Motorola Amateur Radio Club K9MOT Constitution

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Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the <u>Motorola Amateur Radio Club</u> based in Schaumburg, Illinois and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article I, Membership:

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its by laws.

Article Ia Membership

There shall be one class of member and all members shall have equal privileges A Member in good standing is one who has fully paid up membership dues. All Associate Members, will with the passage of the amendment, become Full members

Article II, Officers:

Sec. 1. - The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2 - Each nominee for ALL Offices shall be a member, in good standing, as outlined in Article Ia, and hold a valid amateur radio license.

Should none of the current officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary) be current, fulltime employees of MSI, the Officers shall meet and agree mutually by a vote of at least 3 (3/4 majority) to appoint a single individual as Liaison to MSI.

The Liaison shall be a fulltime employee of MSI. Should MSI cease to exist as a business entity, either Corporation of Wholly-owned Subsidiary of another Entity, this clause shall be nullified. The Liaison shall not be considered an Officer but will act in the capacity of liaison between MSI and MARC and visa versa as well as advisor to the Officers.

Sec. 3 - The officers of this club shall be elected for one year terms, January 1 through December 31, by ballot or show of hands of the members present, provided there be a quorum (2/3 of members present), at the December meeting. Terms for all officers shall not exceed 2 consecutive terms, unless unopposed.

Sec. 4 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of that Officer's position.

Sec. 5 - Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

Article III, Duties of Officers:

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. At the expiration of their term, he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to their successor.

The president shall also at his discretion, form special task groups, and advisory committees to assist him in the course of normal, or special club functions, or activities as he should deem necessary, or required.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, the VP shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, decide all questions of order; and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/She shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. At the expiration of their term he/she shall tum over all items belonging to the club to their successor.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications, such as the ARRL bulletins, or other such notices as the Secretary shall deem necessary or prudent at each meeting, communicate meeting notices to each member by any appropriate written, or electronic form at the discretion of the Secretary, and advise members of status changes in membership categories, in case of a vote. At the expiration of their term he/she shall tum over all items belonging to the club to their successor.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended; payments exceeding \$300 require approval from a majority of club officers. At the end of each quarter the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of their term he/she shall turn over everything in their possession belonging to the club to their successor.

Article IV, Meetings:

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of 2/3 of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the revision of Constitution and by laws, and 12 members shall constitute a quorum for general business.

Article V, Dues:

The club, by majority vote of those present at the December meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues, or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for loss of property from the club within the discretion of the officers.

Article VI, Membership Assistance:

The club, through designated RF Interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII, Amendments:

Amendments may be proposed to this constitution or the By-Laws by a one-fourth vote of the total membership present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing or e-mail at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting. Proxy votes can be submitted in writing or by e-mail for those members who may be traveling, and will not be able to be present.

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings, unless otherwise noted in this document.

By-Laws:

1. Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with them at all meetings.

2. The Secretary shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

3. Membership. All members, as outlined in Article Ia, may vote for club officers and on club business and financial matters. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.

4. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on a consistent day and week of each calendar month at the discretion and agreement of the Officers provided that notification

of the selected day and week is provided to members in a timely manner. Meetings during the months of July and August are optional. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any 5 club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices, for special meetings, shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

5. Dues. A regular yearly assessment of \$12.00 (\$1 per month, pro rated) per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

6. In addition to officers, there shall be a Club Trustee who is a member, and holds an Amateur Radio License issued by the FCC, is eligible to hold a club station license, and it shall be the Trustees responsibility to maintain the Club License, and insure that the Club Stations are operated in accordance to the FCC rules and regulations as outlined in Part 97.

7. The officers shall have the authority to grant "Honorary Associate Memberships", based upon a 3/4 majority vote of the Officers, granting said Honorary Associate Membership. Such Honorary Memberships shall be granted for exceptional services and contributions bestowed upon the club by the individual. They may be granted for a single year or for lifetime.

8. Expenditures of club funds of \$100 or less shall be authorized by the President or Treasurer. Expenditures of over \$100, but not more than \$300, must be authorized by a majority of Club Officers. Expenditures of over \$300 must be authorized by a majority of the members in attendance at any regular membership meeting.

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: