

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS and REGULATIONS
of the
GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND STATEMENT OF AIMS AND PURPOSES

1. NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET.

2. AIMS AND PURPOSES.

The GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET is a non-profit organization of AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS dedicated to PUBLIC SERVICE and organized in order to better serve our Community, State and Nation; to furnish communication facilities and be prepared in times of emergency or disaster.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Net Control, Northern Area Director, Central Area Director, Southern Area Director, and although not a voting member, the Past President.

4. TERM OF OFFICE.

The term of office shall be for one (1) year, and until a successor is elected and assumes office. No officer, except the Secretary/Treasurer and Chief Net Control, may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office without an intervening break of at least one (1) year. They may, however, run for any other office.

ARTICLE III

POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5. POWERS IN GENERAL.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Net and to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission or the Constitution and Bylaws of the Net for guidance of the officers and the management of the affairs of the Net.

6. ADDITIONAL POWERS.

The Directors shall also have the power to call special meetings of the Net when they deem it necessary, and they shall call a special meeting at any time on the written request of five members, all of whom must be in good standing on the active roll call of the Net. Adequate notice of the meeting must be given to all members by mail.

7. VOTING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whenever issues are brought before the Board of Directors by officers or members of the Net which require a vote by the Board of Directors, such vote may be conducted in person or by E-mail, unless specifically precluded by the Constitution and Bylaws, as long as there is a written record of their action and any relative communications are forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer for archive. The Net President shall conduct this vote but shall only be allowed to vote in case of a tie. A simple majority of the votes cast will be sufficient to pass or defeat the issue.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

8. MEETINGS AND ACTIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to keep a complete record of all their meetings and actions and to present a full statement at the annual meeting of the Net, showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Net and the general condition of its affairs. A similar statement shall be presented at any other meeting when required thereto by a majority of members in good standing.

9. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Board members shall send a copy of all official correspondence to the Secretary so that there is a record on file.

10. DOCUMENTS TO HISTORIAN.

The Board of Directors shall upon leaving office, forward to the Net Historian for deposit in the archives of the Net, all official documents pertaining to their respective offices.

11. ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS.

A member of the Board who is unable to attend a called meeting of the Board shall appoint a proxy to act in their behalf, shall notify in advance the Secretary/Treasurer of such appointment, and shall furnish the proxy with written authorization for presentation to the Board. Failure to comply with these requirements shall void the proxy.

12. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

A member of the Board, who in the opinion of the Board is not fulfilling the duties of their office, shall be removed from office, by a majority vote of the Board. This vote shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE V

APPOINTIVE OFFICE

13. TITLES AND BY WHOM APPOINTED.

The appointive officers of the Net shall serve at the pleasure of the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors and are as follows:

.01 HISTORIAN who shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VI

VACANCIES IN OFFICE

14. ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

The President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of any vacated office such appointment to be confirmed by the Board by majority vote within fifteen (15) days. Only a member who has been on the active roll call for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to appointment shall be eligible for said appointment.

15. OF THE PRESIDENT.

If the office of President is vacated, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office and title for the unexpired term. This shall not count as one of two year limitations for term in office. If the Vice-President cannot or will not accept the office of President, the Board shall appoint a President and confirm the appointment by majority vote of the Board, subject to the ninety (90) day provision for appointments.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

16. ELECTION COMMITTEE.

There shall be appointed three members of an election committee, one each appointed by the President, Vice-President and Chief Net Control. No member of this committee shall hold or be a candidate for an office.

17. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be appointed three members of an auditing committee, one each appointed by the President, Vice-President and Chief Net Control.

18. OTHER COMMITTEES.

Other committees may be appointed as required or needed, by the President or others designated to do so by the Bylaws.

19. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

If a committee chairman is not designated by the appointing officer, the first appointee shall automatically become chairman of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

20. VOTE REQUIRED.

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ballots cast by secret vote of the members, subject to the same voting conditions as specified under sections 57 through 63.

21. WHEN PRESENTED.

Any proposed amendment shall be presented by written resolution or recommendation to the Board at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting.

22. ACTION BY THE BOARD.

On receipt of a proposed amendment, or if originated within the Board, the Board shall upon approval of the proposed amendment put the proposed amendment in suitable language for presentation to the membership in printed form for their consideration no later than May first. Voting shall be done on the official election ballot in conjunction with the election of officers.

23. IF ADOPTED.

Printed copies of any changes to this Constitution and Bylaws approved and adopted by the membership shall be prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer and sent to all active members for insertion in their copies of the Constitution and Bylaws.

24. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

Any approved changes shall become effective on the first day of the next business and fiscal year.

25. FORMER CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS REPEALED.

All former Constitution and Bylaws are hereby repealed, as are all Regulations or parts of Regulations, which are repugnant to or inconsistent with the Constitution, and no Regulation shall hereafter be adopted which shall be in violation of or inconsistent with any of its provisions.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

FISCAL YEAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

26. FISCAL YEAR.

The business and fiscal year of the Net shall be from July first (1st) to June thirtieth (30th).

27. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual business meeting shall be held during the month of June, during which each elected officer, or their proxy, shall be present, and the election ballots or any secret ballots sent to the general membership shall be counted. A quorum for a legal meeting shall consist of five or more elective officers or their designated proxies.

28. ABSENCE FROM MEETING.

A member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a called meeting of the Board shall appoint a proxy to act in their behalf, shall notify in advance the Secretary/Treasurer of such appointment and shall furnish the proxy with written authorization for presentation to the Board. If the proxy is to represent the President, he/she shall have voting rights, and the appointment authority for the election and audit committee, but the Vice-President, if present, shall preside over the meeting. If the proxy is to represent one of the Area Directors, he/she shall be a member of the same Area as the Director he/she is representing. In the event the Director cannot find a proxy as outlined above, the Area Director may appoint one from another Area.

ARTICLE II

NET RESPONSIBILITY, ADMINISTRATION AND CONVENTION

29. RESPONSIBILITY.

The Net, its officers and members assume no responsibility for any business or communication conducted on the Net frequency prior to Net or after the Net is officially closed by the Net Control.

30. ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL.

For the purpose of administration and control the Net shall be divided in three areas which shall be known and designated as the Northern, Central and Southern Areas. The assignment of new members, to one area or another, shall be the responsibility of the Chief Net Control.

31. CONVENTION NIGHTLY.

The Net shall convene every night at 1900 hours Pacific Standard or Daylight Saving Time except the nights of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. On these two nights the Net shall be opened by Net Control for emergency traffic and visitor check-ins, and all members shall be given a blanket check in, as no roll call will be made.

32. OPERATING FREQUENCY.

The operating frequency of the GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET shall be approximately 3975 kHz.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS, GENERAL

33. FAVORITISM.

It is incumbent on all officers to avoid favoritism or prejudice in the administration of their respective offices and to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws in all decisions that they may be required to make.

34. UNDO PREVIOUS ACT.

No officer may undo the act of a previous officer having been approved by the Board of Directors unless it can be shown by the records that said act conflicted with the Constitution & Bylaws. In any event, the previous officer shall be given the opportunity to defend their actions before any action can be taken.

35. MUST MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP.

Each elected and appointed official must be and remain an active member of the Net. If active membership is not maintained, the President shall declare the office vacant and shall appoint an active member to fill the unexpired term, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

36. LICENSES.

All officers shall have and maintain a valid Amateur Radio License of General Class or higher issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

37. DOCUMENTS TO HISTORIAN.

All officers shall, upon leaving office, forward to the Historian, for deposit in the archives of the Net, all official documents pertinent to their respective offices.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

38. PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to:

- .01 PRESIDE AS CHAIRMAN at all Board of Directors meetings.
- .02 CALL SUCH SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Board of Directors as they deem necessary.
- .03 INTERPRET AND ENFORCE the Constitution and Bylaws.
- .04 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUGGESTIONS and/or complaints referred to him/her by the Area Directors and where applicable investigate and present information, without favor or prejudice to the Board for their decision. This action shall occur within sixty (60) days, either by mail or at a meeting of The Board.
- .05 APPOINT A SUCCESSOR to fill a vacancy in any office, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Board within fifteen (15) days and said appointment to be valid until the succeeding annual election.
- .06 APPOINT the Net Historian.
- .07 APPOINT one member of the election committee.
- .08 APPOINT one member of the auditing committee.
- .09 PERFORM ALL OTHER DUTIES required of the presiding officer of the Net.

39. VICE PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

- .01 ASSIST THE PRESIDENT in the performance of his/her duties when requested
- .02 ACT AS, and fulfill the duties of, the President in his/her absence, incapacity or forfeiture of office.
- .03 HEAD ALL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES and social committees.
- .04 MAKE ARRANGEMENTS for the place to hold the annual meeting; and the Melvin S. Springer Memorial picnic held the following day; and to supervise the activities of the picnic.
- .05 APPOINT one member to the election committee.
- .06 APPOINT one member to the auditing committee.
- .07 PERFORM ALL OTHER DUTIES required by the office or designated in the BYLAWS.

40. SECRETARY/TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to:

- .01 KEEP A WRITTEN RECORD of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and mail a copy of the minutes to each member of the Net within forty-five (45) days of the meeting.
- .02 RECEIVE AND KEEP A FILE of all official correspondence.
- .03 RECEIVE, DISBURSE AND ADMINISTER all monies pertaining to and received in the name of the Net and furnish the Board of Directors with an annual report.
- .04 DISBURSE NET FUNDS for operational purposes as required; for expenses other than operational, a majority vote of the Board shall be obtained prior to incurring same.
- .05 KEEP ON FILE RECEIPTS for all money disbursed.
- .06 FORWARD PROMPTLY TO THE BOARD for their consideration and/or action, any communications of any important or business nature which may require their action thereon.
- .07 PREPARE, ISSUE AND RECEIVE ALL BALLOTS for the annual election of officers and turn over to the election committee, at the annual meeting, the completed unopened ballots for their official tabulation and count.
- .08 MAINTAIN THE OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP LIST of the Net and include as either active, inactive and/or life member.
- .09 PREPARE AND FORWARD to the President, for his/her signature and issuance, after certification by Chief Net Control of the member's eligibility, a Life Membership Certificate for each member who qualifies.
- .10 PREPARE AND ISSUE QUARTERLY ROLL CALL LISTS to all active members.
- .11 PREPARE AND ISSUE A ROSTER showing the call sign, name and address of all active members on January first.
- .12 SEND TO EACH NEW MEMBER, upon certification by Chief Net Control, together with a set of the Constitution and Bylaws and any revisions thereto, and a copy of the latest roll call list and membership roster.
- .13 PREPARE AND SEND APPROVED CHANGES to the Constitution and Bylaws for insertion in their copies to all active members.
- .14 WORK WITH THE AREA DIRECTORS to publicize the activities of the Net.
- .15 PERFORM ALL OTHER DUTIES requested by the President or required for the proper performance of the office.

41. CHIEF NET CONTROL.

It shall be the duty of the Chief Net Control to:

- .01 DIRECT AND CONTROL all Net Traffic and establish such reasonable rules as are necessary for the orderly functioning of the Net.
- .02 ENFORCE ALL REGULATIONS as well as any Bylaws, having to do with the proper conduct of the Net or administration of the office.
- .03 APPOINT THE DAILY NET CONTROLS, area controls and such alternates as may be necessary.
- .04 FURNISH CORRECTED QUARTERLY ROLL CALL LISTS to the Secretary/Treasurer by or before the tenth day of the appropriate month.
- .05 KEEP CONTINUOUS AND COMPLETE TRAFFIC and check-in records and forward to the President and Secretary/Treasurer monthly totals of all member check-ins, messages handled, contacts, QSTs and non-member check-ins.
- .06 FURNISH A LIST in writing, to the Secretary/Treasurer, not later than April tenth for nominations, May tenth for elections, and May first for amendments, of all members, who according to the records are qualified to vote.
- .07 CERTIFY FOR A LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE, upon request of the Secretary/Treasurer or on his/her own initiative, based upon the official check-in records of the Net, any member entitled to one under the Life Membership requirements of the Bylaws.
- .08 APPOINT one member of the election committee.
- .09 APPOINT one member of the auditing committee.
- .10 ESTABLISH NET LIAISON for traffic routing purposes as far as is practicable or necessary.
- .11 SUSPEND AND/OR COMPLETELY REMOVE from the roll call and roster any member who flagrantly and arbitrarily violates the operating rules of the Net, the severity of the infraction to determine the course of action.
- .12 NOT CAUSE OR ALLOW TO BE PLACED ON ROLL CALL a nonmember of the Net.
- .13 PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES requested by the President or required for the proper performance of the office.

42. AREA DIRECTORS.

It shall be the duty of each Area Director to:

- .01 ACT AS LIAISON between members and prospective members and the Board of Directors for those in his/her area.
- .02 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUGGESTIONS and/or complaints within fifteen (15) days and forward the same to the President for any action required by him/her or the Board of Directors.
- .03 MAKE EVERY EFFORT to maintain and expand membership for area coverage and promote good will and harmony within their area.
- .04 APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, SIGNED APPLICATIONS for membership and forward same promptly to the Chief Net Control.
- .05 MAINTAIN A FILE of the business of his/her area.
- .06 ATTEND AND VOTE at Board of Directors meetings as a representative of his/her area.
- .07 NOTIFY EACH PROSPECTIVE MEMBER, if so requested, of the requirements for membership.

43. HISTORIAN.

It shall be the duty of the Historian to:

- .01 MAINTAIN PHYSICAL CUSTODY of all vital and important records over two years old, of all applications of former members or duplicate applications found in existence and of any and all documents that may provide a chronological history of the Net.
- .02 PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION from this material, at the request of any officer or member, but shall not relinquish the physical custody of any item except by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, and then only when a specified date or time has been set for its return.
- .03 BE AND REMAIN ALOOF from all politics and shall not hold or be a candidate for any elective office.

44. THE OFFICE OF HISTORIAN

Shall be a permanent appointment subject to the Bylaws, and if vacated shall be filled by appointment by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors.

- .01 THE HISTORIAN MAY BE REMOVED from office only if he/she has not fulfilled the duties of the office, has violated the Constitution and Bylaws or has been removed from the active membership list, and then only by majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V

PAST PRESIDENT

45. DUTIES

- .01 shall SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER of the Board of Directors in order to provide continuity of communication from the retiring Board to the new Board of Directors.
- .02 shall ADVISE THE PRESIDENT on Net business, both past and current, when requested.
- .03 shall have a voice but no vote at the Board of Directors meetings.
- .04 THE TERM OF OFFICE shall be for the year immediately following their term of office as President.

ARTICLE VI

APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

46. ELECTION COMMITTEE.

The election committee shall be composed of three members, one each appointed by the President, Vice-President and Chief Net Control and who, at the time of appointment, shall not either hold or be a candidate for any office. The appointment shall be for duty at the current election only, but shall not preclude being appointed at a future annual meeting.

- .01 It shall be the duty of the Election Committee, at the annual meeting, to conduct the election count as prescribed in the appropriate section of the Bylaws under Elections and shall give to the President a written report of the results of the ballots, together with the actual ballots for disposal at a later date.

47. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three members, one each appointed by the President, Vice-President and Chief Net Control. The appointment shall be for duty at the current meeting only, but shall not preclude being appointed at a future meeting.

- .01 It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to audit the books and finances of the Net and to make a written report to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

BALLOTING FOR ELECTIVE OFFICERS

- 48. PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER & CHIEF NET CONTROL.

These officers shall be elected by the general membership.

- 49. NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREA DIRECTORS.

These officers shall be elected by members of their respective areas.

ARTICLE VIII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- 50. NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for elected officers shall be made over the air during net sessions, or by letter, telegraph or Amateur radiogram filed during a net session, addressed to the Secretary/Treasurer.

- 51. WHO MAY NOMINATE OR BE NOMINATED.

Only active members who have been continuously on the active roll call for ninety (90) days (during the calendar months of January, February and March) prior to the opening of nominations shall be entitled to nominate or be nominated for an elective office.

- 52. FOR ONE OFFICE ONLY.

A member may accept nomination for one office only and must file a letter or notice of acceptance with the Secretary/Treasurer no later than midnight of May first (1st) specifying which office is chosen, if nominated for more than one office, and all nominees must file a letter or notice of acceptance signifying their willingness to run for office under the conditions specified herein.

- 53. FAILURE TO CONFIRM.

Failure of a nominee to confirm their nomination in accordance with Section 53 shall invalidate the nomination and their name will not appear on the election ballot.

- 54. WHEN OPENED AND CLOSED.

Nomination of officers shall be opened on April tenth (10th) and closed at the official close of the Net session on May first (1st) of each year.

55. METHOD OF ACCEPTANCE.

Notice of acceptance of nomination shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer by one of the following methods:

- .01 A letter delivered personally to him/her.
- .02 A letter sent through regular U.S. mail, showing a date stamp no later than May first (1st).
- .03 An E-mail showing a date/time stamp no later than 12 P.M. May first (1st).
- .04 An Amateur radiogram listed and sent on the Net frequency during a regular session of the Net, on or before May first (1st). If the Secretary/Treasurer is not present on Net to receive the radiogram, the Net Control of the evening shall accept it and relay it as soon as possible and shall also log the nomination on the Net Control sheet as evidence that such an acceptance was made.

56. ELECTION TO OFFICE.

Election to office shall be by a plurality of votes cast.

57. WHO MAY VOTE.

Only active members who have been continuously on the active roll call for ninety (90) days (during the calendar months of February, March and April) shall be entitled to vote in the election of officers or on any amendment to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTION BALLOTS

58. TO WHOM SENT AND WHEN.

After May first (1st) and no later than May fifteenth (15th), the Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare the election ballots and send one, together with a plain unidentified envelope and a SASE to each member of the Net as certified by Chief Net Control. When all elective offices have only one nominee per office, the President may declare that the nominees are elected, thus effecting the election by general consensus or acclamation. The motion to close the nomination shall be used as the means of moving the election of the candidates in such a case.

59. CUSTODY OF BALLOTS AND WHEN RETURNED.

Marked ballots shall be returned to the Secretary/Treasurer and shall be received prior to midnight, June first (1st), in order to be counted and shall be kept in his/her custody unopened and turned over to the election committee at the annual meeting.

60. METHOD OF BALLOTING.

The member shall mark the ballot, insert it into the plain, unidentified envelope, seal the envelope and insert it into the self-addressed envelope, seal it and then send it to the Secretary Treasurer prior to June first (1st). A ballot received in any other form or after said date shall be null and void and shall not be counted.

61. AMENDMENTS

If proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws are to be included for vote on the ballot, the Board of Directors shall instruct the Secretary/Treasurer, prior to preparation of the ballot, the method of presentation for vote of the members. The Board may instruct that all proposed changes be considered together and accepted or rejected on a single YES or NO ballot option or they may instruct that the proposed changes be broken down individually or into groups of related changes to be voted on accordingly.

62. METHOD OF HANDLING BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

The election committee, on receiving the ballots from the Secretary/Treasurer, shall check the return address against the certified list of Chief Net Control and shall remove and destroy any that do not appear on that list.

63. SEPARATION OF BALLOTS FROM ENVELOPES AND COUNT.

After the preliminary requirements have been fulfilled, the committee shall open the outer envelopes and completely separate them from the plain, sealed envelopes in such a manner that neither may ever again be associated one with the other. The plain unidentified envelopes shall then be opened and the ballots removed and placed in a pile and then tabulated and counted. The final results of the count shall be presented to the President who shall announce the results of the election at the meeting, again at the get-together picnic and finally, as soon as is possible, by formal QST announcement on the Net.

ARTICLE X

MEMBERSHIPS

64. NEW MEMBER REQUIREMENTS.

Any licensed Amateur of General Class or higher license is eligible to apply for membership provided that they have checked in to the Net at least three times a week for four consecutive weeks prior to being invited to join the net. The Area Director for the prospective applicant shall provide an application to the applicant, which shall be completed and returned to the Area Director for signature and forwarding to the Chief Net Control for signature.

65. APPLICATION.

Upon approval of the application by the Area Director and Chief Net Control it shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer who, upon receipt of it, shall issue a current roll call, roster of members and a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to the new member.

66. REJECTION OF APPLICANT.

If the application is not approved, the Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the applicant by mail, stating therein the reason for rejection and informing them of their right to appeal in writing within ten (10) days to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

67. REQUIREMENTS.

To maintain active membership status each member must check in at least twelve (12) days per month and comply with all of the regulations of the Bylaws.

68. AUTOMATIC INACTIVE STATUS.

Failure to comply with the active member check-in requirements shall automatically place the member on an inactive status, and they will not be called on regular roll call, but shall be listed on the roll call as inactive.

69. CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any member who does not check in during a period of one calendar month and who has not previously made written request for inactive status to the Chief Net Control shall be canceled from membership and dropped from the roster. Failure to comply with all of the regulations of the Bylaws shall also bring cancellation of membership.

70. EXCEPTION TO CANCELLATION.

A member who through sickness, accident, extended vacation or other reasonable circumstances, such as rig trouble, rig off the air due to moving or loss of antenna, thereby making the rig inoperable, is unable to make the required number of check-ins may be continued on the active roll call at the discretion of the Chief Net Control, in order that they may maintain their voting privileges, but the time so granted under this provision shall not count toward the Life Membership award and must be made up to be so counted. Due notice shall be sent to the Chief Net Control and copied to the Secretary/Treasurer.

71. WORKING CONDITIONS.

A member who because of work, such as working swing shift or similar conditions, is unable to make the required number of check-ins may be continued on the active roll call, at the discretion of the Chief Net Control in order that they may maintain their voting privileges, but the time so granted under this provision shall not count toward the Life Membership award and must be made up to be so counted. Due notice shall be sent to the Chief Net Control and copied to the Secretary/Treasurer.

72. MILITARY SERVICE.

A member who is in the military service, or one who enters the military service and moves from the area due to official orders, on written request to the President of the Net, shall be given a leave of absence until ninety (90) days after returning to the area, during which time he/she shall have requested reinstatement to active roll call. Any time so granted under this provision shall not count toward the Life Membership award and must be made up to be so counted.

73. REINSTATEMENT.

Reinstatement of a canceled membership may be made up only by compliance with New Member Requirements except where provided for in other sections of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

74. INVOLUNTARY.

A member who fails to qualify under the requirements as set forth in Section 66 shall be placed on the inactive roll call.

75. VOLUNTARY.

A member who desires to be placed on inactive status must so notify the Chief Net Control or Area Director in writing within ten (10) days, stating the reason for such request.

76. LIMITATION.

No member may remain on inactive status for a period exceeding ninety (90) days, except as provided in Sections 70, 71 and 72.

ARTICLE XIII

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

77. WHO QUALIFIES.

Any member who has been on the active roll call for a full five-year period shall be entitled to a Life Membership Certificate.

78. CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP.

The five year period must be continuous without interruption or break. Previous membership time will not be counted.

79. INACTIVE TIME.

Time spent on inactive status during an unbroken membership may be made up by a subsequent period of active membership applied toward the award.

80. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

To maintain active membership a life member shall meet all the requirements governing any other member.

81. RETURN TO ROSTER.

A life member who has been removed from the roster due to inactivity may be returned to the active roster by making a written request to the Chief Net Control without qualifying check-ins. Filing a new application will be waived except where a change of address or loss of previous application occurs.

ARTICLE XIV

WRITTEN REQUEST

82. ACCEPTABLE FORM.

Wherever the words "written" or "by mail" appear any place in these Bylaws, except for Section 66, a formal radiogram message or E-mail will be permissible as an option in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE XV

RULES OF ORDER

83. AT MEETINGS.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings of the Board of Directors when same does not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws, which shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XVI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

84. AT MEETING.

The order of business for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be:

- .01 CALL TO ORDER by the President.
- .02 READING OF THE MINUTES of the previous meeting.
- .03 REPORT OF OFFICERS.
- .04 FINANCIAL REPORT by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- .05 COMMITTEE REPORTS.
- .06 READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.
- .07 UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
- .08 NEW BUSINESS.
- .09 GOOD OF THE NET.
- .10 NECROLOGY.
- .11 ADJOURNMENT.

ARTICLE XVII

FINANCES

85. WHERE DERIVED.

The money to finance the activities of the Net shall be derived from auctions, etc., of donated equipment and other objects, held during get-together picnics of the various areas.

86. GENERAL OPERATING FUND.

Monies derived from any source shall be deposited in a Bank by the Secretary/Treasurer and listed in his/her accounts as the General Operating Fund.

87. HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized, on approval of a majority of the Board, to disburse funds for the recognition of a Net Member or their immediate family, at times of illness or death.

REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

GENERAL RULES

88. SUGGESTIONS.

Any suggestions for improvement or betterment of the Net shall be made known to the Area Director of the member's area, in person or in writing, for future consideration by the Board of Directors.

89. DISCUSSION OVER THE AIR.

Rule making and Net policies should not normally be discussed over the air.

90. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member to foster goodwill and understanding within the Net, as well as without, and promote Net efficiency.

ARTICLE II

CONDUCT OF NET MEMBERS

91. COOPERATION.

It is axiomatic that in the interest of efficient Net operation a reasonably tight rein be held by the Net Control. In a purely voluntary Net, such as ours, adequate control can be achieved only by complete and willing cooperation of the members with the designated Net Control. The attention of all members is directed to the preamble of the roll call and the conditions set forth thereon as well as any operating rules set forth by Chief Net Control, none of which are severe or unreasonable and are for the purpose of promoting Net efficiency, thereby enabling the Net Control to do the best job possible. All members are urged to cooperate, bearing in mind that if the Net is to function properly, Net discipline must be maintained.

92. AIRING GREIVANCES.

The airing of personal grievances, either fancied or actual, with Net members or others, has no place during Net operations and is to be discouraged. No possible good can accrue to the Net, its members or Amateur Radio in general from such a practice. If the member's grievance is relative to the conduct of the Net or with an officer, they should write to their Area Director stating their complaint, as one of the duties of the Area Director is to adjudicate disputes or complaints.

93. CHECKING IN.

Members are urged to check in on time, within their respective areas if at all possible, and to list their traffic during roll call. Granted, this is not always possible, but the effort should be made. Listing traffic on Net late is a calculated risk, and it may not be moved.

94. CHECKING OUT.

If a member leaves the Net at a time other than specified when checking in, it is incumbent on them to so notify the Net Control. Too little consideration is given this by Net members. Obviously, Net Control assumes a station to be on frequency and available unless it has been indicated otherwise. It is particularly inexcusable to list traffic or a contact and then leave Net without first notifying Net Control.

95. OBSERVE RULES.

Remember, the job of Net Control is not an easy one. We can't all be first on the list to pass traffic or to accept it. Observe the Net rules. Be thoughtful and considerate of the other fellow, and all of us, including the Net, will benefit thereby. Remember too, that you may be a Net Control sometime.

ARTICLE III

NET AND AREA CONTROLS

- 96. NET CONTROLS.
Net Controls shall establish the Net frequency.
- 97. INTERRUPTION TO ROLL CALL.
Roll call shall not be interrupted except for emergency breaks, at which time the Area Control shall turn the Net over to Net Control for handling.
- 98. TAKING CONTROL.
Chief Net Control or Net Control may take over the Net at any time they consider circumstances warrant.
- 99. RELAYS.
Net or Area Controls shall make the fullest use of relays when needed.
- 100. VISITOR CHECK-INS.
Net and Area Controls should extend every courtesy possible to visitor check-ins.
- 101. DEVIATION FROM LIST.
If conditions warrant, Net Controls may deviate from the published Area Control list.
- 102. AREA CONTROLS.
Area Controls, when calling roll, shall make every effort toward speed, consistent with clarity and accuracy. Area Controls are usually selected for their outstanding signals, therefore, repeating the call and the use of names on the initial call is time consuming and should be discouraged.
- 103. FREQUENT USE OF THE PHRASE
"GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET" should be made by Net and Area Controls
- 104. TRAFFIC LISTINGS.
Traffic listings should be repeated by Area Controls. Net Control should make every effort within reason to dispose of all listed traffic, and that which cannot be moved should be referred to the listing station for their pleasure.
- 105. JUDGEMENT TO BE USED.
As hard and fast rules for the order in which traffic is to be moved are impractical under certain conditions, the Net Control must exercise considerable judgment concerning precedence of adhering as close as possible to the published list of precedence.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

106. Written Form Required.

In accordance with Article X, Section 64 of the Bylaws, Area Directors shall provide a Membership Application form to prospective applicants.

107. Acceptable Forms

The membership Application form may be either

- 1. A printed hard copy, available from the Secretary/Treasurer
- 2. A blank PDF form (Adobe Reader 10 or newer), also available from the Secretary/Treasurer

108. Form Submittal

Once the form is completed by the prospective applicant, it may be submitted to the Area Director by the U.S. mail, or in the case of the PDF version, it shall be digitally signed and submitted to the Area Director as an attachment to E-mail.

ARTICLE V

SILENT KEYS

109. SILENT KEYS.

Upon learning of the demise of a member, the Chief Net Control shall QST the Net and halt the proceedings for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased and shall direct that the call sign be carried on the roll call for a period of thirty (30) days and when called on the roll call, after the call sign the following words be added, "IS NOW A SILENT KEY". If a member on the inactive roll call or a previous member who is a Life Member dies; they shall be placed on active roll call and the same procedure followed as for an active member.

ARTICLE VI

QST's

110. GIVEN MORE THAN ONE TIME.

QST's should be given on successive nights. QST's about roll call or health and welfare of a member should be given at least three (3) times.

ARTICLE VII

CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

111. REGULATIONS MAY BE CHANGED.

These Regulations may be changed, altered, modified, deleted or added to by majority vote of the Board of Directors (Section 5). This vote shall be by mail (or E-mail in accordance with Section 7).

As amended and approved for adoption by a vote of the members and submitted on June 8, 2013.

The following Directors were in office.

Jim Cox, K7JAJ President

Michael Ditmore, W7HUT Vice President

Rosanne Mueller, WB6ANN Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Wilkinson, WØHJW Chief Net Control

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