

# November 2017 VOL:53 ISSUE:11

Dribble from the president – I must say thanks to Dave and others for keeping the meetings going, while I have been nursing my sprained ankle, so many things we take for granted until they go wrong like something as small as an ankle. I hope we can get the December banquet back on track - few restaurants have rooms like the Sugar Creek room, anyone have ideas? Lots of contests happen in the winter so find a band you like and have at it, test an antenna seen at field day or driving along somewhere, not sure how to get it together? Come to a meeting and get ideas from experienced hams then look for materials at the hamfests or?? Our newsletter has things roll along like a snow storm, get on the air in the shack where it is warm. 73, N8PZD

# Vice Prez Sez:

I really believe that we have a great group of members in NOARS. An intelligent and knowledge group. But, I also realize that only a FEW members actively participate in anything except the NETS. So I know that all members need to do as much as they can to help the club grow and prosper in the coming years.

My vision for the coming year is the following:

- #1 We need to have **MORE participation from ALL members.**
- #2 We need to **ACTIVELY RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS**.
- #3 We need to **Share Their Knowledge** in all areas with other members, either as a group or in a <u>"one on one"</u> situation.
- #4 We need **Regular Attendance at Meetings and Events** from all members able to do so.

If we fail to do these things, NOARS will cease to exist as a viable organization and fade away, as it seems to be doing now

#### October 16, 2017 Secretary's Report

The minutes of the Meeting of October 16, 2017

Submitted by Thomas N8CWF, Secretary

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM with 25 members and guests in attendance. **Secretary's Report:** 

President Clark N8PZD called for a motion to suspend the reading of the September minutes as published in the September NOARS log. The motion was made by Carl W8KRF, seconded by Dave W8KFJ and passed by the majority vote of the members that the minutes be accepted as published.

# **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer, Tom Porter W8KYZ, gave the treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report as amended was made by Mark K8WON, seconded by Dave W8KFJ, and received majority vote. The motion carried and the report was approved as read, after one amendment.

#### **President's Report:**

President Clark N8PZD reported that the club was in the process of reviewing and revising the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club. Discussion ensued, after which it was determined that the revisions as written were inadequate to allow them to pass. Thomas N8CWF suggested that the club allow an appointed committee to convene and draft a document to replace the out-dated copy. This was put into the form of a motion by Chet K8KIZ, seconded by Thomas N8FDY and passed by a majority vote of the members. The committee was appointed as follows:

Dave KY8OSU Thomas N8CWF Thomas N8FDY

The Committee will convene at a time and place to be determined by the appointed members. The draft will be presented at a future meeting for the review of the membership present at the meeting, and voted upon for acceptance. Upon acceptance, it will be added to the minutes of that business meeting and become the force of Law for the Club – the duly accepted replacement for the former document.

# Membership Report:

# **Standing Committee Reports:**

Carl W8KRF reported that there was a new member added to the roster this evening, as well as another who recently passed his exam.

#### Picnic:

#### **Repeater Report:**

Carl W8KRF reported that the repeater was affected by a power outage at the location of the tower, and since the battery back-up system had failed last month, the repeater failed to reboot successfully. He also suggested that we get a sustainable battery back-up system to maintain the repeater in such an event. He made a motion for the club's permission to purchase the equipment, which was seconded by Bill K8RTR, and passed by a majority vote of the membership.

#### **Net Report:**

Bob W8RET reported that there were a few more volunteers to run the 10m net, who had been very successful. He also reported that the 2m net had received some good DX via Echolink, and that the contacts had been quite enjoyable.

#### **VE Report:**

Tom reported that there were four new passing amateurs who had been tested in the previous month. Out of the four, the one of them became a member.

#### **Banquet:**

#### Old Business:

President Clark N8PZD asked the Nominating Committee to provide his report. He reported that he had called several members of the club to ask if anyone had interest in running for office. The official nominations are: President: Dave KY8OSU, Vice President: Clark N8PZD, Secretary:Thomas N8CWF, Treasurer: Tom W8KYZ

President Clark N8PZD asked for Nominations from the floor. There being none, the bill of nominees was accepted and a motion was made by Dave W8KFJ, seconded by Chett K8KIZ that it be included in the minutes. The motion carried, and such it was done.

Dave W8KFJ presented his findings on an SDR called Kiwi. The information presented is available in this month's newsletter.

Thomas N8CWF presented his findings regarding an interest in providing BaoFeng HT Radios for members and attendees at our Ham Fests and events. The prospect was revisited, but no new information came forward.

New Business: President Clark N8PZD

# Announcements:

Tonight's Speaker: None

# 2017 November Calendar

			1 BRTN 9:30PM	2 2M Net 8:00P.M	3	4
5	6	7 10M Net 8:00P.M.	8 BRTN 9:30PM	9 2M Net 8:00P.M	10	11
12	13	14 10M Net 8:00P.M.	15 BRTN 9:30PM	16 2M Net 8:00P.M	17	18
19 V.E. Testing Red Cross 1:00 PM	20 NOARS Meeting 7:00PM	21 10M Net 8:00P.M.	22 BRTN 9:30PM	23 Thanksgiving 2M Net 8:00P.M	24 LCARA & ARES 7:00P.M.	25
26	27	28 10M Net 8:00P.M.	29	30 2M Net 8:00P.M		

"Russ and Johnny Show" / Every evening maybe? / from about 9P.M. or So? Everyone Welcome \*LCARA meets @ Red Cross(rear door)

November 20, 2017: General Membership Meeting: Held 7:00 P.M. sharp at the North Ridgeville Branch of the Lorain Public Library / 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039 Doors Open 6:30 PM, coffee and doughnuts will be available, Program will follow the Meeting.

Dave W8KFJ will present on KiwiSDR @ the November Meeting, you can obtain more info @ http://www.kiwisdr.com/

HEARD ON THE NETS : W8RET W8KYZ NC8X NQ8T N8CX K8AGW KD2HCE K8RWC KY8OSU K8WON N8WS KD8PHL K8RTR K2KSU KC8FQV KE8GNX KD8NGE KC8FOS WA8ERA K8KGX K8IC W8KRF W8GWD KD8VTX KD8VIQ K8IIT WB8UPA WD8SCP KE8HLO N8CWF W8KYS KM4REO KA8BPU KE8HUA N8UUC KF8PM KE8HVH KE8CWD W8TZF K8AGV 41IABN KE8GKO KD8HXX W1AFC WA8CAC N8FDY N8SY WA8UGC KD8NNA BIRTHDAY LIST: W8OJM KC8ATR KE8EVS KE7CJI W8KRF N8NGA

Tower and Antennas available: Robert Hayes kw8n@aol.com> I wanted to let you know of a woman, Mrs. Agnes Lukas at 5301 Main Avenue in North Ridgeville, whose husband has died and who has a tower with a tribander and VHF antennas on it. She is worried about them falling down and is willing to give the tower and beams to whomever would take the tower down for her.Perhaps there is someone in the NOARS club that would be interested? Or perhaps even a club project where the tower and beam could be used by NOARS in the future for things like Field Day or other operation activities?Being a former NOARS member I thought of providing you folks with the first opportunity.The best way to proceed is to contract her son, Bill Lukas at (440) 225-4493. TNX 73, Bob Hayes KW8N

WORKMAN WHF 20. Hamstick style fiberglass stick mobile 20 meter radio antenna. \$10.00 MILITARY MAST. 12 PACK of 4 foot fiberglass poles (48 feet). With green carrying bag. \$20.00. CALL K8HRD, HAROLD. 440.322.3770

# FOR SALE:

william j squires <bill1973ham@gmail.com> T200-2 POWERED IRON TOROIDS \$6.00 EACH NEW USED TO WIND BALUNS OR UN-UNS BLUE BOX 9 TO 1 UN-UN \$35.00 EACH USED BY ME GREY BOX 9 TO 1 UN-UN \$45.00 USED BY ME I can be reached at 216-215-0371or bill1973ham@gmail.com price is firm and I can deliver to the next meeting if you let me know in advance. Or you can pick them up at my home,call me first.thank you......bill squires N8WS SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE



# The DX Engineering Retail Showroom

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Open from 9 am to 9 pm, seven days a week

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00Z, Nov 4 to 2359Z, Nov 5			
200Z, Nov 4 to 1200Z, Nov 5			
2100Z, Nov 4 to 0300Z, Nov 6			
0145Z-0215Z, Nov 10			
0001Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12			
Z, Nov 11 to 0200Z, Nov 12			
0000Z-0400Z, Nov 12			
2000Z-2130Z, Nov 13			
1600Z-2200Z, Nov 17			
1600Z, Nov 18 to 0700Z, Nov 19			
2100Z, Nov 18 to 0300Z, Nov 20			
0000Z, Nov 25 to 2400Z, Nov 26			
2000Z-2130Z, Nov 30			
0145Z-0215Z, Dec 1			
2200Z, Dec 1 to 1600Z, Dec 3			
1800Z-1900Z, Dec 7 (CW) and			
1900Z-2000Z, Dec 7 (SSB) and			
2000Z-2100Z, Dec 7 (FM) and			
2100Z-2200Z, Dec 7 (Dig)			
0145Z-0215Z, Dec 8			
0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10			
1600Z, Dec 9 to 1559Z, Dec 10			
t 2000Z-2359Z, Dec 10			

Great Lakes Traffic	80m	3.932.0	Every	8:00PM	pre Net at 8:00pm, normal net @
			Day		8:30pm
Ohio Single Sideband	80m	3.972.5	Every	10:30am, 4:15pm,	http://www.qsl.net/ossbn/
Net			Day	6;45pm	

# Location: FREQUENCIES 3.875 LSB AND 7.240 LSB

Notes: W8SGT is facilitating the Ohio HF Net every Tuesday at 1800 (6PM) on the Ohio ARES Admin frequency 3875 KHz LSB and the alternate 7240 KHz at about 1820 (6:20PM). The Ohio HF Net is run from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Columbus. ALL are welcome to check in. This is a great opportunity to get your county EOC HF station on the air and make contact with the state EOC

Charles Kutchin K8AGV located a source to find old call signs, go to:

https://archive.org/details/callbook

# Dave W8KFJ will present on KiwiSDR @ the November Meeting, you can obtain more info @ http://www.kiwisdr.com/

**K**wiSDR is always accessed over a network connection using a browser running on another computer or mobile device. This can be from your local network or by anyone on the Internet if you have chosen to make your KiwiSDR publicly available. The user interface is not currently optimized for mobile devices and there are no mobile apps yet for Android or iOS. The software does not support <u>attaching</u> <u>a monitor</u> or keyboard/mouse directly to the Kiwi BeagleBone.

Connect to the local network using an Ethernet cable between the Kiwi and your Ethernet switch, router, cable modem or firewall. An IP address for the Ethernet port is usually assigned by a DHCP server that is likely to already be running on your network. See the <u>network configuration</u> section for complete details.

Please consider making your Kiwi <u>publicly available</u> to Internet users by listing it on <u>sdr.hu</u>. Particularly if your Kiwi is located in an interesting or under-represented part of the world. There are options for limiting public access to a subset of the four available channels.

# **Constitution of The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society**

# **Preamble:**

To promote the advancement of amateur radio as a hobby and to provide public service communications in time of need, an organization is hereby formed to be known as the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, hereafter referred to as "Club".

# **Membership:**

- 1. Membership is open to all who have an interest in amateur radio.
- 2. Membership categories, obligations and privileges are defined in the by-laws.

# **Board of Directors:**

- 1. The principal governing body shall be a seven member Board of Directors, consisting of the four current officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), plus the three most recent past presidents, hereafter known by and referred to as the Directors.
- 2. In the event three past presidents cannot be found to serve as Directors, the positions will succeed to the most recent Vice Presidents.
- 3. Should a vacancy exist after appointments are made from both the past Presidents and past Vice Presidents, the President may select and appoint full members to serve as Directors for a period not to exceed one year. The term of a Director appointed from the membership will be commensurate with the president's term in office, and must be appointed annually.

# **Duties of the Board of Directors:**

- 1. To serve as the general policy making body of the society.
- 2. Prepare an annual budget defining the anticipated expenditures of the standing committees, said budget to be presented at the January Club meeting for approval by the membership.
- 3. The board may authorize, during one administrative year, a single expenditure of up to \$100.00 outside of, or in excess of the budget for a given committee at their sole discretion. Amounts greater than \$100.00 must be approved by the general membership at a regular membership meeting, or a special meeting.
- 4. The Board of Directors will meet regularly a minimum of four (4) times each year, one per quarter, at a location mutually agreed upon by both the President and the Board of Directors.
- 5. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of four (4) members.

6. The board of directors shall represent the Club in all capacities in a positive manner, and act as the Club's public relations persons to all entities, guests and potential new members.

# **Officers:**

- 1. Officers of the society shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 2. Officers shall be elected annually in accordance with Article VII of the By-laws, for a term of one year. Only Full Members in good standing shall be eligible to be officers.

# **President:**

- a) Shall preside at all board meetings and at all general Club meetings and enforce the provisions of this Constitution and its By-Laws.
- b) At their discretion, the President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors for the considerations of a specific subject, in addition to the four (4) required meetings.
- c) The President will appoint chairpersons for the standing and {customary} committees and special committees that may be formed for short-term specific tasks.

# **Vice President:**

- a) The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in his or her absence.
- b) The Vice President will automatically become chairman of either the {Program} Field Day, or Social committee, as he or she chooses, if not already chaired.

# Secretary:

- a) The Secretary will keep Minutes of all Club and Board meetings, be the caretaker of the Club records, and shall carry out general Club correspondence.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and have the same with him or her at every meeting. They shall cause all amendments, changes or additions to be included in the official copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. {line re-located from "Additional Officer's Duties"}
- c) The secretary shall have copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, in the most recent revision, available for members upon request. {line re-located from "Additional Officer's Duties"}
- d) The secretary shall keep record of all current standing, special, and temporary committees, their members, duties and actions, the committee chair to submit an action report to the Secretary who will distribute them as necessary.

# **Treasurer:**

a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies as they are received by the Club, for banking monies or otherwise investing them as directed by the board, for paying bills, and for keeping accurate records of financial transactions.

- b) In the event of the Treasurer's absence, the duties of the collection of funds shall be carried out by a presiding Officer or Director that Officer or Director to make diligent record of the same, and see to their proper disposal to the Treasurer upon their return.
- c) The financial records of the Treasurer will be audited by a committee of no more than Three (3) appointed Full Members by the President, a Report to be made to the Club no later than the February meeting.

# **Standing Committees:**

Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, to be published in the January NOARS log. Committee Chairpersons shall submit an action report to the Secretary chronicling their actions on a monthly basis.

# **1. Parliamentary Committee:**

- a) This committee shall consist of one or more members and shall maintain the Club's copy of Robert's Rules of Order.
- b) No Officer may serve on this committee.
- c) The parliamentarian shall become familiar with the rules of procedure as defined in Robert's Rules of Order, and shall serve as the final arbiter for any disputed procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

# 2. Club Property Committee:

- a) No Officer may serve on this committee.
- b) The chairman shall maintain proper records of all Club property in accordance with the By-Laws, and shall report any change of status to the Board of Directors.
- c) The chairman shall make an annual audit of the Club's property, indicating the location, condition, and value of the same, to be submitted no later than the March meeting.

# **3. Program Committee:**

a) The Program Committee shall be responsible for having a program for each regular monthly Club meeting.

# 4. Repeater:

a) The Repeater Committee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Club's Repeaters and, shall advise the Board of Directors in matters regarding repeaters.

# 5. Field Day:

a) This committee shall be responsible for organizing and carrying out the annual Field Day exercise, with the help of the entire membership.

# 6. Social Committee:

- a) This committee shall be responsible for organizing and carrying out the annual Club Picnic, Holiday Gathering and any other social event.
- b) This committee shall consist of three (3) Full Members.

# 7. Hamfest:

a) The committee shall be responsible for organizing and carrying out the NOARSFest and Winter Hamfest.
 {The NOARSFest and Winter Hamfest are a long standing tradition and high priority activity of the Club and should be a standing committee}

#### 8. Sunshine.

 a) The committee shall be responsible for expressing the care and concern of fellow Club members in times of celebration and in times of trouble by sending wishes of congratulations, encouragement or sympathy. {The Sunshine committee helps with morale and cohesion and should be a standing committee.}

# 9. Special Committees:

a) The President may activate special committees for carrying out a specific task. These committees shall be dissolved when their function is no longer necessary, or by order of the President.

# Amendment of the Constitution and/or By-Laws:

An Amendment to the Constitution shall be by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the voting members present at a regular Club meeting, as stated in Article X of the By-Laws. All other requirements in Article X of the By-Laws must be followed.

# BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHERN OHIO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

# **ARTICLE I**

#### **GOVERNING RULES:**

- The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the society in all cases in which they are applicable except where they are contrary to the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the society. {Grammar correction}
- {Article II, Additional Officer's Duties has been deemed unnecessary and absorbed by the "Duties" section of the Constitution. Each following consecutive Article number has been amended to reflect this change.}

# **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

A member shall be considered "In Good Standing" when they have satisfied the requirements of their Membership class and paid the respective dues in full.

There shall be the following classes of members:

#### 1. Full Member:

a) Must be a licensed radio amateur

b) Enjoys all Club privileges and obligations, including full voting rights and eligibility to hold office.

#### 2. Associate Member:

- a) Should have a genuine interest in amateur radio but not hold an amateur license.
- b) Enjoys all Club privileges and obligations except:
  - 1) May not hold office
  - 2) May not vote on official Club business.
- c) May be a committee member or chairperson.
- d) Should an Associate Member acquire their license, they will receive their Full Membership for no additional cost for the remainder of that year.

#### 3. Family Member:

- a) Must be a member of the family of a full or associate member.
- b) Must reside in the same household as the full/associate member.
- c) Family Members receive their Full Member status at a discounted rate, assuming they meet all the requirements for Full Members and pay their dues in full.

#### 4. Life Members:

- a) Members wishing to purchase a Life Membership may do so by paying in full twenty (20) years dues at the current rate. {edited for clarity}
- b) Life Members will have the same obligations and privileges as Full Members defined above except; the obligation to pay dues is recanted. {edited for clarity}

#### 5. Special Life Membership:

- a) Members may be honored by election to Special Life Membership when nominated by the Board of Directors and confirmed by an affirmative vote of the Members present at a Regular or Special Club meeting.
- b) Special Life Members will have the same obligations and privileges as defined by Full Members above except; the obligation to pay dues is recanted.

#### 6. Automatic Special Life Membership:

- a) Members meeting the following eligibility requirements shall be considered to be automatically elevated to the status of Special Life Member, and shall continue to receive the benefits of Full Member status except; the obligation to pay dues is recanted
- b) Requirements
  - a. The member will be age 75 or above upon the commencement of the election year.
  - b. The member has remained a Member "In Good Standing" for the past five (5) consecutive years.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to notify the candidate of their eligibility and make record of the status change in the Membership Roster. {This section edited for clarity of definitions and formatting}

# **ARTICLE III**

# **DUES:**

- Annual dues shall not exceed \$15 for full members, \$7 for associate members or \$4 for family members, and are payable by the first day of January of the membership year. A member shall be stricken from the membership roll if his/her dues are not paid by the adjournment of the membership meeting in February of the membership year.
- 2. Changes in dues shall be recommended by the board of directors and must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular Club meeting.

# **ARTICLE IV**

# **MEETINGS:**

- 1. Regular business meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 1900 hours at a place determined by the President with the consent of the board. Meetings may be changed due to holidays or special events.
- 2. Special meetings may be called by the President with approval of the Board. Advance notice shall be sent to members specifying date, time, and business to be transacted. Such notices shall be sent via email so that they arrive at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- 3. Special interest meetings may be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 1900 hours local time at a place designated by the President. The purpose of these meetings is to plan special Club projects, have committee meetings, and to carry out other non-business activities. These meetings are open to all members and their guests.

# **ARTICLE V**

#### **CARRYING OUT BUSINESS:**

- 1. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) voting members and two presiding officers.
- 2. Business may be passed by a simple majority of those voting, unless the Constitution or By-Laws direct otherwise.
- 3. In the event that a quorum cannot be achieved for two (2) consecutive months, the Board of Directors shall convene a special meeting for the purpose of discussing any business needing attention during those times, and shall have the full force of a quorum in a regular business meeting. This meeting *must* meet the requirements of a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors as defined in the Constitution.

# **ARTICLE VI**

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

#### Business will be conducted in the following order:

- 1. The presiding officer calls the meeting to order.
- 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approval.
- 3. Treasurer's report.
- 4. Presidents report, including board meeting, if held.
- 5. Committee reports
- 6. Old business
- 7. New business
- 8. Adjournment
- 9. Program

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

In addition to the restrictions in Article III a candidate for office must be a member in good standing and must have attended at least four (4) meetings during the previous 12 months. The current President and Vice President may not run for reelection if he/she has held that office the two previous consecutive years.

#### **Regular annual elections**

#### 1. Nominating committee

- a) At the regular business meeting in September the President shall appoint two (2) members and must accept up to three (3) volunteers from the membership to form the nominating committee. If further participation is required, the members may make a motion, second and pass by a two-thirds majority to accept additional appointments.
- b) The committee will select a slate of candidates for the offices consisting of at least two nominees for each office. If a Candidate runs unopposed whether as a nominee to an office, or an existing officer, with the exception of the president or vice-president ending a second term, that candidate shall be considered nominated and the balloting procedure shall

continue as specified herein. At the regular business meeting in October, the chairman will present the slate of nominees for each office. Each nominee must have given prior consent to run.

c) Upon presentation of the slate of nominees the nominating committee is automatically dissolved.

#### 2. Nominations

- a) Nominations for office shall take place at the October business meeting.
- b) As the first item under new business the President shall cause the meeting to be open for nominations and shall first recognize the chairman of the nominating committee, who will then present the committee's slate of nominees. The Secretary will record the slate, provided there are no objections from the members present.
- c) The President will then open nominations from the floor, one office at a time, and upon completion of the proper nominating procedure, the names of those nominated shall be added to the slate presented by the committee. Nominees from the floor must meet the requirements previously defined herein and must agree to run prior to printing ballots.
- d) The Secretary shall then read the total slate. If there is no objection the President will close the nominations.
- e) The Secretary will include the complete slate of nominees in the Minutes of the Meeting. The slate will also be included in the following Club Newsletter.

#### 3. Balloting Procedure

- a) At the October business meeting the President shall appoint an election committee, consisting of not less than two (2) or more than four (4), whose duties shall be to prepare, email to membership, collect, verify identity and tally ballots. This committee is automatically dissolved when the election in finalized.
- b) An election ballot will be created and attached to the November newsletter and posted on the NOARS website making it available to each voting member. The election ballot will contain the following information:
  - 1. All officer positions
  - 2. Nominees listed for each position
  - 1. Election ballots will be accepted in one of the following ways:
    - 1. Sealed in an unmarked envelope. The unmarked envelope will then be placed in an addressed envelope with the member's call printed on the inside of the envelope and mailed back to the election committee.
    - 2. Present it to the election committee in person at the November business meeting.
    - 3. Completion of the online ballot on the NOARS website.
  - 2. The election committee will make a final pickup of ballots from the predetermined postal address on the day of the regular business meeting in November as late in the day as is practical. NO FURTHER MAIL-IN BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
  - 3. Any member not wishing to mail in his ballot may turn it in to the election committee at the November business meeting.
  - 4. Those members who do not have E-Mail access will have an election ballot made available to them at the Nov ember business meeting.
  - 5. It is the responsibility of the election committee to verify that each member only casts one ballot.

6. The first order of business, under new business, at the November meeting shall be the final call for ballots by the election committee. After all ballots are received the chairperson shall declare that voting is officially over. No further ballots will be accepted.

#### 4. Special Elections

- a) Any vacancy of office occurring due to resignation or removal from office shall be filled as soon as possible, utilizing the following procedures:
- b) In the case of the office of President, the Vice President shall become President immediately and automatically. The resulting vacancy of Vice President shall then be handled in accordance with the procedures in Article VII Section 4 Paragraph c.
- c) In the case of the office of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer the following procedure will be utilized.
  - 1. The Secretary, or the Vice President if the Secretary office is vacant, shall cause to be published in the first newsletter after the vacancy occurs that there is a vacancy of office and that nominations will be taken for said office at the next Club meeting, followed by elections, and that any eligible member who desires to fill the unexpired term should indicate their desire in writing via email to the President or a Member of the Board.
  - 2. At the first meeting following the publication the chair shall ask for nominations from the floor for the vacant office, after which a member of the board will nominate those who have indicated a desire to serve. When nominations are closed an election by ballot will be held. The President shall appoint an election committee who will pass out, collect, and count the ballots, and announce the winner, who will then immediately assume office. Upon completion of this duty, the election committee will be considered immediately dissolved.

#### 5. Removal from office:

- At any regular business meeting, a motion may be made from the floor to have a special vote to remove a member from office. If this motion is seconded and if three-fourths of the voting members present approve, the flowing procedure is set in motion:
- a) The Secretary shall cause to be published in the minutes of the meeting and the next newsletter that at the next regular business meeting a vote to remove from office (naming the office) will be held. In the event that the Secretary is the Officer subject to removal, the duties of Secretary will be carried out by the Vice President until either; the motion resolves and the new Secretary can conduct his or her duties, or the motion fails and the previous Secretary resumes.
- b) The President or Vice President if the office in question is President will appoint an election committee which, in accordance with Article VIII, paragraph A 3 will conduct a vote for removal at the next regular business meeting.
- c) Upon an affirmative vote (a majority of the voting members present) the office shall become vacant and the procedures of Article VII{I}, Section 5. Paragraph B will be followed.
- {The Article designation has been adjusted to reflect the correct By-Law denoted with Pink}

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

The newsletter will be published and posted on the website and shall serve as the official Bulletin of the Club. The website shall serve as the official publication of the Club. An E-Mail shall be sent to the Membership by the Membership Committee notifying the Club that the publication is available, which will include a link to the Bulletin.

{This line was included to define actions already taken by the Membership Committee}

# **ARTICLE IX**

# **CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE:**

The President shall appoint a Constitutional Committee, consisting of at least two (2) and not more than four (4) members, whose duties shall be:

- a) To act as the final arbiters as to the meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) To propose changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Individual members may propose changes at a regular Club meeting, or by contacting a member of the Constitutional Committee. If supported by a two-thirds vote of those voting, the Constitution Committee will write up the proposed change(s) and proceed in accordance with Article X.
- c) As it is the duty of the Secretary to keep, maintain and understand the Constitution and By-Laws as defined in the Constitution, it is understood that the Secretary is a member of this Committee by default, in addition to the members defined at the beginning of this Article.

# **ARTICLE X**

# CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS:

- 1. The proposed change must be published in the newsletter prior to the next regular business meeting and must be read to the members prior to voting.
- 2. For a constitutional change, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting at two consecutive business meetings is necessary for adoption.
- 3. For a change in By-Laws, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting at one business meeting is necessary for adoption.
- The change(s) as accepted will be published in the next newsletter.
  {The word "business" in this section has been added to define that the changes must be made as defined by a meeting capable of conducting business ie. A quorum}

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