

CONSTITUTION

- I. **NAME:** The name of this organization shall be the Treasure Valley Radio Association, and shall have a perpetual existence. Such existence shall be terminated only upon the unanimous consent of the membership as shown by secret ballot.
- II. **MEMBERSHIP:** Class of membership shall be determined as follows:
 - A. **FULL MEMBERSHIP:** Any licensed Amateur shall be eligible for full membership in the Association, provided they pay the prescribed dues. Term of membership and prescribed dues shall be as outlined in the by-laws of the Association.
 - B. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Any licensed Amateur shall be eligible for Life Membership in the Association, provided they meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in the by-laws and are approved by a simple majority vote of the membership. This membership shall be for life with no required annual dues and full voting rights.
 - C. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** Any non-licensed person may join the Association by paying one half of the prescribed dues of a full member. Associate members may participate in all club activities, discussions, be assigned to appointive offices and committees. They may not run for any elective office and have no voting rights
 - D. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:** An honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whomsoever by the consent of the membership. Their membership shall be for life with no required dues and no voting rights.
- III. **AIMS AND PURPOSES:** The aims and purposes of the Association shall be as follows;
 - A. **Radio art and advancement in skill:**
 1. To promote public and individual interest in the radio art.
 2. To assist interested persons in obtaining federal radio operator and station licenses.
 3. To provide further incentive to advancement in personal skill and license grade by providing incentives and examples for emulation.
 4. To provide a technical and personal information exchange between members of the Association, including the establishment of a technical library.
 - B. **Community:**
 1. To establish and experiment with emergency communications networks for the use of the community.
 2. To provide a means for the training of radio operators in message handling and emergency operations.
 - C. **General**
 1. To establish and maintain an Association Amateur radio station for the use of licensed members and visitors.
 2. To provide recreational activities for the members of the Association and their families.

D. Organic:

1. To do business as a non-profit association of citizens.
2. To have and hold property for the use of the Association.

IV. ORGANIZATION: The Association shall be organized as follows;

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The governing body of the Association shall be the Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the following constitutionally provided elective officers. It shall be the duty of the Executive committee to conduct all Association business and report on such to the membership at the regular monthly meeting.

1. PRESIDENT:

- a. The term of office of the president shall be one year.
- b. The president shall be a licensed amateur radio operator of any class of license and must be at least 21 years of age.
- c. The duties of the president shall include presiding at all meetings of the Association or its executive committee. He shall be the executive officer of the Association, and it shall be his duty to see that all directives of the Association be carried out.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT:

- a. The qualifications and term of office shall be the same as for the President.
- b. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to act in the place of the President in his absence.

3. SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- a. The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years.
- b. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a licensed radio amateur of any class license who is at least 21 years old.
- c. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be:
 - i. To keep the minutes of each meeting of the Association, its executive committee, or its Board of Directors.
 - ii. To Collect and keep an accounting of all moneys of the Association.
 - iii. To carry on all Association correspondence (including Corporation Annual Status with the State of Idaho).
 - iv. To report periodically to the Association, also upon demand on the state of the Associations affairs.
 - v. To keep an inventory of all goods and equipment owned by the Association, and record its location.
 - vi. To keep the Constitution and By-laws of the Association up-to-date by adding all Constitutional Amendments and changes in the Bylaws as required.

4. DIRECTORS:

- a. There shall be three (3) Directors.
- b. The term of office shall be three years, with the terms of office of each Director staggered.
- c. Any person over 21 years of age, who holds a valid amateur license of any class is qualified for this office.
- d. The duties of this office shall include:

- i. To provide the Secretary with an up-to-date inventory of the Association's goods and equipment.
- ii. To hold in trust, in the name of the Association, all of the goods, equipment and property of the Association.
- iii. To keep the goods, equipment and property of the Association in good repair.
- iv. To approve all bills, prior to their being considered by the Association, for payment.

B. OTHER OFFICERS:

1. **HONORARY OFFICERS:** The only honorary officer of the Association shall be the immediate Past-President.
 - a. Any person who shall have served at least seven months as President shall automatically become Past President.
 - b. A Part-President remains one for as long as he remains a member of the Association.
 - c. The immediate Past-President shall be an ex-officio member of the executive committee; he/she may preside at any meeting of the Association or its executive committee in the absence of both the President and Vice-President if a quorum is otherwise provided.
2. **CLUB LICENSE TRUSTEE:** Any member in good standing of the Treasure Valley Radio Association may be selected by the Executive Committee to serve as the Trustee of the Association's amateur radio station license and call sign. When feasible, consideration should be given by the Executive committee to select a member holding an Extra Class License for installation into this position for the benefit of the Association.
 - a. The Trustee shall have final say regarding the legality or appropriateness of all projects and activities with which the club call sign is used.
 - b. It shall be the Trustee's responsibility to insure legal operation, in accordance with FCC regulations, of all equipment and activities using the club call sign.
 - c. Final approval for any trustee to be appointed to this position must be made by a vote of the membership of the Association at any meeting where a legal quorum has been assembled, and at any time, a vote of the membership may disqualify said appointee and a new member appointed as deemed necessary.

- C. QUORUM:** A quorum for conduction of business of the Association at any meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the elective officers of the Association (of which one must be the President, Vice-President or immediate Past-President and at least five (5) members at large. Association meetings may be held either at a physical location or via electronic means. All Association meetings shall be held in a manner to conform with regulations set forth in the by-laws.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- A. Elective officers shall be elected annually as prescribed in the by-laws of the Association.
- B. Voting shall be done by written ballot and the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for the election of said officer.
- C. If any member of the Association cannot be present at the meeting set aside for election of officers, they may elect or chose to vote using an absentee ballot, but

at no time will a vote by proxy be allowed. Absentee ballots must be in a sealed envelope and delivered to a member of the executive committee prior to the meeting when elections are held. Absentee ballots delivered after the election has been completed and candidates declared elected into said office, will be declared null and void and not be allowed.

D. The elected officers shall be installed into their respective offices at the January meeting. At this meeting the outgoing President shall read their duties aloud to them, as laid out in the constitution, and they shall be duly installed into their office after stating they understand these duties of their office.

VI. **ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS:** Association by-laws shall be formulated and adopted by the Association to set up all necessary items not covered by this constitution. Such items as meeting dates and times, frequency of meetings, terms of membership and dues, hinds and property, committees and any other necessary items for operation of the Association shall be included in these by-laws. These bylaws may not in any manner, change. Alter or disagree with any articles of this constitution, but are to provide only additional information necessary for operation of the Association.

VII. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:** This constitution, or any part thereon may be altered, amended, or annulled at a regular meeting of the Association, only if the following conditions are met and adhered to by the membership.

A. A resolution in writing must be submitted before the membership stating what Article is to be amended and the reason for such amendments. Any necessary rewording of the article must also be included in this resolution.

B. This resolution must be read at two regular meetings of the Association prior to balloting on the amendment.

C. Amendments may be adopted only after a vote of the membership present at regular meeting shows a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present favor this Amendment.

VIII. **RATIFICATION:**

This constitution shall be considered ratified and the Association functioning upon it only after its approval by two-thirds of the current membership at the regular meeting set aside for its ratification. The ratification of this document shall be final upon affixing to this document the signatures of the members present at the regular meeting set aside for said ratification of this document. Any or all previous constitutions and by-laws of this Association shall be considered null and void at the time of ratification of this constitution.

Date of Ratification: _____

_____ PRESIDENT

Signature of members present: