

LAKESHORE REPEATER ASSOCIATION  
BYLAWS  
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ARTICLE ONE  
Offices

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the State of Wisconsin and shall be the same as the address of the station trustee.

ARTICLE TWO  
Membership

- A. Eligibility for membership in the association is set forth as follows: Any person is eligible for full membership provided that,
  - a) He holds a valid amateur radio operator/station license
  - b) He indicates the desire to become a member
  - c) Any member who joined the association prior to February 1,1976 shall be considered as a charter member.
- B. To become a member of the association a person who is eligible must furnish his name, address, call sign, telephone number and annual dues to the secretary or treasurer.
- C. Eligible persons residing in the same household may be granted full membership privileges on the payment of a single membership fee. Memberships of all members of the same household shall have the same anniversary date.
- D. A "Retiree Membership" is available, with all privileges, for those 62 years of age or older.
- E. An "Associate Membership" exists for persons 62 years of age or older or for any person living outside Racine and Kenosha counties. Associate members are denied the privileges of voting, holding office or the use of special features of the repeater system.
- F. Any member has the prerogative of resigning from membership in the club and the association and any resignation will be recognized and accepted when submitted to the secretary, in writing. Resigned members will be restored to the association's prospective membership list upon use of the equipment owned by the association.
- G. Each member shall pledge himself to adhere to the best of his or her ability to:
  - a) All applicable FCC rules and regulations
  - b) The requirements of the articles and bylaws of this association
  - c) Code of ethics adopted by the association.
- H. Except for "Associate Membership", all members shall have full voting privileges provided they are not delinquent in their "dues and assessments" as set forth in the appropriate provisions of the bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings of the association shall be held quarterly in the evening of the last Tuesday in the months of January, April, July and October.
- B. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the members of the association as a whole.

- C. Special meetings may be called for any purpose by any officer of the association upon written notice to all members at least ten days in advance of said meeting. The mailing of a letter or postcard to the address of any member as it appears on the membership roll of the club shall constitute good notice provided the time requirement aforesaid is met. The notice shall contain a statement of the nature of the business to be transacted. Only specified business shall be transacted at the meetings.

#### DUES & ASSESSMENTS

- A. Each member is required to pay annual dues at the time of joining the club and at the end of yearly intervals thereafter. Annual dues shall be payable on or before February 1 of each year. The monetary value of membership dues may be adjusted in accordance to club needs, providing the membership approve at a regular or a special meeting. "Retiree" dues shall be two-thirds that of full membership while "Associate" dues shall be one-third that of full membership.
- B. The treasurer will notify all members of the expiration dates of their membership. A delinquent member may be reinstated at any time.
- C. Family members are those persons who reside in the same household as a full member who is head of a family. All members of such household shall have full membership provided they meet the other requirements for membership stated above. Memberships of all members of the same household shall have the same anniversary date. Family members pay no "dues".
- D. Any member may be dropped from membership in the association and lose all rights and claims to association privileges when:
  - a) Misuse of the repeater's system equipment is found and consequently confirmed by the Board of Directors.
  - b) Misuse, poor operating practice, abusive language, or other misuse of the repeater is found and confirmed by the board of directors.
  - c) When the directors decide to meet so as to review the offender's actions, said member shall be notified at least ten days in advance of the meeting so that he/she may appear on their own behalf.
  - d) Reinstatement of a member dropped by revocation may be considered upon his request six or more months later. The application for reinstatement may be approved by a majority vote at a regular meeting or by a two-thirds majority vote of the association's directors.

#### ARTICLE THREE Officers & Directors

The elected officers of the corporation shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

These elected officers shall also be Directors of the corporation and comprise the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall appoint by majority vote, two additional officers who shall also be Directors of the corporation. They shall be:

- E. Trustee
- F. Technical Chairman

The election of officers shall be:

- A. To be eligible for office a person must be a member in good standing and consent to be a candidate.
- B. The term of office shall be for one calendar year.
- C. The President shall, at the April meeting, appoint a nominations committee. The committee shall provide a listing of the candidates to the club secretary no later than September 1 of that year.
- D. The secretary shall enclose a copy of that listing of candidates in the mailing of the notice of the regular October business meeting.
- E. Elections will be held during the regular October meeting and shall utilize secret ballots except in the event that only one candidate is running for a given office. The person receiving the majority of votes cast will be declared the winner.

#### DUTIES

The duties of the officers shall be such, as their title by general usage would indicate. Specifically:

- A. The president shall preside at all meetings. He is an ex-officio member of all committees. He is the spokesman for the club at all official functions.
- B. The Vice-president's duties shall be to take over all duties of the president in the absence of the president. He shall have all the authority of the president when so acting in the presidential capacity. He shall assist the president in all activities of the club.
- C. The secretary's duties shall be to keep the minutes of each meeting, together with the club membership roll and any other record keeping responsibilities not assigned to the treasurer. He shall file all documents and reports required by any governmental agency with the exception of reports and correspondence relating to the United States Department of Internal Revenue or the Wisconsin Department of Revenue which shall be the responsibility of the treasurer.
- D. The treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of an accurate financial record for the association and will be held personally responsible for those funds entrusted to him and shall give an accounting to the association at request.
- E. The technical chairman shall be charged with the responsibility for the physical property utilized by the club.
- F. All officers will, upon completion of the term of office, turn over all properties belonging to the club to their elected successors and assist the succeeding officers to learn the necessary tasks required for good association government.
- G. The officers of the club shall also have such duties as are required of them by other provisions of the bylaws.

#### VACANCIES

A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice-president. A vacancy in the office of vice-president, secretary, or treasurer shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting called by a director of the corporation using the procedures outlined above. A vacancy in the office of Trustee or Technical Chairman shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee.

#### MEETINGS

Meetings of the board of directors will be held as required. Notification of the membership will be by the best means available under the circumstances. As with general membership meetings Roberts Rules of Order shall be recognized as the authority of procedures governing meetings when not in conflict with the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE FOUR Committees & Duties

Special or standing committees may be appointed by the presiding officer at regular or special meetings as may be necessary. These committees will function for the club's advantage and will be terminated upon completion of the assigned task. A special nominating committee shall be appointed by the president according to the procedure outlined above.

## ARTICLE FIVE

### Operations

The club may acquire property for the purposes outlined in the articles of incorporation and bylaws subject to the following restrictions. Any purchase or sale of association property must have the approval of majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting. The trustee, however, shall be authorized to take such steps as are necessary to make repairs to the station equipment or any corporation property in order to keep said property fully operational and is authorized to make expenditures for that purpose provided such expenditures do not exceed the amount appropriated in the operating fund. The operating fund shall be established at the first regular meeting of each year and may be modified from time to time by a majority vote of those present at any regular membership meeting. In the event that emergency repairs are required and there are insufficient funds in the operating fund additional funds may be appropriated to the operating fund by a majority vote of the directors of the corporation.

### CONTROL STATIONS

Control Stations shall be appointed by the board of directors from a list of those members volunteering for such duties. Standard operating procedures for control stations shall be established by a board of directors and approved by the membership. Control station status may be terminated for cause by action of the board of directors.

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of this association.

The American Radio Relay League Code of Ethics is adopted as the Code of Ethics of the Lakeshore Repeater Association.