

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

**NAME : BLUE RIVER VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

## ARTICLE II

**PURPOSE:** The Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society will promote Amateur Radio communication and experimentation; the establishment of Amateur Radio networks to provide electronic communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies; the furtherance of the public welfare and the advancement of the radio art.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERS:

**SECTION 1** Anyone, with an interest in Amateur Radio may become a member.

**SECTION 2** There will be five types of membership:

Full membership	licensed amateur
Associate membership	non licensed
Student membership	1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Life membership	as deemed by majority vote
Honorary membership	as granted by the Board

**Full membership**, as used herein is a member who has a valid amateur radio license. Such a person may vote, hold office, and pays yearly membership dues.

**Associate membership**, is an unlicensed person, who is a member without the privilege of voting or holding office, and pays yearly membership dues.

**Student membership**, is a licensed or unlicensed person and currently a student in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will not have voting rights, is not eligible to hold office and does not pay membership dues.

**Lifetime membership**, as used herein, is any full member that is nominated at any regular meeting for Lifetime Membership. Such nominations must be made by a **Full member**. This status is intended to be an exceptional

honor, in recognition of especially meritorious and distinguished contributions of the nominee to the Society. A majority vote at the meeting is required to confer this status. A Lifetime member shall pay no dues and shall retain all the privileges of Full Membership.

**Honorary membership**, is an unlicensed person and has been nominated by a Full Member. This status is intended to be an exceptional honor, in recognition of especially meritorious and distinguished contributions of the nominee to the Society. This status is granted by the Officers of the Society. An Honorary member will not have voting rights, is not eligible to hold office, and does not pay membership dues.

**SECTION 3** Membership will be for a period of one year (Jan 1 – Dec 31)

**SECTION 4** Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **OFFICERS:**

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer. The President, Vice President and Secretary shall be elected by the members at the November meeting and serve one year terms.

**SECTION 1** The President shall preside at all meetings of this Society and conduct the same 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 Society, and none other. The President shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the President and shall appoint the trustee and committees.

**SECTION 2** The Vice President will assist the President on any Society matter and fill in for the President at regular meetings when the President is absent. The Vice President will serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

**SECTION 3** The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. The Secretary shall execute such other duties as assigned by the President. At expiration of the term, the Secretary shall turn over all possessions belonging to the Society to the successor.

**SECTION 4** The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for monies paid to the Society and shall keep and accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without communications with other officers. Any expenditure of \$500 or more must have approval by

the membership in regular meeting. Accounts of the Society shall be audited each year by an auditing committee.

**SECTION 5** The Society Trustee shall authorize the use of the Society call sign, be accountable for Society equipment, provide continuity relating to changes in Executive Committee members, maintain such records as are necessary, and any contact with governmental agencies and must hold an extra class license. The Trustee will have final say only in all fore mentioned Society matters, and shall submit a report as necessary.

**SECTION 6** The elected officers shall comprise the Executive Committee and it will be their responsibility to conduct the activities of the Society.

**SECTION 7** Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to Executive Committee. After investigation the petition will be voted on, by the Executive Committee. The membership will be notified at the next meeting.

**SECTION 8** Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee. Such appointment will be for the unexpired term of the former Committee member.

## **ARTICLE V**

**ASSESSMENTS** The Society by a majority vote may levy upon the general membership such dues and assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **EXPULSION OF A MEMBER:**

**SECTION 1** Any full member may move to expel any member, stating just cause, by sending notification to the Secretary. The Executive Committee will review the notification for clarity, contact involved individuals as necessary and shall send a written notice of such motion to each voting member prior to the next regularly called meeting, at which time the motion shall be voted upon, by ballot. The Member whose expulsion is under consideration is entitled to address the Society members prior to voting. The defense is expected to be in the general form of an appeal or a statement of the case for the person being considered for expulsion. The expulsion motion requires a quorum and nine-tenths majority of members present and voting in order to pass.

## ARTICLE VII

### **Disbandonment:**

In the event that the Society should disband, totally, all equipment and monies (after all outstanding bills are paid) are to be transferred to another Amateur Radio Society or non-profit organization. The Executive Committee must bring this transfer to a meeting that was duly called for this propose and a vote taken and motion passed by three-fourths majority of members present in order to pass.

### **BY-LAWS**

Such rules, regulations and by-laws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted. The Society will operate under the Robert's Rules of Order.

**SECTION 1** A quorum: One fifth of the total Society membership shall comprise a quorum. A simple majority of the quorum is required to pass any motion except otherwise noted in this Constitution and By-Laws (The President only votes to break a tie if He/She so deems). Only members with dues current will be eligible to vote.

**SECTION 2** No rules, regulations or by-laws shall be adopted which are contrary to this Constitution.

**SECTION 3** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and have the same with him/her at every regular and special meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit same to be consulted by members upon request.

**SECTION 4** There shall be a regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every other month. And a Executive meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month except if being a holiday. If a holiday falls on the regularly scheduled day, there will be no meeting to replace it. There shall be other special meetings as directed by the President. The Society reserves, as needed or requested, to meet at other times and at other locations. If a change of a meeting's place or time is to occur, then it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to make this fact known to the membership, by inclusion on the Society website, announcement in the Society newsletter, and/or any other relevant means.

**SECTION 5** Annual dues are \$20 and payable in advance. Each additional household member's dues are \$10 each. Dues are for a period from Jan1 - Dec 31 and are not prorated.

**SECTION 6** The Treasurer shall give a report of the monetary status at each meeting of expenses and income and current balances. The Secretary shall read minutes of prior meeting and have available all correspondence at regular meetings.

**SECTION 7** The President will appoint a nominating committee in September for the election of new officers. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the time of election any one nominated from floor must be present or consented prior to accept the position if elected. The election is to be held at the regular November meeting.

**SECTION 8** Committees in existence at the time of installation of new officers (Jan) will be continued, and new committee members can be appointed by the new President.

**SECTION 9** All members will be notified by phone, radio, website, email or mail of all activities such as meetings, Field Day, VHF contests etc. Committees will be appointed for each event, if deemed necessary by the President.

**SECTION 10** Society nets will be established on 2 meters and/or 440MHz once a week under the direction of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 11** This Constitution or By-Laws may be amended (changed) in a regularly called meeting. Any member may submit changes in writing to the Secretary, reviewed by the Executive Committee. All members will be notified in writing 30 days prior to the meeting date of the proposed amendment or change. It must be voted on and passed by a two-thirds majority by the membership, providing the meeting quorum has been met.

**Adopted March 16, 2015**

