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Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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February Meeting Announcement

There is an important meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend if at all possible. The agenda includes the election of officers for 2010 and the introduction of proposed changes to the club Constitution and By-Laws.

We also will review fourteen proposed projects and events for 2010--and these are in addition to the regular monthly club programs, the club picnic, and the holiday party!

A nice social time after the meeting is also planned.

The club has an exciting year ahead. Your vote on the officer elections and your input on the other items are vital, so please plan to attend.

January holiday party was great fun

There was no business in meeting in January but we had a heck of a party! It may be my imagination, but attendance seemed to be down a bit. Nevertheless, the camaraderie was great, the food was hot, and the gifts prizes were a plenty. For the second year in a row, were subjected to the sometimes "painful" Christmas word games and trivia supplied by Len! He is definitely taking lessons from Walt Kelly, KEØXI, when it comes to humor!

Leslie Hittner, KØBAD
Secretary

Constitutional changes being proposed are designed to bring the club into the twenty-first century

By Les, KØBAD

During February and March four club members will propose sweeping changes to the club's Constitution and By Laws. These changes are intended to make your "club experiences" valuable and to ensure that membership in the Winona Amateur Radio Club is valuable to you. Our club, like many organizations these days, is experiencing a decline in membership and member interest. My Kiwanis Club, area Lions Clubs, and other special interest clubs are experiencing the same sorts of declines. While interest in amateur radio, community service, etc., remains high; *participation in organizations that support these activities is declining.*

People are simply too busy to waste time at meetings. While they may be interested in participating in service activities, they are not necessarily interested in meeting every week to share a meal at a Kiwanis Club. Similarly, while hams may be interested in amateur radio, they do not have the time or energy to attend boring monthly business meetings. Therefore, we must give them amateur radio experiences without the business. We must improve the efficiency of our organization to ensure that we give our members *value* and not simply organizational discussions.

The Constitutional and By Laws changes that will be proposed are intended to do just that. The club will be run by an Executive Board. Executive Board members will meet regularly to conduct the club's business

including scheduling monthly club educational and operating activities and maintaining club communications infrastructure. The monthly get-togethers of club members will no longer begin or end with business meetings. Members do not have to feel obligated to participate in an activity that does not interest them simply because it comes along with a *business meeting*.

The changes being proposed will mandate that the club conduct two Semi-Annual Membership (business) Meetings. All other business will be conducted by the Executive Board. We want you to come to club activities to learn about amateur radio or to participate an operating activities. That will be efficient use of your time. That will allow the Winona Amateur Radio Club to offer *value* to area amateur operators while those interested in club operations can invest their time on the activities of the Executive Board and its operational committees.

I urge all area amateur operators to renew or join the Winona Amateur radio Club, Inc. We need your ideas for educational activities and operating events. We need your help with amateur radio public service and emergency communications activities. And we will be able to offer these events with a minimum of organizational overhead time. Your precious time will be qwell-spent.

Please see the proposed changes to the Winona Amateur Radio Club Constitution and By Laws, that are included with this issue of *Hamgram*.

Message from the President

Len Litvan KCØRSX

Hello Everyone,

St. Valentine's Day and the middle of February already. My goodness! The sun is getting warmer—and more spots, too. Pretty soon we'll be thinking Field Day 2010.

This Thursday, Feb. 18, is the monthly club meeting, and there is important business to conduct. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Election of officers for 2010 is the first order of business. There wasn't a quorum in December, as you may know. The nominating committee has a full slate to propose.

The second item on the agenda is the introduction and discussion of significant proposed revisions to the club Constitution and By-Laws. These revisions would streamline the administration of club business and permit more time at the monthly get-togethers for programs, hobby activities, and socializing. After all, that's want the club is for, isn't it—enjoying our hobby together?

We also will review proposed club events and projects for 2010. The Technician course and arrangements for the licensing session on March 8 are well under way. We have twelve additional activities and projects proposed into early January 2011.

73 ,
Len KCØRSX

**Constitution
of the
Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

February 18, 2010

PREAMBLE

We the undersigned, desiring to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio do hereby constitute ourselves the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated and do enact this constitution and bylaws as our governing law.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club, hereafter referred to as the WARC, is:

1. to promote the Amateur Radio Service in the community as a source of trained communications volunteers and communications equipment that can be utilized during civil and natural emergencies
2. to construct and maintain communications facilities for the use of the entire amateur radio community during routine and emergency situations
3. to promote the Amateur Radio Service as an educational and service-oriented hobby, and;
4. to serve as a focal point of activities for amateur radio operators in the surrounding community, so that they might further their communications skills and their knowledge of electronics and the "radio art."

In accordance with the Fifth Article of Incorporation, substantially all of the activities of this club are for the above stated purposes and no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, member, or other individual, except that the corporation shall be authorized to make payments and compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Third Article of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying out of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1 All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues. All members have voting rights on an individual basis. Persons interested in only providing financial support to the club may make appropriate donations without gaining voting rights and obligations.

ARTICLE II

Executive Board

SECTION 1 The Executive Board shall consist of seven members - six elected by the membership and the seventh being the Station Custodian, who is an ex officio voting member of the board. Executive Board members shall be elected by secret ballot at the November Semi-Annual Meeting. If there is no quorum, the Executive Board may appoint members to fill expired board positions. The Station Custodian shall be appointed or renewed by the Executive Board annually in January. Elected Executive Board members serve two year terms beginning January 1. The Station Custodian may continue in that position until he or she resigns or is removed by the Executive Board. Upon implementation of this section, three board members will be elected for a one-year term and three board members will be elected for two year terms. Thereafter all terms will be two year terms.

Upon the adoption of this constitution, an interim board shall be established which has all of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Executive Board until an Executive Board can be elected in accordance with this Section.

SECTION 2 The Executive Board shall select officers from amongst Executive Board members in January (see Article III). The Station Custodian may not hold any other officer position on the board. The terms of officers shall be one year.

SECTION 3 The business of the club shall be managed by its Executive Board. Each board member shall discharge board duties in good faith and with the diligence and care which an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. The board shall have the power and authority to implement the purposes and goals of the club. These duties shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Performing all functions defined by other provisions of this Constitution or the By-Laws or by the membership of this club;
2. Performing all functions required by law and not herein specifically assigned to the members or officers;
3. Fulfilling other duties as appropriate: establish projects and budgets; evaluate the need for fund raising; authorize expenditures; plan--with the Vice President--club programs and locations; and discuss and prepare for presentation to the membership information relating to significant projects and undertakings of the club.

SECTION 4 The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of once per year in January and at the call of any Executive Board member. The dates, times, and locations of Executive Board meetings shall be publicized to all club members at least three days in advance of the meetings. The frequency of board meetings shall be consistent with the operational management nature of the Executive Board. The quorum for board meetings shall be a majority of board members (four for a full board).

SECTION 5 The officers of the Executive Board shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Station Custodian.

SECTION 6 A board vacancy occurring prior to the November Semi-Annual Meeting must be filled by appointment by the Executive Board within three weeks after the vacancy is announced. The term of an appointed board member is that of the vacant position. Unless the term expires, an appointed board member must be confirmed by a vote of the membership at the next November Semi-Annual Meeting.

SECTION 7 Members of the Executive Board may be removed by a three fourths vote of the membership.

SECTION 8 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and meetings of the club membership; conduct meetings according to the rules adopted; enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club and none

other; appoint committees as appropriate to club activities; and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

SECTION 9 The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter; be the chair of the club program committee; and arrange for meeting places for monthly club activities and scheduled meetings of the membership.

SECTION 10 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all board meetings and Semi-Annual or special meetings of the membership; in cooperation with the Treasurer, keep a roll of members; carry on club correspondence; read communications at meetings; publish written notices in advance of board meetings and meetings of the membership; maintain all official records of the club; ensure continuing registration of the club with appropriate governmental entities including not-for-profit status, charitable organization status, tax exempt status; maintain the club's ARRL affiliation; and other duties. Upon succession, the outgoing Secretary shall turn over all club records to the incoming Secretary.

SECTION 11 The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expensed; maintain a bank checking account in the club's name; and maintain a listing of significant equipment owned by the club. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Executive Board. In November and May, the Treasurer shall submit a written itemized statement of disbursements and receipts to the Executive Board. Upon succession, the outgoing Treasurer shall turn over all club records and moneys to the incoming Treasurer.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1 At meetings of the membership, twenty per cent of the number of members on the last day of the previous February shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only members who are physically present at meetings shall have the right to vote.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

SECTION 1 The Executive Board may recommend to the membership at any Semi-Annual Meeting or special meeting of the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble and Purpose of this constitution. Renewing membership dues are payable in December.

ARTICLE V

TVI-RFI and Membership Assistance

SECTION 1 Upon request, the club will provide technical advice to members concerning their equipment design and operation or to assist in assuring clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation from club members' stations.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

SECTION 1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority at a Semi-Annual or special meeting of the membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at least one month prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

SECTION 2 The By Laws to this Constitution may be amended by a simple majority at any Semi-Annual or special meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Duration and Dissolution

The duration of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is perpetual. If and when the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. wishes to dissolve, the assets of the club shall be distributed to a local non-profit organization that falls under the 501(c)(3) code of the IRS.

ARTICLE VIII

Endorsements and Non-Discrimination

The Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will not endorse any amateur radio product or brand. The Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will not discriminate by age, race, national origin, sex, religion, or disability.

ARTICLE IX

Rules

SECTION 1 All proceedings of the club shall be governed by the By-Laws of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Procedures and issues not defined in the By-Laws will be resolved by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th ed. (Cambridge, Mass.: Perseus Publishing, 2000).

**By-Laws
of the
Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
February 18, 2010**

SECTION 1

Meetings

Meetings of the club shall consist of regular monthly programs and activities, Semi-Annual business meetings, and special meetings. Semi-Annual meetings, which may also include a program, shall be held in May and November of each year. Regular monthly programs shall be held at a regular day and time determined annually by the Executive Board. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President upon receipt of a written request signed by five members of the club, and for this purpose, the President may also sign such a request. Notices of special meetings of the membership shall be sent by USPS mail and shall be postmarked at least 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting..

SECTION 2

Dues

The WARC is a non-profit corporation in the State of Minnesota and derives its operating funds entirely from member dues, donations or grants, and special fund raising activities.

Annual club dues are \$25.00 and are payable in December of each year for the following calendar year. Dues for first-time members who join the club on or after March are \$ 2.00 per month through and including the following December. Dues are for individual memberships except that two or more related members living at the same address need make only a single dues payment of \$30.00 per year. In this case, the name of each family member must be specified at the time of payment.

Annual dues for Elementary through High School students whose parents are not club members shall be \$5.00 until they finish High School or turn 18 years of age.

SECTION 3

Standing Committees

Standing committees of the Executive Board assist the board in carrying out its duties as defined in the Constitution. Board members are expected to participate in one or more standing committees. Standing committee memberships shall be established by the board in January.

Standing committees are expected to meet monthly in person or via email listserves and to submit written monthly reports to the board Secretary.

All board standing committees will have a minimum of three members. All standing board committees will provide a proposed annual budget to the incoming Executive Board in January.

The board standing committees are as follows:

Program Committee: The Program Committee is chaired by the Vice President and shall consist of persons from appropriate interest areas.

Voice Repeater Committee: The voice repeater committee is responsible for maintaining all FM analog voice repeater equipment owned by the club. The Voice Repeater Committee will make recommendations to the board regarding maintenance and update or replacement issues.

Digital Systems Committee: The Digital Systems Committee is responsible for maintaining all digital equipment, including digital voice and data, owned by the club. The Digital Systems Committee will make recommendations to the board regarding maintenance and update or replacement issues.

Operating Activities Committee: The Operating Activities Committee seeks input from the club membership and from other community groups and individuals regarding operating activities that can be sponsored by the club. The Station Custodian shall be a member of this committee. The committee shall plan and carry out activities that have been approved by the board

Operating Activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- ? Annual ARRL Field Day club participation
- ? Official club station entries into other radiosport activities
- ? SKYWARN activation callouts
- ? Emergency communications services
- ? Public service communications services
- ? Special event stations

The Operating Activities Committee will make recommendations to the board regarding activities to be sponsored by the club.

Education and Outreach Committee: The Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for; planning and conducting amateur radio license classes at least annually; conducting VEC sessions at least annually; and establishing relationships with local education agencies in order to provide resources for the study of science and social studies.

This committee shall work with other board committees to ensure that appropriate news and information releases regarding club activities are provided to local media outlets.

Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Constitution Change Record

April 1998: Changed Section 2 of the By-Laws to reflect the change of meeting day to the Third Thursday of each month.

October 1998: Changed the wording of Section 3 of the By-Laws to more clearly state that repeater assessments for family memberships are \$20.00/month.

February 2010: Multiple changes including role of Executive Board in conducting business of the club, selection of officers from the Executive Board, and quorum.

WARC 2010 TRANSACTIONS

Updated 2010-02-02 by K0NY

Date	Doc #	Description	Amount	Balance
1/1/2010		Balance Forward		\$ 1,056.13
1/4/2010	D1	Depost Dues N9MFI(25) WB0NIU-N0OWT(30) KB0ELR(25)	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,136.13
1/21/2010	D2	Deposit Dues W0EUU(25) K0NY-WA9IGK(30) N0BUI(Donation 50) N8MD(25)	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,266.13
2/2/2010	D3	Deposit Dues KC0TXJ(25+75) K0BAD(25) KB0YJU(25)		
		Returned Funds Holiday Party N0JP (38)	\$ 188.00	\$ 1,454.13
		Dues Paying Members 2010		
	1	Thomas Wilmot-W0MK		
	2	Robert Seaquist-KC9IWE		
	3	Len Litvan-KC0RSX		
	4	Ken Spittler-N0JP		
	5	Delores Spittler-N0NUO		
	6	James-Grupa-N9MFI		
	7	Erik Brom-WB0NIU		
	8	Jodi Brom-N0OWT		
	9	John Roche-KB0ELR		
	10	Terry Peterson-W0EUU		
	11	Clare Jarvis-K0NY		
	12	ShariJarvis-WA9IGK		
	13	Michael Davis-N8MD		
	14	Jim Miller-KC0TXJ		
	15	Lance Tag-KB0YJU		
	16	Leslie Hittner-K0BAD		

PROPOSED 2010 Club Project List

Blue indicates project has been completed and goal fulfilled.

* The General Class course was cancelled because of lack of enrollment. The single enrollee does not yet have any class of license. He will study on his own and then sign up for the Technician Class.

Project	Description	Target Date	Leader(s)
Technician Class Course	Public course to prepare persons for Technician Class license testing.	Jan-Mar 2010	Len KCØRSX & Les KØBAD
VE License Testing	Public license testing	Mar 08, 2010	Dick NØVV
Repair Club Beam Antenna.	Repair antenna for Field Day 2010.	Jun 25, 2010	Dick WØRIF
Remote Receiver – KHME Site	Install remote receiver at KHME site for 146.64 repeater.	Jun 25, 2010	Len KCØRSX
Trinona Communications Support (Added)	Provide backup route communications support to triathlon in Winona – primary communications in selected areas.	June 13, 2010	Les KØBAD
Field Day 2010	Club participation in ARRL Field Day 2010.	Jun 26 & 27, 2010	
GRSF Special Event Station	Support Winona's Great River Shakespeare Festival – Off site.	?	
Weekend on Wheels Communications Support	Provide "SAG" support and other communications support for WOW.	?	
Equipment Upgrade/Replacement - KAGE Site	Plan to replace and upgrade equipment at KAGE site (2 meter and 70 cm). Consider adding digital capability.	Oct 30, 2010	
General Class Course	Public course.	Oct-Nov 2010	
VE License Testing (Cancelled)	Public license testing.	Mid-Nov 2010	
Kiwanis Christmas Tree Pickup	Provide APRS and voice communications support	Early Saturday in Jan 2011	Les KØBAD

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Acting Treasurer: Clare Jarvis

At Large: Open

Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.
\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within
the same household.

Dues should be sent to: Clare Jarvis, Acting Treasurer

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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet).

Monthly club meetings are held on the third Thursday. The submission deadline for
the *Hamgram* is Wednesday of the week *prior* to that of the club meeting.



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