October 4th, 1967

THE NIAGARA PENINSULA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Constitution

ARTICLE I - Name and Objectives

1 - The name of this organization shall be - "The Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club".

2 - The Objectives of this Club shall be -
(a) To guard and further the interests of all Canadian amateur radio operators and experimentors.
(b) To foster intelligent use of the frequencies assigned to amateur experimental activities.
(c) To foster international good will.
(d) To obtain the co-operation of all members in obeying the laws affecting amateur radio.
(e) To give all assistance possible in the solution of amateur radio problems.

ARTICLE II - Membership

1 - The membership of the club shall consist of -
(a) FULL MEMBER - One who -
(i) is the holder of a certificate of Proficiency In Radio of at least amateur grade.
(ii) has paid the current annual membership fee for "FULL MEMBER".
(iii) has full voting powers on all matters brought before the members.
(iv) may vote by written, signed proxy, on any question before the membership, if unable to be present at a meeting. (ARTICLE VI, para. 2).
(v) can hold any executive office in the Club.
(vi) will receive the Club bulletin.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBER - One who -
(i) is a non-licensed experimenter wishing to support the Club and participate in club activities.
(ii) has paid the current annual membership fee for this type of membership.
(iii) has no voting privileges and cannot hold executive office.
(iv) will receive the club bulletin.

(c) BULLETIN MEMBERSHIP
This type of membership is available to persons NOT resident in the Club Area (Niagara Peninsula) or at the discretion of the executive. They will receive the Club bulletin, have no voting privileges, and may NOT hold office.

(d) HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER
Open to any amateur or non-amateur, whose long association with the club, or by some special effort, or by his position, or contribution to amateur radio is or has been such, that special recognition is in order. Such a member is one who -

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(i) is recommended by the Executive.
(ii) is unanimously approved by the voting members present at the meeting at which the executive recommendation is voted on.
(iii) he may be granted FULL MEMBERSHIP privileges.
(iv) will receive the monthly club bulletin.

2 - Membership Fees.
(a) Shall be paid with the application to join the club, and shall be good until the end of the current year, ending December 31st.
(b) Fees for membership renewal are due January 1st each year and must be paid on or before the date of the March meeting of that year. The club bulletin will NOT be sent to members who have NOT renewed their membership at or before the March meeting.
(c) The amount of the annual fee, for all classes of membership, shall be set for the coming year, at the last meeting held in the current year.

3 - Application for membership in the club shall imply that the applicant agrees to -
(a) Comply with all requirements of the Constitution and by-laws of the club, and
(b) Operate within the Radio Laws and Regulations pertaining to Amateur Radio in Canada.

4 - Upon the written request of 10 or more FULL MEMBERS, for any just cause stated, a member of the club may be required to "show cause" why he should not be expelled from the club.
(i) The Executive shall consider all written charges.
(ii) The member charged shall have the right to present a written defence, and to appear in person before the executive, at a meeting of which he shall receive at least 30 days notice.
(iii) The Executive shall decide as to the guilt, or otherwise, of the member, as charged in the written complaint.
(iv) If in the opinion of a majority of the Executive (by secret ballot) the undesirability of the accused is established, and the accused has not in the meantime tendered his resignation, the Executive shall recommend to the membership that the accused member be expelled.
(v) Following the Executive recommendation, the question shall be put, and if a majority of the voting members present confirm (by secret ballot) the recommendation of the Executive, the member shall be expelled and the name of the member shall be removed from the Club membership register.

ARTICLE III - The Executive

1 - The EXECUTIVE shall consist of :- The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bulleting Editor, Public Relations and the R.S.O. Representative, if he is a member of the Club.
2 - (a) The Executive of the Club shall be elected annually, by secret ballot, for a term of 1 year, by the voting members present at the meeting to be held in December, or, if no meeting is held in December, at the first meeting thereafter.
(b) Their term of office shall begin at the meeting following their election.

(i) [illegible] by the [illegible].
(ii) [illegible] approved by the [illegible] [illegible] in the manner in which the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].
(iii) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
(iv) [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

2 - [illegible] Fund.
(a) [illegible] will be [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
(b) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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(c) The outgoing executive shall have no power to transact any further financial transactions on behalf of the Club.

3 - The Executive or any member of it, shall be subject to removal only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Club present at the meeting.

4 - All members of the Executive shall be advised at least seventy-two)72) hours before a meeting of the Executive is to be held. Three (3) or more members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum for an Executive meeting.

ARTICLE IV - Committees

1 - A Committee may be appointed for a period of not longer than 1 year, by the President, or by the Executive, for any purpose deemed necessary to further the interests of the Club.

2 - Any committee appointed shall be instructed to -
(a) "Investigate and report on", to the appointee, or
(b) "Investigate and make recommendations", to the appointee.

ARTICLE V - Management

1 - (a) The President shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Club.
(b) He shall preside at Executive and Club meetings, and any special meetings of either group, and he shall be ex-officio member of all committees.
(c) He must have the approval of the majority of the Executive Officers at all times.

2 - The Vice-President shall be responsible for matters of general supervision delegated to him by the President. He shall act on behalf of the President during any absence of the President. He will also be property manager.

3 - The Secretary shall, under the direction the Executive, and the President, conduct the general correspondence of the Club. He shall attend all Executive and general Club meetings, and shall record the proceedings thereof, and prepare a report for presentation to members at the next Club meeting. He should prepare and keep up to date, a list of the physical assets of the Club (duplicator, HW12, etc).

4 - The Treasurer shall, under the direction of the Executive, be the "general manager" of the financial affairs of the Club. He shall have charge of the books and accounts of the Club. He shall deposit all monies received, less petty cash, in the Club's bank account. He shall furnish the members with a financial report annually, at the January meeting (See ARTICLE VIII, para. 2), and at other times on request from the Executive.

5 - The Bulleting Editor shall be responsible for the composing, printing, and mailing of the Club bulletin. He shall perform other duties as assigned by the Executive.

6 - The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Executive, within the Constitution and By-laws of the Club. They shall be responsible for the care of all Club assets, financial and physical, and the investment of funds. They shall act in all cases of the expulsion of Club members, and in general direct the affairs of the Club.

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ARTICLE VI - Amendements to the Constitution

1 - Any amendment to the Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at a meeting in which the proposed amendments are presented for approval.

2 - Proposed changes may come as a recommendation from the Executive, or from a motion presented from the floor at a regular meeting. In either case, the proposed changes shall not be voted on until the next regular Club meeting following the meeting in which the changes were proposed.

3 - Notice concerning any proposed change(s) to the Constitution shall appear in the Club bulletin, before the meeting at which the proposed change(s) is voted on.

ARTICLE VII - Nominations and Election of Officers

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2 - Any voting member may be nominated for any Executive office, but if elected to any office, he shall automatically be excluded from standing for election to any other office.

3 - Nominations for office in the Club Executive will be accepted within 30 days prior to the holding of the elections. Nomin[illegible]ions by mail, addressed to the Secretary [illegible] Club, wi[illegible] accepted, provided that two (2) voting members have [illegible] nomination.

ARTICLE VIII - Annual Audit

1 - The Annual Audit referred to in ARTICLE V, para. 4, second last line, shall take the form indicated in para. 2 of this ARTICLE.

2 - An audit of the financial books of the Club, kept by the Treasurer, shall be made by two FULL MEMBERS of the Club, after December 31st and before the January meeting, and [illegible]r the period since the last previous audit. The date of the audit and the signatures of the auditors shall appear after the last item included in the audit. The auditor's report should include a notation of any physical property belonging to the Club, which they checked, and any Club property known to be missing. The auditor's report should be attached to, and become a part of, the Treasurer's Annual Report. (A list of Club property and location should be supplied to the auditors, by the Executive of the Club, before the audit).

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