Bylaws of the Lincoln Repeater Club, Inc.

1994 Revision

Purpose

"The purpose of the corporation is the advancement of the science of electronic communication through the education and instruction of its members and others in the construction, use, and maintenance of amateur radio repeaters, owning and operating an amateur radio repeater or repeaters and the providing of emergency communication services to city, county, state and federal authorities" (Articles of Incorporation, Article 3, Sentence 1).

Section 1: Members

- 1.01 **Qualifications.** The only qualifications for membership in the Lincoln Repeater Club, Inc, are an interest in the operation and utilization of the repeater or repeaters owned and operated by the club and the payment of the annual dues.
- 1.02 <u>Classes.</u> The club may have classes of members as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 1.03 <u>Dues.</u> Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors upon the advice of the General Membership.
- 1.04 <u>Voting Rights.</u> In any election or decision-making vote, each member present shall have one vote.

Section 2: Meetings of Members

- 2.01 <u>Annual Business Meeting.</u> The annual meeting of the General Membership of the Club for the election of the Board of Directors and the transaction of necessary other business shall be held during the first twenty one days of the month of January at a time, date and location determined by the Board of Directors.
- 2.02 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings can be held at any time or place following proper notification of the membership by first-class mail or by telephone not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said meeting. Such meetings can be called by the Board of Directors or by fifty-one percent of the General Membership.
- 2.03 <u>Notice of Meetings.</u> Written notice of the annual business meeting shall be delivered to each member of record not less than 10 (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the date of said meeting. Such notice shall state the time, date and location of the meeting.
- 2.04 **Quorum.** Twenty percent (20%) of the General Membership must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter.

Section 3: Board of Directors

- 3.01 **General Powers.** The business of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
- 3.02 <u>Number.</u> The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and four (4) other Board members, all elected from the General Membership.
- 3.03 **Election.** The directors shall be elected by the General Membership of the Club at the annual meeting. Each Director shall serve from the date of the first Board meeting following election until the corresponding Board meeting approximately two (2) years later and may be reelected. One-half (1/2) of the Board shall be elected in even-numbered years, the other one-half (1/2) in odd-numbered years. At the first Board meeting after an annual meeting, the old Board will complete old business and the new Board will transact new business.
- 3.04 **Qualifications.** Any member of the Club may serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- 3.05 <u>Meetings.</u> Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least quarterly and no more than thirty (30) says prior to the annual meeting of the General Membership of the Club. A quorum at a Board meeting shall consist of five (5) members of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by any Board member. All board members must be notified at least twenty four (24) hours prior to such meeting.
- 3.06 **Resignation.** The Board of Directors may accept the written resignation of any of its members.
- 3.07 **Removal.** A member of the Board of Directors may be removed only upon the vote of a majority of the General Membership present at the duly called meeting for such a vote.
- 3.08 <u>Vacancies.</u> Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Board from the General Membership of the Club. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting; if this is the midpoint of the vacating person's term, a Board member shall be elected from the General Membership to serve for the remaining year of this term.
- 3.09 <u>Salaries.</u> The club shall pay no salaries to any member of the Board of Directors or to any member of the Club.

Section 4: Officers

- 4.01 **Officers.** There shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 4.02 **Duties.** Each Officer shall perform the duties normally incident to his office.
- 4.03 <u>Election.</u> The officers shall be elected from among the eight (8) Board members by the General Membership of the Club at the annual meeting. Each Officer shall serve from the date of the first Board meeting following election until the corresponding Board meeting approximately one (1) year later and may be reelected.
- 4.04 **Qualifications.** Any member of the Board of Directors may serve as an Officer.
- 4.05 **Resignation.** The Board of Directors may accept the written resignation of any Officer.
- 4.06 **Removal.** An Officer may be removed only upon the vote of a majority of the General Membership present at the duly called meeting for such a vote.
- 4.07 <u>Vacancies.</u> Any vacancy among the Officers shall be filled by appointment of the Board from among the members of the Board. Since this creates a vacancy on the Board, Section 3.08 shall be followed.
- 4.08 **Salaries.** The Club shall pay no salaries to any of the Officers.

Section 5: Committees

- 5.01 <u>Creation.</u> The Board of Directors shall establish two standing committees: one for maintenance and one for design. These committees may be combined. The board shall also establish other standing and special committees as it deems necessary and desirable and shall prescribe the duties of such committees.
- 5.02 <u>Term.</u> The term of any designated committees shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Section 6: Club Repeater(s)

- 6.01 **Purpose.** The major purpose of the club is to own, maintain, and operate one or more amateur radio repeaters.
- 6.02 <u>Availability.</u> The Club repeater(s) is/are open (see FCC Rules, Section 97.85). The autopatch feature is also open for general use by members and also by nonmembers who meet the following guidelines: (1) Use by nonmembers should be infrequent and usually by individuals who live outside the normal repeater coverage area but who occasionally pass through Lancaster County. (2) Frequent users, no matter where they reside, are urged to support the operation of the repeater(s) by joining the Club.
- 6.03 <u>Control Operators.</u> The matter of control operators for the repeater(s) shall be determined by the Board of Directors in compliance with the FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 97.
- 6.04 <u>History.</u> The Club's original repeater, WRØAEV, 146.25/.85 (2 meters) was designed and built by Zellen H. "Pete" Gunn, WAØMFC, and operated from his home until October, 1975, when it was moved to the KOLN-TV studios at 40th and W Streets in Lincoln. New autopatch decoding equipment was donated to the Club by John Fuhrman, KØLFA, in 1977. A VHF Engineering solid-state repeater was purchased and installed in April, 1981. Due to FCC action (All "WR" calls became nontransferable), the repeater call was changed in January, 1983 to KØSCM/R, courtesy of Les Myers, KØSCM.

Section 7: Licensee(s) of the Club Repeater(s)

- 7.01 <u>Term.</u> The Licensee(s) of the Club repeater(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve until death, resignation or removal.
- 7.02 **Removal.** The Licensee(s) of the Club repeater(s) may be removed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8: Books and Records

8.01 <u>Books and Records.</u> The Club shall keep, for a minimum of three years, correct and complete records and books of account, as well as an accurate inventory of equipment owned, minutes of meetings, and records of the functioning of appointed committees.

Section 9: Amendments

9.01 "The Board of Directors shall adopt the Bylaws of the corporation and may amend, revoke or add to the same as they deem proper, but no provision of the Bylaws shall be inconsistent with any provision of the Articles of Incorporation" (Articles of Incorporation, Article 6).

Section 10: Plan for October, 1984, Annual Meeting

- 10.01 Four (4) Board members, chosen by lot, in a manner agreeable to the Board, and taking into account any resignations, will serve terms extended to the Board meeting following the October, 1985 annual meeting. The terms of the remaining Board members will terminate at the Board meeting following the October, 1984 annual meeting.
- 10.02 The General Membership will elect four (4) Board members whose terms will expire at the Board meeting following the October, 1986 annual meeting.
- 10.03 The General Membership will elect from among the above eight (8) Board members four(4) Officers who will serve until the Board meeting following the October, 1985 annual meeting.
- 10.04 Subsequent elections of the Board and of the Officers, starting with the annual meeting of October, 1985 will follow the 1984 revision of the Bylaws.
- 10.05 This section will expire at the conclusion of the Board meeting following the October, 1986 annual meeting.

Lincoln Repeater Club Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 6: Club repeater(s)

Amendment to section 6.01, Purpose: remove the existing text and replace with the following:

The major purpose of the Club owning and maintaining Amateur Radio Repeaters is to further the main purpose of the Corporation itself. (Refer to page one, Purpose, of these bylaws.)

The amendment to section 6.01, Purpose, was adopted on May 22nd, 1998 by the Board of Directors. (Bylaws, Section 9 Amendments, paragraph 9.01: "The Board of Directors shall adopt the bylaws of the corporation and may amend, revoke, or add to the same as they deem proper, but no provision of the Bylaws shall be inconsistent with any provision of the Articles of Incorporation"

<u>In Witness Whereof</u>, a majority of the Board of Directors has signed his name hereto at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 22nd of day of May, 1998.

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