

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
RIVER RAISIN REPEATER ASSOCIATION
(A not-for-profit association)

1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION -- The official name of the association shall be "River Raisin Repeater Association."
2. PURPOSE -- The association shall strive to further the art of licensed Amateur Radio communications through the use of frequency modulation techniques. It is a non-commercial, not-for-profit organization chartered under the laws of the State of Michigan. The association shall endeavor to install, maintain, and operate repeater stations for the purpose of providing reliable communications between licensed amateur radio mobile FM stations in the Monroe County, Michigan, area. It shall assemble and distribute technical information and endeavor to provide a useful communications facility for use in any civil emergency. It shall also attempt to develop friendships through the sharing and development of a common goal.
3. MEMBERSHIP -- There shall be two membership categories: Full member and associate member.
 - A. FULL MEMBER -- A full member shall be a licensed amateur radio operator who shall be deemed by the membership committee to have a bona fide interest in the objectives of the association. To be considered for full membership, a prospective member must be nominated by two full members.
 - B. ASSOCIATE MEMBER -- An associate member shall be a licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to affiliate with the association for informational, technical and/or social reasons.
 - C. DUES -- Dues for all members, full and associate, will be \$14 per year or such other amount as shall be determined by a vote of the membership at the regular annual meeting. Dues are payable in advance on the anniversary of membership.
4. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -- An annual meeting of the members of the association shall be held on the first Saturday in May of each year, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, on the following Saturday, at 1:00pm local time at a site to be selected by the board of directors. At the annual meeting those members entitled to vote shall elect a board of directors of the association consisting of at least three, but not more than five, full members of the association and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the membership. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or by the Secretary at the request of a majority of the members of the board of directors, or by petition of a majority of the voting members. Written notice shall state be given of any special meeting, which notice shall state the purpose for which the meeting is being called.

5. VOTING RIGHTS -- Each full member shall be entitled to one vote, either in person or by written proxy. An associate member shall have no vote.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- The association and its affairs shall be managed by its board of directors.

A. MEETINGS -- The Board of Directors shall meet immediately following the annual meeting of the members to elect officers, and at such other times as the President of the association shall deem appropriate, upon his call.

B. OFFICERS -- The following officers shall be elected annually: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Officers shall hold office until respective successors have been elected. Any vacancy in office shall be filled immediately by the board. The regular term of office shall be one year, but this term shall not preclude any officer from being re-elected for successive terms.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- The board may, at its discretion, elect to have the association managed by an executive committee consisting of at least three elected officers, such committee to be named by the board for the current year only.

7. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS --

A. PRESIDENT -- The President shall see that affairs of the association are properly conducted. He shall be responsible for holding regular meetings of the board of the executive committee. He shall see that regular general meetings are held. He shall chair these meetings and arrange suitable programs for them.

B. VICE PRESIDENT -- The Vice President shall, in addition to acting in the event of absence or disability of the President, chair a committee whose purpose is to build, maintain, and operate repeater stations as deemed desirable by the board of directors. In addition, this committee shall keep a technical information file on FM equipment and related devices. This committee shall be responsible for the undertaking of any technical activity of interest to the membership.

C. SECRETARY -- The Secretary shall be responsible for the general correspondence of the association. He shall keep up to date records of the names and addresses of all members. He shall arrange suitable locations for all meetings and he shall see that all members and officers are notified as required of impending meetings.

D. TREASURER -- The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the association which shall be subject to audit by a person designated by the board. He shall maintain, as necessary, the funds of the association in a bank account in the name of the River Raisin Repeater Association and he shall pay, as directed by the board or the executive committee, all expenditures authorized.

E. PROPERTY CUSTODIAN -- In addition to the above officers, the board shall name one of its members as the Property Custodian for the association. The Property

Custodian shall have power to acquire title and possession of such radio and other equipment which the board or executive committee deem necessary to the purposes of the association. He shall supervise the allocation and distribution of such goods and equipment and shall take action or make any agreements which he deems necessary for application of the goods or equipment solely to the objects and purposes of the association.

8. COMMITTEES -- In addition to the membership committee, the board shall select and appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary for the purposes of the association. All committee chairmanships will be filled by members of the board, appointments to be made by the president.
9. AMENDMENTS -- Amendments to the constitution shall be made only by a majority vote of the membership. For this purpose, ballots will be mailed to all full members at least thirty days prior to the polling date. During this period a special meeting shall be called to allow for discussion of proposed amendments. Fifty-one (51) percent affirmative vote of all ballots received on or before the polling date shall constitute a majority for approval.
10. REPEATER STATIONS --
 - A. GENERAL -- The association shall build, maintain and operate one or more repeater stations for the use of its members and/or other licensed amateur radio operators. All members are expected to exercise a self-policing discipline and to obey all rules of operation issued by the Federal Communications Commission as well as such directives for repeater use which may be prepared by the board or the executive committee.
 - B. TRUSTEES -- A trustee of each repeater station license shall be named by the board who will be a member of the technical committee and who will be solely responsible for the operation of the repeater licensed to him. At his discretion a trustee may temporarily or permanently remove such repeater station from service. Equipment removed from service shall remain the property of the association to be reactivated or disposed of as decided by the board or the executive committee.
 - C. USE -- Use of repeater stations by non-members in a responsible and proper way by any licensed radio amateur is encouraged. Persons residing in the primary service area should be urged to contribute to or to join the association to assist with upkeep of the repeater stations.

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