

PREAMBLE AND BYLAWS OF THE BIG RAPIDS AREA  
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

PREAMBLE

The Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club has been founded by persons of similar interests in order to:

1. Develop the bonds of fellowship among those persons interested in all aspects of amateur radio (communication between Amateur stations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest).
2. Facilitate the exchange of information and cooperation among members.
3. Promote radio knowledge by providing classes for the instruction of persons interested in becoming Amateur Radio Operators.
4. Serve the community as a communications and technical resource.
5. Supplement and expand the proficiency and knowledge of the members in electronics and communications techniques.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I--MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. Actual membership shall be recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep a list of current members.

ARTICLE II--BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors of this club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and additional Directors, as appropriate.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be licensed Radio Amateurs.

Section 3: The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected for terms of one year by ballot of the members present at the first regular meeting of September in each year.

Section 4: The newly elected officers, at the beginning of their term shall appoint additional members to the Board of Directors, as necessary.

Section 5: In the event that the president is absent the VP will act as president. In the event that the president has resigned the position or has left the club for any reason the VP will act as president until the next regular election. If the VP is unable or unwilling to serve as president a special election will be held to replace the president for the remainder of the normal term of office. Board of Director appointments shall fill other vacancies occurring during a term.

Section 6: Board of Director members may be removed from office by a majority vote of the total membership.

Section 7: A quorum of the Board of Directors is a majority of its members.

#### ARTICLE III --DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall:

1. Appoint needed committees;
2. Facilitate the business of the club in order to minimize the club meeting time spent on business affairs;
3. Maintain full communication with the general membership, including monthly reports by the secretary and treasurer at regular meetings;
4. Promote and arrange for activities of general interest;
5. Be empowered to utilize up to 25% of the club treasury in the performance of its duties between any two consecutive regular meetings, and report that action at the next regular meeting of the club;
6. Perform a yearly audit on all financial records, and report the results of the audit promptly by mail to current members.

#### ARTICLE IV--REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings will be held at times decided by a vote of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by the President. Ten members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings of the club. The attendance roster will be appended to the meeting minutes.

#### ARTICLE V -- DUES

The club shall establish membership dues and assessments by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI--AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the club may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present at a meeting. Proposals for amendments must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting. Notification regarding a proposed amendment shall be mailed to all members with normally adequate delivery time before the meeting for action on it.

AS ENACTED 5-6-99

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