

WAVE CATCHERS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC

BY-LAWS

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(Revisions will be noted on By-Laws with date and noted in Board meeting Minutes)

ARTICLE I

Corporation Office

Section 1. Principal Office

The principal office of Wave Catchers Amateur Radio Society, Inc. is in Pasco County, Florida, principal office address is 7434 Mengi Circle, New Port Richey, Florida 34653 and mailing address is P. O. Box 23 New Port Richey, Florida 34656.

Section 2. Change of County, State, or Addresses

The county, state, principal office or mailing address may be changed for Wave Catchers Amateur Radio Society, Inc., by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. Purpose

Per Articles of Incorporation, Wave Catchers Amateur Radio Society, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific and technology purposes. Providing support, education and encouraging growth with amateur radio, including all types of communication for public safety within communities and serve other agencies during emergencies. The corporation will operate under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including such purposes as the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. Board

The Board of Directors for Wave Catchers Amateur Radio Society, Inc. will consist of not less than 3 persons. Each person on the Board of Directors shall be a person of good moral character. When Board of Directors are mentioned in this document and other documents it will refer to all persons on the Board. All persons on the Board are considered Directors, whether holding a position as an officer or director.

Section 2. Management

The Board of Directors shall manage the corporation using the Articles of Incorporation filed with State of Florida, the By-Laws as set forth in this document and the Standard Operating Procedures will be used for day-to-day management of the corporation.

Section 3. Duties

Per Florida Statute 617.0841 the corporation may perform duties as set forth in these By-Laws.

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation ensuring all abide by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and use the Standard Operating Procedures along with performing the following duties: keep a current alphabetical membership roster of all members with contact information, take and keep all meeting minutes, appoint committees and assignments, maintain website, prepare monthly newsletter, open bank account, keep all bank records of deposits and withdrawals, write checks and keep bank account balanced, prepare monthly and annual financial reports, prepare annual budget, provide documents for annual financial audit and be present during audit, file annual report with State of Florida. file annual IRS requirement forms or other necessary documents, file yearly Department of Agriculture form for fundraising in state of Florida, fundraising forms for other states, review all reports, review all documents, sign documents, respond to communications, attend and schedule meetings, manage and make day-to-day decisions, provide necessary documents to all directors on the Board for reviewing and voting when necessary. The President will vote when required and break ties when necessary. Per Florida Statute 617.08101, the Board of Directors may fix reasonable compensation for the president's duties.

Treasurer duties will be to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures, the treasurer will have one vote per voting session, review documents as requested by the president, attend at least 4 board meetings per year, will attend at least 8 out of the 12 member meetings held per year. All meetings will be by Zoom or any means of communication allowed by Florida Statute 617.0820.

Secretary duties will be to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures, the secretary will have one vote per voting session, review documents as requested by the president, attend at least 4 board meetings per year, will attend at least 8 out of the 12 member meetings held per year. All meetings will be by Zoom or any means of communication allowed by Florida Statute 617.0820.

Director, not holding an officer position, duties will be to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures, will have one vote per voting session, review documents as requested by the president, attend at least 4 board meetings per year, will attend at least 8 out of the 12 member meetings held per year. All meetings will be by Zoom or any means of communication allowed by Florida Statute 617.0820.

Section 4. Board meetings

Florida Statue 617.0820, the board of directors may hold regular or special meetings in or out of this state and conduct the meeting, through the use of, any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and may take actions without a meeting as per Florida Statue 617.0821.

The Board of Directors will meet at least 4 times per calendar year. The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. The meetings will be scheduled by the president at a date and time agreed by all on the Board. A regular or special meeting may be requested, by email to the president, from any Board of Director. At least 3 days' notice must be given to all Board of Directors, from the president, for any regular or special meeting. All meetings will be by Zoom or any means of communication allowed by Florida Statue 617.0820.

Section 5. Resignation

Florida Statue 617.0842 (1)

Any person on the Board of Directors may resign at any time by delivering notice to the corporation. A letter of resignation notice, by email or US postal service, to the president and will be noted in the Board meeting minutes date and time of resignation.

Section 6. Removal and Vacancy

Removal Florida Statue 617.0842(2) and Vacancy Florida Statue 617.0808(1)

All persons on the Board of Directors will remain on the board if they perform their duties as set forth in these By-Laws and remain a person of good moral character. Upon resignation, death or removal, the president will appoint, a person of good moral character to fill the vacancy as to never have less than 3 persons on the board, per Florida Statue 617.0803. Upon the president resignation, or death, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of remaining Board of Directors.

Section 7. Liability Officers and Directors Not for Profit Corporation

Anyone on the Board of Directors, whether an officer or director will not be liable as per Florida statue 617.0834 under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE IV

Members

Section 1. Member Qualifications

A Member of this corporation shall be a person of good moral character, interested in public safety and education about different types of communications, connecting globally to share knowledge, education, and experiences pertaining to the purpose as set forth in these By-Laws at Article II, learning from each other.

Section 2. Membership

Florida Statue 617.0601 and 617.0701

A person may become a member of Wave Catchers Amateur Radio Society, Inc. by filling out an approved application along with payment for dues for one calendar year, January 1st through December 31st, to be submitted either online at wavecatchersars.com or by US Postal Service, using check or money order for payment of dues, along with the application to P.O. Box 23 New Port Richey, Florida 34656. The Board of Directors shall review the application, and membership will be granted if approved by the Board. The Board of Directors has the right to refuse any applicant. Members can renew membership by submitting a new application and payment for dues, due January 1st of each calendar year, by the same procedures as mentioned in this Section 2.

Section 3. Member's Dues

Members shall pay dues for one calendar year, January 1st - December 31st, due January 1st. If dues are not paid by February 1st notice will be given to the member by email before removal from membership. Member dues may be changed by a Majority vote of the Board of Directors. If dues amount is changed, notice will be provided to all members by December 1st for the change beginning January 1st of coming calendar year.

Section 4. Member Meetings

A member meeting will be scheduled once a month by the president and directed by the president, along with the attending Board of Directors. The president will schedule special meetings when necessary. Meetings will be by Zoom and occasionally an address will be provided, on the Zoom invite, for members who would like to attend the meeting in person.

Section 5. Member Resignation

A member can resign from membership by a letter of resignation notice to the president by email or US Postal Service, noted in Board meeting minutes. No refund for dues will be given.

Section 6. Member Removal

When a letter, as to why a member should be removed from membership along with five member signatures, is presented to the board, then the following will occur, a letter of removal notice will be emailed and by US Postal service from the president to the member the removal pertains to. Included in the letter will be a date and time for a 30-minute hearing before the Board of Directors. The hearing shall be by Zoom where all participants may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. The hearing will be held before the Board of Directors vote. It will be determined if the member is removed or will remain a member by a majority vote of the board of directors. The hearing and the vote will be completed in the same meeting.

Section 7. Member Rights

All members will be encouraged to share knowledge and experiences to better serve the Amateur Radio community and learn from other members, providing a larger Society for education, support and growth with Amateur Radio, including all types of backup communications. Members shall have access to the corporations Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, IRS 501(c)(3) status letter, Terms of Conditions, Privacy Policy, Cookies, list of states for fundraising, monthly financial reports, annual financial report, minutes from member meetings, progress report for donations and other material will be available on the corporation website at www.wavecatchersars.com.

Section 8. Liability of members

A member of a corporation is not, as such, personally liable for any act, debt, liability, or obligation of the corporation. A member may become liable to the corporation for dues, assessments, or fees as provided by law per Florida Statute 617.0604.

Section 9. Member Communications

Communications between Members and the Board of Directors whether addressed to the president or all the directors will first be reviewed by the president and then be reviewed by the Board of Directors at president's discretion. Email or US Postal Service mail, Zoom, Group.io or any other communications not set forth in these By-Laws necessary to benefit all may be used.

Section 10. Member Donations

A member donating to the corporation or donating items to be given away at fundraisers will be recognized on the website, unless they request to be kept private. A receipt for the donation shall be provided by email.

ARTICLE V

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

Section 1. Amendments

Per stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and amendments shall be filed with the State of Florida. The Board of Directors shall have the power to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new By-Laws, per Florida Statute 617.0206.

ARTICLE VI

Corporate seal and Logo

Section 1. Seal and Logo

The Board of Directors may adopt, use and alter a corporate seal and logo. Failure to affix the seal or logo to corporate documents or instruments shall not affect the validity of any such document or instrument.

ARTICLE VII

Conflict of Interest

Section 1. Conflicts

The Board of Directors will determine if a conflict of interest exists and resolve by a majority vote for the best interest of the corporation abiding by all laws pertaining, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures.

ARTICLE VIII

Trustee for Radio Stations and Equipment

Section 1. Trustee

The president will appoint, for existing or future club radio stations and equipment, a trustee and will appoint consultants when required to keep radio stations and equipment operable. The trustee shall be a member of the Society in good standing, hold an FCC Amateur Radio license grant, not have his or her amateur radio license revoked or sanctioned at any time. Payment for time, if necessary, will be obtained by donations or fundraisers within corporation budget.

ARTICLE IX

Standard Operating Procedures

Section 1. Managing Day to Day operations

Anything not covered in these By-Laws will be covered in the Standard Operating Procedures for day-to-day management of the corporation.