

**Walton County Repeater Group INC.**  
**Monroe, Georgia**

**BY-LAWS**

**Section 1 -Purpose, Policy**

1.A. The objectives of the Walton County Repeater Group shall be as defined in the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations Part 97 §97.1:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications,
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art,
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art,
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts, and
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

These objectives will be exercised by the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, the relaying of messages by radio without charge, the furtherance of radio amateur participation in civic events, providing training in the radio art, conducting volunteer examination sessions, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among its members, and the promotion of such other activities as are called for and allied with the above objectives.

1.B. It shall be the policy of the Group to associate with other local, national and international non-commercial amateur radio societies of kindred aims in furtherance of the purpose stated above.

**Section 2 -Membership**

2.A. All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership and, once accepted, a member shall have equal rights and privileges with all other members except as specifically prohibited by these By-Laws or by federal law and regulation.

2.B. Applications for membership, accompanied by yearly dues recommended by the executive committee and approved by the Group membership shall be submitted to the Group Secretary. If no objections are raised from the Group membership, the applicant will be accepted as a full member. If objections are raised, the membership shall be resolved by a simple majority vote of members present. Additional members of the same family or household may join the Group at a reduced fee to be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Group.

2.C. All those passing initial amateur radio tests administered by the Walton County Repeater Group sponsored VE team wishing to join the club will be granted full membership with the club with fees waived if testing in the current year of January through October. Those testing in November or December will extend membership for the following fiscal year.

2.D. All voting members must be a legal adult age as defined by Georgia code.

### **Section 3 -Meetings**

3.A. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each calendar month at 7:00 p.m.

3.B. Special meetings may be called by the Group President, the Executive Committee when deemed necessary, or by request of the membership.

### **Section 4 -Officers**

4.A. All officers must be of legal age. The officers of this Group shall be the following and serve as the Executive Committee:

1. The President,
2. The Vice-President,
3. The Treasurer,
4. The Secretary,
5. The Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee (when required), and
6. The past two presidents of the club who are continuous in membership.
7. Public Information Officer
8. Public Service Coordinator
9. Webmaster

The President shall have been a member of the Group for the two contiguous years immediately preceding his/her term of office. The Vice-President shall have been a member of the Group one-year immediately preceding his/her term of office.

4.B. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined at the desire and vote of the club members.

4.C. All officers of this Group shall be licensed amateurs at the time of their election and for the term of office.

4.D. Regular elections shall be held at the regular December meeting, and they shall be held in the following order:

- President,

- Vice-President,
- Treasurer,
- Secretary

Nominations may be presented by a nominating committee and/or be taken from the floor and the winner of each election shall be determined by ballot. The nominee with the highest vote count shall be elected.

4.E. A Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee (when required) or others as appointed by the Executive Committee and will serve on the Executive Committee ex officio. Such appointment will normally run concurrently with the club station license.

4.F. The term of elected officers shall begin January 1 immediately following their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall end December 31 of the term year or as soon thereafter as possible and as successors may be qualified and elected. Officers elected at special elections shall hold their office until December 31 of the same year in which they are elected or as soon thereafter as their successor may be qualified and elected.

4.G. An office may be declared vacant for any reason by a majority vote of the Group membership.

## **Section 5 -Duties of Officers**

5.A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Group officers plus the past two Group presidents of continuous membership in the group, and the club amateur radio license and repeater trustee as an ex officio member. A majority of members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and no less than a majority shall be required to pass any item of business the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to decide all Group business, to plan Group affairs, and to act in the interest of the Group on all matters except the amount of dues, the election of officers, and amending of bylaws. The Executive Committee shall meet at a time and place designated by the President near the beginning of each quarter to review Group activities and resolve Group business it is authorized to conduct.

5.B. The President shall:

- preside at all meetings of the Group and conduct the same according to the rules adopted
- shall enforce due observance of the Charter and the By-Laws
- shall decide all questions of order, sign all orders and official documents that are adopted by the Group and Executive Committee, and none other
- shall be ex officio a member of all committees
- shall perform all contemporary duties pertaining to the office of President.

5.C. The Vice-President shall:

- assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- shall be ex officio a member of all committees;

- shall be responsible for arranging programs for scheduled meetings
- shall appoint such assistants as may be necessary to aid him/her in specific activities
- shall direct Group emergency activities in coordination with the assigned Amateur Radio Emergency Service Emergency Coordinator in case of disaster.

5.D. The Treasurer shall:

- receive and receipt all monies paid to the Group
- keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended
- shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Group or its officers constituting a business committee
- shall give a report at each regular meeting of the income and outgo of Group funds for the past month and
- shall give a report of the financial status of the group at the end of each quarter of the year
- shall, at the end of his/her term, turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Group to his/her successor.

5.E. The Secretary shall:

- keep a record of the proceedings of all Group and Executive Committee meetings
- shall thank in writing all guest speakers and such organizations which obligate the Group by their favors
- shall possess a current copy of the WCRG By-Laws at each and every meeting for reference
- shall, at the end of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Group to his successor.

5.F. The Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee shall:

- be responsible for the Club station(s) and repeater(s);
- comply with all FCC rules and regulations per Part 97;
- solicit and appoint Group members to serve on a club station and repeater committee.

If for any reason the Trustee should vacate his office, it will be his/her successor's responsibility to notify the F.C.C. and renew such licenses as required.

## **Section 6 -Appointments**

6.A. The President or the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such committees as deemed advisable for the welfare of the Group, and the Executive Committee shall have the power to dissolve such committees at any time.

6.B. At any time the need is recognized, the President shall appoint an electromagnetic interference committee consisting of a chairman and as many members as deemed necessary. It shall be the duty of this committee to give assistance to Group members who request technical advice and assistance in

addressing electromagnetic interference complaints or who experience interference from external electromagnetic sources. It shall be the further duty of this committee to call on individuals troubled with interference from a Group member's station to explain likely causes of the trouble to the individual and to take whatever steps the committee considers necessary to aid in clearing up the interference.

6.C. The Emergency Coordinator or a designated representative for the Walton County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) shall be invited to serve the Executive Committee as a Liaison to ARES at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

6.D. The Executive Committee may appoint other Liaison positions to attend and advise the Executive Committee in matters related to the Liaison's representation.

## **Section 7 -Finances**

7.A. Annual dues as approved by Group members shall be collected at the beginning of each calendar year.

7.B. Dues not collected within ninety days shall be considered overdue and the member shall be considered a member without privileges for a period of ninety days, at the end of which time he shall be dropped from the roll of the Group.

7.C. The Group may, by a majority vote of the Group membership, levy upon the general membership such special assessments as shall be necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and in Section 1.A. of these By-Laws.

7.D. The Treasurer may purchase without further authorization with Group funds specifically such items as stamps, paper, and generally such items as are necessary for the efficient administration of the Group and make payment for legally binding debts such as corporation fees and taxes.

7.E. The President, Vice President and Treasurer are authorized signers of banking instruments . Instruments involving expenditures in excess of \$200 require two signatures.

7.F. An annual financial audit will be conducted on the first quarter of every year.

## **Section 8 -Amendments**

8.A. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be effected by a two-thirds vote of Group members present at the regular meeting in which they are considered. Unless otherwise specified in particular amendments, all amendments shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Group.

## **Section 9 -Rules of Order**

9.A. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, the rules of order for proceedings of the Group shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

Incorporated October 15, 2015  
Effective November 20, 2015

## REVISIONS

### **Revision 1: November 16, 2017**

Section 2 added 2.C.

### **Revision 2: January 18, 2018**

Section 5.C. bullet #3 change “planning” to “arranging”

Section 5.E. added bullet #3

Update Section 3 – Meetings: Changed 3.A from “7:30” to “7:00”

### **Revision 3: January 25, 2020**

Section 2 added 2.D.

Section 4 added “All officers must be of legal age.” to section 4.A.

moved Public Information Officer and Public Service Coordinator from 4.D. to new bullets 7 and 8 respectfully of 4.A. and added bullet 9 “Webmaster”

Added New Section 4.B. and changed previous 4.B. to 4.C. – 4.C. to 4.D – 4.D. to 4.E. – 4.E. to 4.F. and 4.F. to 4.G.

Section 4.E. changed “will be” to “or others as”

Section 5.A. sentence 2 changed “Five” to “A majority of” and changed “four” to “a majority” and changed 5.F. bullet 2 to “comply with all FCC rules and regulations per Part 97”

Section 7 deleted section 7.C. changed previous 7.D. to 7.C. – 7.E. to 7.D. and added new 7.E. and 7.F.