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

By-Laws

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. Full membership is open to licensed amateurs. Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class 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 shall be held quarterly. 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 that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

4. Dues. At this time there are no dues, however if dues are needed they will be in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

5. Elections. Officer Elections will be held annually at the first quarter meeting. Officers will assume their elected office June 1 of that year.

Voting will be via a show of hands or paper ballot if need be. In case of an unopposed Slate the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a single ballot.

6. DX Code of Conduct was adopted by the NWI DX Club as a code to promote proper operating conditions.

DX Code of Conduct

- I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
- I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
- I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
- I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.
- I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
- I will always send my full call sign.
- I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.

- I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
- When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
- I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
- I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

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