

CONSTITUTION OF W.A.R.C.

(as amended June 2008)

ARTICLE I Name:

The club will take its name from the two neighbouring counties, Westmorland and Cumberland in the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia respectively and will be known as the Westcumb Amateur Radio Club, hereinafter referred to as W.A.R.C.

ARTICLE II Aims and Objectives:

The objectives of the W.A.R.C. are:

- (a) To promote an interest in amateur radio in the Westmoreland-Cumberland County area.
- (b) To assist and co-operate with local and other authorities to establish and maintain radio communication as a public service whenever the need arises.

ARTICLE III Membership and Privileges:

All persons with a genuine interest in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership in the W.A.R.C.

There shall be four classes of membership:

1. (a) **Full Members - Requirements:** A person shall be a full member of the W.A.R.C. if he or she :

- (1) Holds a Certificate of Proficiency in Radio of at least amateur grade or an Amateur Operator's Certificate issued by and/or recognized by the Government of Canada.
- (2) Has paid the current annual membership dues.

1. (b) **Full Members - Privileges:** All full members will be entitled to:

- (1) Attend and vote at all meetings of the club
- (2) Hold an executive office within the club
- (3) Attend any social functions associated with the W.A.R.C.

2. (a) **Associate Members - Requirements:** A person shall be an associate member of the W.A.R.C. if he or she:

- (1) Has a bona fide interest in amateur radio
- (2) Has paid the current annual membership dues

2. (b) **Associate Members - Privileges:** All associate members will be entitled to:

- (1) Attend all meetings of the club
- (2) Attend any social functions associated with the W A.R.C

Associate Member Note: Any associate member will be granted full membership status automatically upon request to the Executive when he or she demonstrates to the Executive that he or she has successfully been granted a Certificate of Proficiency in Radio or an Amateur Operator's Certificate issued by and/or recognized by the Government of Canada.

3. (a) **Honourary Members - Requirements:** A person will become an honorary member when:

- (1) The club would like to honour them for their contribution to the club and with a two-thirds majority vote of the full members present at a regular meeting on a motion to this effect. This person does not have to be a certified amateur radio operator but could be.

3. (b) **Honourary Members - Privileges:** This person:

- (1) May attend all club meetings, functions or events.
- (2) Does not have a vote during club meetings.

4. (a) **Life Members - Requirements:** A person will become a life member when:

- (1) The members would like to thank them for their past service to and long-time membership in the club. A two-thirds majority vote of the full members present at a regular meeting on a motion to this effect would be required.

4. (b) **Life Members - Privileges:** This person:

- (1) Has his or her annual club dues waived forever.
- (2) May vote and attend all club meetings, functions and events.

ARTICLE IV Expulsion:

- (1) A club member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of the W.A.R.C. or acting in any way contrary to the best interest of amateur radio may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the full members present at a meeting if the Executive has found the charges are sustained by investigation. Voting will be by secret ballot.
- (2) Any member expelled from the W.A.R.C. in accordance with Article IV paragraph (1) may be reinstated to his or her original membership class in good standing if the Executive recommends such reinstatement to any regular meeting of the club. A two-thirds vote of all full members present in favour of reinstatement will be required to effect said reinstatement.

ARTICLE V Club Executive and Duties:

- (a) The Executive Officers of the W.A.R.C. shall be elected at the annual club meeting held in September of each year and shall serve for a term of one year. They shall take office at the first regular club meeting following the annual meeting and serve until their successors are installed. An executive member may offer for re-election to any executive position and, if successful, may serve any number of terms.
- (b) The Executive of the W.A.R.C. shall be:

The President- The president shall be the chief officer of the executive and shall preside at all meetings of the club. He (she) shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President in similar institutions.

Vice President- The vice president shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

Secretary- The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and receive applications for membership and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of secretary in similar institutions.

Treasurer- The treasurer shall receive all monies due the club and deposit them in a bank approved by the executive. He or she shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of treasurer in similar institutions and be the signing officer for monetary matters pertaining to the W.A.R.C.

(c) **Executive Vacancies** - Any executive office shall be automatically vacated if the holder:

- (1) Ceases to be a full member of the club
- (2) Submits to the Executive written resignation from such office
- (3) Is removed from club membership in accordance with Article IV section (1).

(d) **Filling Vacant Executive Positions** - In the event that a member of the executive, excluding the President, vacates his or her position due to any aforementioned reason:

- (1) His or her position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a person elected through the normal election procedure at the next regular meeting.
- (2) In the event of a vacated presidency, the vice president will automatically complete the term as president and a new vice president will be elected by the normal election procedure at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI Meetings:

(a) The **annual meeting** shall be held in the month of September each year at a time acceptable to the majority of club members, full and associate.

The **regular meetings** of the W.A.R.C. shall be held once a month throughout the year with the exception of July and August. The monthly time and location of the regular meetings for each upcoming year will be decided during the September regular meeting so as to take advantage of any location made available to the W.A.R.C. for the purpose of holding said meetings. In the event that unforeseen circumstances such as weather necessitate the

postponement of a regular meeting, it will be held at a later time, place and date as circumstances permit. In certain circumstances, the president may decide to cancel the meeting. Business will then be carried forward to the next regular meeting.

- (b) **Dues** - The membership fees per person and per family for full and associate members will be decided upon for each upcoming year at the annual meeting at the beginning of that year, thus allowing for changes as reserves and expected expenditures dictate. The agreed upon fees will be due at the regular meeting immediately following the annual meeting at which they are set. These figures shall apply regardless of the time of payment.
- (c) **Expenditures** - Each disbursement or commitment of W.A.R.C. funds shall be discussed and voted on by all members present at regular club meetings. When it is not possible to go through the above procedure, the Executive may undertake any club expenditure to a maximum of \$200.00. Such expenditures must be ratified at the next regular meeting.
- (d) **Order of Business** - The order of business of all meetings of the club shall be similar to that followed in meetings of similar organizations. Some flexibility will be permitted as circumstances require. Robert's Rules of Order will be used to settle questions of procedure.
- (e) **Quorum** - Eight members including the Executive shall be considered a quorum at any meeting of the W.A.R.C.
- (f) **Committees** - The club may appoint such committees or groups from time to time as may be considered necessary to carry on the business or activities of the club. They shall be appointed by the president and shall be approved by the executive with the appointee's permission. Nominations and volunteers may be called for from the floor.

ARTICLE VII Amendments and Implementation:

- (a) **Constitution and By-laws** - of the club may be repealed, amended or added to by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full members present at any general meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be made known to the membership at one general meeting and voted on at the general meeting immediately following.
- (b) **Effective Date** - This Constitution shall come into effect on the date when it

is duly approved and adopted by the executive and members of the W.A.R.C. (This date was the 4th of June, 2008)

NOTES:

(1) This Constitution approved in its original form and adopted on January 28th, 1981 A.D.

(2) Amendments adopted and approved on 29 April, 1991 A.D. *

* Amendments to the Constitution of the W.A.R.C. to bring it into line with the new D.O.C. Communications Canada format implemented October 1, 1990.

Katherine E. Hannah
President

A.W. Anderson Secretary

(3) Further amendments and housekeeping items adopted and approved on 4th June 2008 as presented by the constitution committee members: Katherine E. Hannah, A. W. Anderson, and J. D. Cleveland.

Signed: _____ James B. Langille, President

Date: _____

Signed: _____ Ron Bickle, Secretary

Date: _____