

Constitution

The following is the full text of the Constitution as amended and ratified at the meeting. April 2011 meeting.

Articles of organization of the Palm Beach Packet Group

We, the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Organization under the Non-Profit Laws of the United States of America, do hereby certify:

- * FIRST: The name of the Organization shall be "The Palm Beach Packet Group"
- * SECOND: The Organization shall have it's office at the registered agent of the Palm Beach Packet Group.
- * THIRD: Said Organization is established as Non-Profit, Non-Political, and Non-Denominational and will conduct it's activities accordingly.

ARTICLE ONE - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Palm Beach Packet Group is to:

- * STUDY and understand the capabilities and shortcomings of the Amateur Packet Radio Network;
- * PLAN for the future growth of the network in all respects;
- * FINANCE the growth of the network by soliciting funds and support from individuals and corporate sponsors;
- * PURCHASE equipment as authorized by the membership for the purpose of growing the network in a meaningful way;
- * INSTALL new equipment at repeater sites;
- * MAINTAIN the network in all respects;
- * RECRUIT new packeteers into our ranks;
- * TRAIN the general Amateur Radio community in the proper and most effective use of the Network through a program of workshop meetings, training drills, mailings, and bulletins;

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- * ADVANCE the state of the Art in Amateur Packet Radio hardware, software, and networking principles;
 - * COMMUNICATE with other groups (local, statewide, and national) with similar goals and to cooperate with them in projects which will help the Amateur Packet Radio Network mature;
- * ASSURE the Survivability of the network components during major hurricanes and other disasters to the best of our abilities, to improve: and expand the usefulness of the Amateur Packet Network to State and Local Emergency Management Officials, and to provide communications using the Network as deemed necessary in times of Emergency

ARTICLE TWO - MEMBERSHIP

Any person demonstrating a bona fide interest in Amateur Packet Radio can apply for membership. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary. Each applicant shall state the willingness to abide by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Group.

ARTICLE THREE - DUES

The Board of Directors is authorized to charge dues and may levy upon the general membership such dues as deemed necessary. All money collected by the Group from any source must be used to further the objectives of the Group as set forth in Article One of this document.

ARTICLE FOUR - OFFICERS

The officers of the Group shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and each shall serve a term of (1) One Year.

- * PRESIDENT - The President shall be the presiding officer of the Group, shall keep order, expedite the business of the assembly, and see that the rules of the assembly are enforced. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Group, over the Board of Directors, and be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to the office.
- * VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall, during the absence or temporary incapacity of the President, perform the duties and assume the powers and responsibilities of President, and shall perform any other special duties that may be

assigned to him by the President.

- * SECRETARY - The Secretary shall undertake all correspondence of the Group and shall send notices of all meetings and other notices bearing on the activities of the Group. The Secretary shall prepare and record in permanent form the minutes of all meetings of the Group. He shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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- * TREASURER - The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds. All monies received by him from any source shall be deposited by him in a financial institution designated by the Board of Directors. Such deposited funds shall be subject to withdrawal by check.

The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Group only upon receipt of proper vouchers, bills, invoices, or other documents supporting authorized expenditures. The Treasurer shall maintain at all times adequate permanent records of all monies received and disbursed by him. At the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall submit to the Group a written report in detail of all monies received and disbursed during the fiscal year. The Fiscal Year shall begin on January 1st of each calendar year.

The Treasurers report shall be submitted at each regular business meeting. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the option of the Board of Directors and at the expense of the Group.

The Treasurer shall each month create a list of delinquent members and submit same to the Board of Directors for action and disposition.

ARTICLE FIVE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to 8 members, comprising the present and immediate past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The business affairs of the Group shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the Board shall have the authority to disburse funds.

The term of the Board Members shall be for (1) one year to run in concurrence with the election of officers. In addition, any member who has held office shall serve one additional year on the Board after the expiration of their office, except in cases where the member was removed from office prematurely by a vote of the members.

If the number of directors falls to six or less directors, then at the discretion of the board of

directors, up to two additional directors may be elected by the members.

The Board shall meet at least four times a year or as necessary.

ARTICLE SIX - ELECTION OFFICERS

All officers shall be elected at the regular meeting in December of each year and shall assume office at the close of that meeting.

No member shall be eligible for any office who has not been a member of the Group for at least (6) six months, who has not kept his annual dues current, or who is not a licensed amateur.

The membership shall submit to the Secretary at the October and November meetings their written nominations for all offices. The Secretary shall tabulate the nominations and contact the nominated individuals to see if they would accept the office if elected. The Secretary shall prepare written ballots to be used in the December election, based upon nominations made by the close of the February meeting. The ballot shall include space for "write-in" candidates which may be nominated from the floor of the December meeting, prior to the vote.

The President may appoint a committee to assist the Secretary during the casting of ballots.

Any eligible member may be nominated for any office in the Group. If the member is nominated for more than one office, he or she may accept all nominations, but only one office may be held concurrently.

ARTICLE SEVEN - QUORUM

A quorum for a business meeting shall consist of (10%) ten percent of the membership. A quorum for the Board of Directors shall consist of the presiding officer and (3) three other Board Members.

ARTICLE EIGHT - MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall follow an annual schedule established by a vote of the membership unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances.

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time, or upon the request of (10%) ten percent of the full membership. The President, or his appointive, shall notify the membership by radio, telephone, or mail (72) hours in advance of all special meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President upon (72) hours notice with verbal consent of the majority of Board members (excluding the President). In the event of imminent or declared emergency, a meeting may be called by verbal notification.

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Removal of an officer, member, or director for good cause may be made by a three quarters vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

The officer, member, or director being removed shall be notified at least (14) fourteen days prior to the vote and said member shall have the right to speak at a regular meeting before the vote is taken.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN - SMOKING OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE USAGE

In accordance with the Florida Clean Air Act, smoking will not be permitted during any indoor activity sponsored by the Group. In addition, consumption of any controlled substance during Group activities is strictly prohibited.

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