

BEACHES AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated, meeting as a body at Neptune Beach, Florida on 27 January, 1994, do hereby modify and update the original 1967 Constitution and By-Laws.

This Society is organized for the following purposes:
To stimulate interest in Amateur Radio, to increase technical knowledge of individual Members, to promote good communication capabilities, to develop fraternalism among fellow Amateurs, to promote social activities for the membership, to provide emergency communications when needed and create a greater public awareness of Amateur Radio.

ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be composed of Full Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE 2. OFFICERS

Section 1. Annually the following officers shall be elected by the membership: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Directors, all of whom shall be Full Members.

Section 2. Other officers to be established in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 3. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held at the time and place designated by the President.

ARTICLE 4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

This constitution and the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full Membership present, provided the membership has been given a thirty (30) day written notice of the substance for the proposed Amendment.

BEACHES AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
INCORPORATED BY-LAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP

A. Full Membership shall be given to anyone holding a valid Amateur Radio License, and whose dues are current.

B. Associate Membership shall be given to anyone expressing an interest in Amateur Radio or the art of radio communications, who does not hold a Valid Amateur Radio License and whose dues are current.

C. Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon any person or organization for outstanding contribution to the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated. No dues are to be assessed.

2. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

A. President: Shall preside over all meetings and be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint committees to carry out club functions. The President, or his designee shall represent the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated in the meetings with other organizations. The President shall perform other activities as usually pertain to his office.

B. Vice-President: Shall assume the duties of President in his absence and other duties as assigned by the President.

C. Secretary: Shall keep all records of the Club and carry on any correspondence necessary on behalf of the Club. The Secretary shall see that the minutes of all monthly or special general meetings are properly recorded and provided to the editor of the Random Wire for publishing. The Secretary shall be responsible for other duties as assigned by the President.

D. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for the collecting and disbursing of club funds. The Treasurer shall report to the membership at each meeting all cash receipts and disbursements for the previous month. The treasurer shall also be responsible for other duties as assigned by the President.

E. The President and the Vice-President may not hold an office simultaneously in other local Amateur Radio clubs.

3. MEETINGS

A. A regular membership meeting shall be held each month or as directed by the President.

B. The annual meeting of the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated shall be held in November. Officers shall also, at this meeting, present an annual report including a complete financial balance sheet. Election of new officers shall also take place at this meeting.

C. The president shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Full Members, to present to the membership at the October meeting, a list of all members who have been contacted and are willing to serve as officers for the following year. During the elections, nominations from the floor for any office will be accepted with the nominees permission.

D. Those Full Members present at a regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

E. The presiding officer shall invoke "Roberts" Rules of Order in case of parliamentary questions.

4. DUES

A. The fiscal year for the amateur Radio Society, Incorporated shall be on a calendar year basis, i.e.: start on 01 January and end December 31.

B. Dues shall be collected annually on a fiscal year basis. Dues shall be established by a majority vote of those Full Members present at the annual meeting. Dues for new members - those who were not a member during the previous year - will be prorated quarterly.

5. VOTING

A. Only Full Members are allowed to vote.

B. Voting for all officers shall be by secret ballot, voting for on Society officer at a time as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Members.

C. Election shall be simple majority for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If a majority vote is not obtained, the nominee receiving the least amount of votes will be eliminated and voting will continue until a candidate receives a majority vote.

D. When voting on board members, each member will vote for the number of persons needed to fill the vacancies on one ballot. The nominees receiving the most votes will be elected.

E. Validation of membership present and counting of all secret ballots will be carried out by a panel of three (3) Full Members appointed by the President prior to voting.

6. VACANCIES OF OFFICERS

A. Any unexpired vacant office will be filled at the next meeting following notification of the membership. The Board of Directors will make a recommendation for filling such vacancies. Voting will be in accordance with the BY-LAWS, section 5.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors in essence will direct the Society activities and accomplishments. The Board shall consists of the following:

The Club President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, two (2) Directors and the past President for one year. In addition, the holder of the license used on any repeater or communications system owned or operated by, or in the name of The Beaches Amateur Radio Society shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

B. If the current President is re-elected for another term, the past President position will be replaced by a third board member elected by the membership. If the outgoing President is unwilling to serve on the board as past President, the most recent past President who is willing to serve shall hold the office of past President.

C. The board shall meet prior to regular membership meetings as specified by the President.

8. CLUB PROPERTY

A. All property belonging to the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated, shall remain under control of a Custodian designated by the President. A material inventory and location of said material shall be maintained in a current state.

9. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

A. From time to time it may become necessary to dispose of property owned by the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated. Such property will be first made available to the club membership on a sealed bid basis after a thirty (30) day notice has been made. All proceeds of disposal will be deposited in the Society treasury.

10. DISSOLUTION

A. Upon the dissolution of the Beaches Amateur Radio Society, Incorporated, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

END OF BY-LAWS