



The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

Lehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - W3OI / KB3SYV
Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA

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LVARC Repeaters

146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)
147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)
147.420 (Club Simplex Freq.)
445.025 W3OI D-Star "B" module
147.165 W3OI D-Star "C" module

LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

**Every Monday at 7:30p (ET)
on the 94 repeater.**

* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315) Automatic Mode Select. Analog * FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),
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Many club announcements will be heard there

The **April** LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 4, 2023** using **ZOOM AND In-Person** at **7:30p.**

The program: **TBA**
Plan to attend this Meeting!

The LVARC holds it's monthly meeting the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month **BOTH In Person AND** using **ZOOM** at **7:30p Eastern time.** Meetings are held at the **Tri-Clover Fire Co. in Orefield, PA.**

LVARC TEST SESSIONS

The LVARC test sessions are held the **THIRD FRIDAY** of **EVERY OTHER MONTH.**

Contact Mark Miller (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com for details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com

Up Coming 2023 LVARC Programs

April 4 - TBA



New ARRL EPA Section Manager

I am please to announce that Bob Wilson, W3BIG, has agreed to accept the position of EPA Section Manager. He will serve the remainder of the present term, ending March 31, 2024. As Division Director, it is my responsibility to appoint a qualified member to fill the vacant, unexpired term, and I am thrilled to have such an outstanding member step into the role.

Bob is no stranger to ARRL service. He has been an ARES Emergency Coordinator in EPA for many years. Most recently, Bob served as the EPA Section Emergency Coordinator, supporting our outgoing SM, George Miller, W3GWM.

Bob is known to many of you already. Over the last 20 years, he has deployed in support of various ARES activations, including ice storms and two hurricanes in southeast PA. In addition, Bob is well-known for promoting and skillfully delivering training and support to our EPA ARES teams. If you are one of the few who are unfamiliar with Bob, I invite you to review his [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) page to read about his impressive background.

Being an Section Manager is not an easy job, but the role is one of the most important for our field organization. Section Managers are your representatives to the League. It is the first League-elected position ARRL members regularly get to choose. Bob will have Assistant Section Managers and other appointed staff to support his activities, but in the end, the support of our members is most crucial for Bob to succeed.

To all who responded to my call for candidates, thank you. George joins me in welcoming Bob to the top EPA post. Both of us look forward to helping him succeed for all of us who call the EPA section home. We hope that you will join us in support of Bob so all of us may succeed.

73 and I will see you on the radio.

Bob Famiglio, K3RF
Director, ARRL Atlantic Division



Do you remember ... Wooden Ice Cream Spoons?

Send your "What Ever Happened To/ Do you Remember...", to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in a future issue of the VOX).



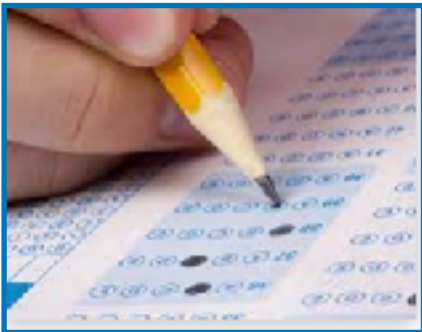
READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)

LVARC Nets

1. **Monday Night LVARC/ARRS/RACES/ACS Net - 7:30p - 146.94 MHz**
2. **Monday Night USB Simplex Net - 8:15p - 144.250 MHz**
3. **Wednesday Night D-Star Net - 7:00p**
4. **Thursday Night - 2m Simplex Net - 8:00p - 147.420 MHz**

Check into one or all!



LVARC 2023 Test Session Dates

2023

April 21
August 18
October 20
December 15

A new GENERAL test will be in effect on July 1

*Spring is when you feel like whistling even
with a shoe full of slush. - Doug Larson*



**2023 LVARC
ARES
Season is
Here!**



The first ARES event of 2023 will be held in April. It will be the St. Luke's Half Marathon on Sunday April 23. Listen to the Monday Night Net and read the April VOX for details.

Your help is needed!

Volunteer to provide communications support for this and other LVARC ARES events in 2023.

To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

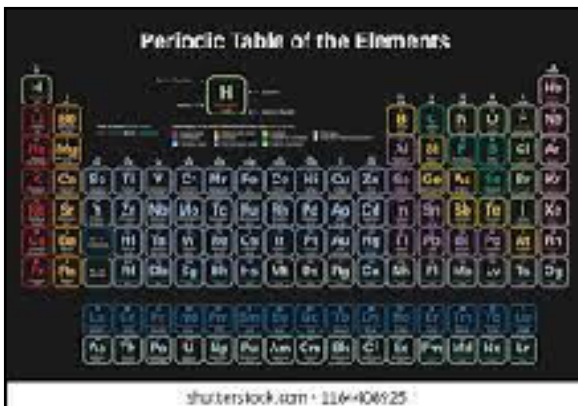
For more information, go to: <https://www.halfmarathons.net/pennsylvania-st-lukes-half-marathon-5k/>.

2023 LVARC ARES Events

Join Team LVARC!

- April 23** - St. Luke's Half Marathon
- June 10** - Hanover Township 5K
- October 7** - Women's 5K Classic
- November 12** - D&L Marathon

VOLUNTEER TO HELP!



Did you know the only letter which doesn't appear in the Periodic Table is j?

This Month In Ham Radio

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30	2023					

2023 LVARC EVENTS

April 4 - LVARC meeting

April 21 - LVARC test session

April 23 - St. Luke's Half Marathon

May 2 - LVARC meeting

May 21 - Star of Bethlehem Children's Festival

June 6 - LVARC meeting

June 10 - Hanover Township 5K

June 24 & 25 - ARRL Field Day

July 11 - LVARC meeting

August 18 - LVARC test session

September 5 - LVARC meeting

October 3 - LVARC meeting

October 7 - Women's 5K Classic

November 5 - LVARC meeting

November 12 - Delaware/Lehigh Marathon

December 5 - LVARC meeting

December 15 - LVARC test session



*Listen to the Monday Night Net, attend LVARC meetings
and read the VOX for specific dates and times.*

FEB NET Report de N3XG

Monday Night ARES Net

FEB 6 - 44
FEB 13 - 42
FEB 20 - 43
FEB 27 - 45
TOTAL MONDAY ARES CHECK IN: 174



Monday Night 2m SSB Net:

FEB 6 - 3
FEB 13 - 5
FEB 20 - 5
FEB 27 - 8
TOTAL MONDAY 2M SSB CHECK IN: 21



Thursday Night 2m FM Simplex:

FEB 2 - 9
FEB 9 - 8
FEB 16 - 5
FEB 23 - 10
TOTAL THURSDAY NIGHT 2M FM SIMPLEX CHECK IN: 32

New LVARC Members!

At the March 7, 2023 meeting, the following were voted in as new LVARC members. The LVARC welcomes:

Andrew Schott (KC3FCM)

Christopher Peters (KC3MLI)

Mark Sinex (not yet licensed)

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome them to the club when you hear them on the air!

This Just In - Rod (N3XG)

The D&L event, held in November, has changed this year. It was just announced yesterday (3/7/23) that **it's a full Marathon from Allentown to Easton**. They are billing it as **Racefest**, as there are three races. A Marathon, a relay, and a Half Marathon Run / Walk.

Go to: <https://race.delawareandlehigh.org>

Your Help Is Needed!
Many operators will be needed!



Send your VOX submission(s) to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. You can send text and/or graphics.

Share Your Ham Radio Experience(s)

Share your ham radio experience(s) with the group! Tell how you got interested in amateur radio, how you got started, your favorite VHF/UHF/HF moment, how you set up your station or anything amateur radio related to you. Send to Mark (AK3M).

VOX?

The LVARC newsletter has been titled the VOX since it started. Do you know what **VOX** means? (See page 10 for the answer).



**Don't forget to volunteer for any
or all 2023 LVARC ARES events!**



Your help is needed!

April 23 - St. Luke's Half Marathon
June 10 - Hanover Township 5K
October 7 - Women's 5K Classic
November 12 - D&L Marathon



Remember to check you license. Don't let it expire! You can renew as early as three months before it expires.

The ***Star of Bethlehem Children's Festival*** will be held on May 21 from 12:00p to 4:00p.

The LVARC will have a ham radio demonstration station set up. You are invited to help man this station.



For information on this event, go to: <https://starofbethlehemfestival.org/star-of-bethlehem-festival-for-kids> .



Answer

Q: The LVARC newsletter has been titled the VOX since it started. Do you know what **VOX** means?

A: VOX is an abbreviation for **Voice Operated Transmitter**.

Free On Line Extra Class Course

I am currently taking an extra class license course and it is top quality. Roland (K3RA) is one of the people who makes up the tests...helpful to have him teaching the course. He has been putting this Operating Course for a number of years and the people he has brought together are all top quality. The sessions are all free and are later put on line in case you are not available at the time the presentation is made.

Free weekly 3-hour Zoom sessions providing info on a wide range of Amateur Radio Operating Activities will start on Thursday March 30 and run through June 15 at 6:30 PM Eastern time. Each session is independent, so you can attend all or just selected evenings. The presenters will be folks very experienced in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.

Subjects will include:

All About Operating--A general Introduction
Amateur Radio Organizations—Local to International
Ham Radio Awards
DXing-History and Tips from the Experts
QSLing-How to get that needed card for DXCC or WAS
VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and “Roving”
Image Operating—Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
Remote Station control over internet
Learning CW in the no-code era
Digital Modes—From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
Contesting—How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediated contester
Logging Software—What’s available, how to use
Propagation—A general intro to HF Propagation
Amateur Satellites—How to get started
Portable (backpacking) operation—Tips from an expert
Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station
Lightning Protection and Grounding
Traffic Handling
Public Service, Emergency Communications

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de Bob (KB3JSZ)

Extra Classes Courses (Cont.)

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de Paul (N0KIA)

Note, it is an Operating Class not an Extra Class.

If you haven't signed up for the Operating Classes, and you wish to have the Zoom Link, please email me, and I'll forward the info. In case you haven't seen the syllabus, here it is:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Mar 30	All About Operating, Amateur Radio Organizations, Ham Radio Awards	Rol Anders, K3RA
April 6	DXing	Bernie McClenny W3UR
	QSLing	Rol Anders, K3RA Nick Yokanovich, K3NY
Apr 13	VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and "Roving" Image Operating	Brian Skutt, N3IQ Mike Birdseye, K4DUM
April 20	Remote Station control over internet CW in the no-code era	Ike Lawton, W3IKE Rol Anders, K3RA
Apr 27	Digital Modes	Alan Zimmerman, KM4ND
May 4	Contesting Logging Software	Dan Zeitlin, K2YWE Rol Anders, K3RA
May 11	Amateur Satellites Portable (backpacking) operation	Paul Stoetzer, N8HM Paul Stoetzer, N8HM
May 18	No Session—Dayton Hamvention Week	
May 25	Propagation: HF and 6 Meter Propagation during the next 4 years near the solar max	Frank Donovan, W3LPL
June 1	Public Service, EmComms	Andy Protigal, N3AWP Dan Wilt, N3YQ

June 8	Lightning Protection and Grounding Traffic Handling	Ron Block, NR2B Al Nollmeyer, W3YVQ Robin Schaefer, AA3SB
Jun 15	Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station	Alan Zimmerman, KM4ND Kevin Zembower, KC3KZ
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RoI, K3RA		

Minutes of the March 7 2023 LVARC Meeting

W3OI Amateur Radio Club
March 2023 3/07/2023

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rodney Wolfe (RW) @ 731

Secret Word is ARES and needs to be emailed to KS3RO@ARRL.NET to show attendance for online participants.

Rod covered hybrid zoom meeting procedures, zoom will be an active participant in the meeting

Remotes will raise hand to signify a nay vote otherwise no indication will be considered a yeh vote

Online was interactive with full communications for both local and remotes

ATTENDEES

There were a total of 33 members in attendance with 12 remote members (as per the email method) and 21 Local Attendees.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Rodney Wolfe **PRESENT**

Vice President – Jeff Bauer **PRESENT**

Treasurer - Paul Ryan **PRESENT**

Secretary - Steve Olock **PRESENT**

Board of Governors:

Rick Pearce KC3EXO PRESENT

Mark Miller AK3M Remote

Matt Kriebel KB3UZE Present

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT PRESENT

Myles Bodisch KB3ZMA Remote

Guests:

W3AMC Dave	W3QXI Charley	KB2VCI Lewis
KC3MLI Chris	N3EJH Eric (thursday FM Eric)	None noted on remote

Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the February Meeting minutes as published in the February 2023 VOX newsletter

Motion to approve was made by John AB3LZ and 2nd by Dan KC3HWD
Motion Passed

Program for tonight: Mark, AK3M, Topic ARES Events overview

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Expenses noted this month were for \$594 for multimedia equipment for remote meetings, and \$395 for trailer equipment and parts

Ending Balance \$9,225.21

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as read was made by Scott KB3YOT and 2nd'd Rick KC3EXO Motion Passed Y

Please remember to pay your dues, it is now past the grace period.

Dues are now Due Via website, or cash at a meeting or by sending a check to Paul NOKIA

Committee Reports:
VE and ARES Reports

VE Report

At the February 17, 2023 test session, one tested and one passed. Leonardo Aquino earned his Technician license at that test session.

Leo's paperwork was sent electronically to the ARRL, bypassing the U.S. postal system.

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Doug (N3WGH).

Leo received his call **KC3VPO** on February 22, 2023.

The next test session will be held on April 21, 2023. To register for an exam session, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

New GENERAL class exam content takes effect July 1, 2023.

ARES Report

The first LVARC ARES event will be the St. Luke's Half Marathon on April 23. **Volunteers operators are needed.** To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

Scheduled 2023 LVARC ARES events include:

April 23 - St. Luke's Half Marathon
June 10 (Saturday) - Hanover Township Spring 5K
October 7 (Saturday) - Women's 5K Classic
November 12 (Sunday) - D&L Half Marathon

Listen to the Monday Night Net, read the VOX and attend meetings for any changes in this schedule.

Communications:

Website: Nothing new noted , Matt KB3UZE made a call for content, anything for dates, page content or more topical content Also was noted that the forums are working,

Matt KB3UZE is responsible for the website and interacting with the board about it.

Repeater report: by Rod N3XG

DStar stack was down, Richard KC3FEZ and Rodney N3XG will be addressing the needs and a plan to return it to operations.

Pricing and a plan to get the .135 repeater on the internet and updated has not been done yet.

Club Station / Trailer:

Trailer work will be coming up, small list needs to be addressed in an april workparty

Old Business:

3rd reading: for proposed changes to the Bylaws and constitution , A vote was held, and a motion to accept the vote was made by KB3YOT, and 2nd by Phil KB3HMK, Motion Passed Updated documents are attached to these minutes and will be posted on the website

The Board suggest the following clarifications and numbering corrections be made to the constitution & bylaws to remove some ambiguity and clarify the intent of the the Board and its makeup

We suggest the following clarifications to the August 11, 2020 version of the LVARC Constitution and Bylaws. These changes do not affect the intent of the document but remove ambiguity regarding the makeup of the board and correct misnumbering of Article III sections in the bylaws.

1. Action: Add the following as item A of Bylaws Article III, Section 1:

"A. The board shall consist of nine members."

(Note: the issue addresses the ambiguity of current section A when there is an immediate past president to occupy a board position for 1 year by clarifying that there always is a 9 member board and the immediate past president displaces a BOG position for that 1 year)

then rename existing paragraphs A through D to be paragraphs B through E

(Note: this makes the paragraph enumeration proper)

2. Action: In Bylaws Article III, renumber the second section 3 and subsequent sections by adding one to their section numbers.

(Simple error correction)

3. Action: Correct Bylaws Article III, Section 4 Function to refer to "Attachment 1" as opposed to "Attachment A"

This is the second notification of those changes.

PLEASE FIND THE INLINE CORRECTIONS FULLY ILLUSTRATING THE CHANGES AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR CLARIFICATION OF THOSE CHANGES AS THEY WOULD OCCUR IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Zoom will be kept as a convenience tool not a replacement for the meeting

New Business:

KB3LCU, made an equipment donation to the clubs coffers ,Many several products will be available.

Looking for volunteers to handle club hardware donations Mike KC3UCX, Doug N3WGH and Scott KB3YOT all volunteered

Winter Field Day 2024, Scott KB3YOT investigated cabin prices for 2 days Jan 27th friday through Jan 29th sunday (2 nights)at noxamixon or french creek state park. \$107 vs \$112 for ada cabin motion to approve standard cabin. ADA will be preserved for those with identified needs as it doesnt affect us at this time.

A question was raised about using Microsoft Teams Community for Charity, does the club want to do it? April 15th eta, It will be discussed at a upcoming BOG meeting

New members applications:

Mark Sinex No Call	KC3FCM Andrew Schott Alburdis	KC3MLI Christopher Peters Catasauqua
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Motion to Approve them for membership was made by Scott KB3YOT and DAN KC3HWD ; Motion Passed = Y

Sick Call:

Kenny KC3BLE is going through chemo and radiation. Please keep him in your thoughts

Good of the Order:

Bob Wilson, W3BIG, is the new section manager EPA, George has stepped down.

Scott KB3YOT mini review of the book “Guerillas guide to the baofeng”. Tiny bit of radio, mostly guerilla!

John AB3LZ, and Doug N3WGH, want another AV club member. KB3YOT has volunteered and has added to the group.

A motion to close the March 2023 meeting was made by Matt KB3UZE and 2nd by John AB3LZ

, Motion Passed = Y

Meeting adjourned at 834

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

On The Air Nets for W3OI

Club Net Monday 730PM 146.94

Monday 815 2M **SSB** 144.250

Wed 7PM dstar / digital d-rats / 147.7125

Thursday 8PM FM Simplex 147.420 5-8

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS of The LEHIGH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

03/07/2023

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the corporation shall be the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club, a non-profit entity, which commenced existence on June 22, 1956 when its Articles of Incorporation was approved by the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of fellowship with persons interested in amateur radio; to educate the public as to the benefits of amateur radio; to provide technical training classes for interested individuals; to support local charitable and beneficial organizations with their communications needs; to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation among members through technical forums; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating proficiency through regular monthly programs; to participate in emergency management nets, drills and real world events; and to so conduct corporation programs and activities as to advance the general interest, education and welfare of amateur radio in the greater Lehigh Valley area.

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ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. This corporation shall not have capital stock, nor compensation for officers, but admit applicants to membership in the corporation without regard to race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other discriminatory reason. Membership shall be contingent upon such uniform conditions and be by application and election upon such terms as described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. The Corporation shall hold three types of meetings: an Annual Meeting to elect the Board of Governors and Officers, Monthly General Membership Meetings for regular corporation business, and Special Meetings for ad hoc purposes including making Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Details of each meeting type are described in the ByLaws.

ARTICLE V

Board of Governors

Governance of the corporation shall be performed by a board of governors, whose makeup and term of service will be prescribed by the bylaws. The Board of Governors shall have supervision and control of the affairs of the corporation, shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of the Bylaws, shall actively pursue its objectives, and shall have discretion in the

disbursement of its funds.

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ARTICLE VI

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this organization the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership:

Section 1. Petition for membership is to be made from the floor of a general meeting by a Full Member on behalf of the interested party or guest.

Approval shall be by majority vote on the petition or motion and membership shall be granted upon payment of dues.

Section 2. Membership Qualifications : All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

A. An amateur is an individual interested in radio techniques solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

B. To be an Associate Member, one must be current of dues and have been voted into the corporation by majority vote at time of membership application. Associate members need not hold an amateur license.

C. To be an Full Member, one must be current of dues and have been voted into Full Membership by majority vote after attending no less than two corporation meetings within any 12-month period after acceptance as an Associate Member. Full Members must hold a valid amateur license issued by the FCC.

D. Only a Full Member may present motions, hold office, or vote in the corporation.

Section 3. Special Membership Types: The Corporation has established two types of special membership having principally to do with the requirements of paying Annual Dues. The type of membership (Associate or Full Membership) is not changed by these designations:

A. Life membership shall be granted to any person who pays such membership fee as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors and listed as an attachment to these bylaws.

B. Honorary membership shall be conferred upon those who have contributed to the Corporation by a method of improvement or involvement. The term of Honorary Membership must be recommended and approved by the Board of Governors. Honorary Members

typically do not pay dues and do not have the rights of a Full Member. Honorary Membership confers no rights, privileges or interests.

Section 4. Duration of Membership: Membership in this corporation may be terminated by death, voluntary withdrawal or as otherwise herein provided, in these bylaws. All rights, privileges, and interest of a member shall cease on the termination of membership. Any member may, by giving written notice of such intention, withdraw from membership.

Section 5. Suspension and Expulsion: For cause and upon reasonable notice, any membership may be suspended or terminated. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be violation of the Bylaws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by this organization, or any other conduct prejudicial to its interests. Suspension or expulsion shall be by majority vote of the board of governors.

Section 6. Annual Dues: The annual dues for each member shall be determined by the Board of Governors and noted in an attachment to this document.

A. Members who fail to renew their dues within sixty (60) days shall, without further notice, be considered Inactive and will forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

B. All memberships will begin January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

C. Lapsed memberships can be reinstated by paying dues.

Section 7. Voting Rights: The voting rights of the members of the corporation shall be equal and no member shall have more than one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a general meeting of the members. Only those holding Full Memberships may vote.

ARTICLE II

Meetings:

Section 1. Rules

A. All Meetings shall be conducted by the authority of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

B. The presence of ten (10) Full Members shall constitute a quorum for holding a general, special or annual meeting.

C. The order of business at meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge to the flag.
3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting or verbal approval of minutes printed in the newsletter or posted on the corporation's web site.
4. Reports of officers and staff.
5. Reports of committees. (Standing or Special).
6. Old Business

7. Unfinished business.
 8. New business.
 9. Nominations (October).
 10. Election of officers (December).
 11. Adjournment
- D. The order of business may be altered or suspended at any general meeting by a majority vote of the members present or when not appropriate for a specific meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The December General Meeting shall be known as the annual meeting, at which time the election by ballots for the Officers and the Board of Governors shall be taken as described in Article 3 Section 3 Elections of Board of Governors and Officers.

Section 3. Monthly General Membership Meetings. The monthly general membership meetings of this corporation shall be held on a regular monthly cycle as described in the attachments, as specified by the Board of Governors. Business shall be conducted as described above in Article II section I.

Section 4. Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be called by the President or the Board of Governors, or shall be called by the President upon the written request of one third of the Full Members of the Corporation. Notice of any special meeting shall be sent via e-mail and/or announced on the corporation Net, at least fifteen (15) days in advance, with a statement of time, place and information regarding the subject(s) to be considered.

ARTICLE III

Board of Governors

Section 1: Members of the Board

- A. The Board shall consist of nine (9) total members
- B. There shall be four (4) named officers of the corporation, President; Vice-President; Secretary; and Treasurer, and a Board of Governors consisting of five (5) Full Members. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Past President for one year only, shall be members ex-officio of the Board of Governors, with the right to vote.
- C The Officers and the Board of Governors of this corporation shall be elected for a term of one year.
- D. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Governors.
- E. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the general membership at any regular or special meeting provided written notice of such intention has been given to all Full Members at least one week prior to that meeting.

Section 2: Nomination and Eligibility

A. To be eligible for nomination, a member must be 18 years of age or older; must meet the requirements for Full Membership stated in the bylaws; must have attended at least one meeting per calendar quarter for the preceding twelve months or at least six meetings total for the preceding twelve months prior to the December elections; must hold license class above novice.

B. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Governors shall be called for at the October and November general meeting. Members may be nominated for more than one office, but may run for only one office on the ballot. All nominees must confirm and accept their nominations through the corporation Secretary by November 15th. Failure to accept the nomination will result in the removal of the candidates name from the ballot.

C. Only one elected or appointed officer's position can be held by one person, with this sole exception: the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by recommendation of the Board of Governors with approval of the general body.

D. The term limit for President of the Corporation is 5 years. An incumbent President may not appear on the ballot, for one year, after 5 continuous years of service. If no one accepts the nomination for President in the event of a term limit, one will be chosen by random draw or other method specified by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. Elections - The officers and members of the Board of Governors shall be elected by paper or electronic ballot at the annual meeting, or by other fair means, as prescribed in the attachments.

Section 4. Function. All corporation agreements, contracts, drafts, bonds, bills of exchange, notes, and orders of payment of monies, shall, unless otherwise required by law or permitted by the Bylaws, be approved by the Board of Governors. Expenditures above 10% of the treasury balance shall be brought to the corporation membership for prior approval at a general meeting. However, payments specifically listed in attachment 1 shall not require prior Board approval.

Section 5. Meetings. The Board of Governors shall meet quarterly and upon the request of either the membership or an officer of the corporation. The first quarterly meeting shall be in-person. The remaining three may use alternate meeting arrangements.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum, and, if not attained, the meeting must be adjourned until a quorum be present.

Section 7. Bonds and Insurance. The Board of Governors shall require as deemed necessary the Treasurer and all other officers charged by the Corporation with responsibility for the custody of any of its funds or property to give adequate bonds. The Board of Governors shall provide for the adequate insurance of the property of the Corporation, or property that may be in the possession of the Corporation, or stored by

it, and not otherwise adequately insured. In addition, adequate liability insurance shall be maintained.

ARTICLE IV

Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of this corporation, and shall conduct the meetings according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and the Bylaws; decide all questions of order; and perform all customary duties pertaining to the Office of President. The President shall act as the Chairman at the Meetings of the Board of Governors. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Section 2. The Vice-President may be delegated by the President to perform his duties. The order of succession following the Vice-President shall be Secretary, then Treasurer, then members of the Board in service seniority order. Any officer may decline without prejudice, but must be offered if available.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all the meetings; keep a roll of members; submit applications for membership; carry on all written correspondence; read communications at each meeting; and mail written notices to each member of meetings when so directed by the President. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, turn over everything, belonging to the corporation, in his possession to his successor.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all dues paid to the corporation and keep an accurate account of all monies so received; shall keep an accurate list of members; shall notify those who are delinquent in accordance with provisions of the constitution and/or Bylaws. He shall pay bills promptly, but only after proper authorization. He shall make a full financial report annually and the annual report will be audited by the Board of Governors or the Financial Committee in January. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, turn over everything in his possession, belonging to the corporation, to his successor after a due audit.

Section 5. The Board of Governors, together with the officers, shall conduct any corporation business that may become necessary between general meetings of the corporation.

Section 6. The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, shall annually appoint such standing or special committees or subcommittees as may be required by the Bylaws or as he may find necessary.

A. The Interference Committee (TVI) investigates TVI complaints and assists by offering technical advice and other information to correct the problem.

B. The Technical/Repeater Committee confirms technical information and maintains corporation radio equipment in good working order.

C. The Publicity Committee communicates the corporation's activities to the

general public and educates the public regarding the amateur radio hobby.

D. The Membership Committee maintains an accurate, up to date membership list.

E. The Program Committee plans instructive and entertaining programs for the Corporation meetings.

F. The Nominating Committee provides a list of nominees for election at the October meeting.

G. The Publications and Communications Committee provides to the membership and any other designated groups or persons, a newsletter, describing the current events of the Corporation.

H. The Trustee Committee ensures there is a current license in effect for Corporation call sign W3OI.

I. The Education Committee fosters education regarding electronic communication and disseminates technical, educational and scientific information relating to electronic communication.

J. Special Committees or Positions

Special Committees shall be appointed by the president to perform the work of any special activity.

ie: Activities Committee, Banquet, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Education Committee, Emergency Service, Field day Committee, Financial Committee, Hamfest Committee, Historical/Archival Committee, Membership Committee, Nominations Committee, Packet Radio Committee, Picnic Committee, Program Committee, Radio Officer, Recognition & Awards Committee, VE's Committee

ARTICLE V

Publication

Section 1. There shall be a publication maintained by the organization, the name of which shall be "VOX". A copy of this publication shall be made available to every member.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

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Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at any general or special meeting of this organization; provided that a copy of any proposed amendment must be submitted to the secretary no later than thirty

(30) days before the next general meeting and shall be published to all full members and

announced at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the general meeting.

Section 2. Any amendment adopted by the members is effective when the general meeting adjourns unless the amendment states otherwise.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and Bylaws of this corporation and have the same with him at every general or special meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes, or additions to be noted thereon, designating the date of such action, and shall permit the same to be consulted by any member upon request. He shall provide a copy of any amended versions of the Constitution and Bylaws to the corporation's Archival Committee.

Section 4. At least every five (5) years a committee shall be appointed and charged with reviewing this document and suggesting any appropriate changes. Any changes shall undergo the normal approval process defined in Section 1 above.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December of the same year.

ARTICLE VII

References

Section 1. Without changing their intent, the Secretary may from time to time, on notice to the members of the Board, renumber these Bylaws, correct typographical errors, grammar, punctuation and usage errors provided the intent of the document is not changed.

The words 'he, his, or him' is understood to mean 'he/she, his/her, and himself/herself.' References in these Bylaws to Articles shall be corrected, when necessary, by the Secretary to conform to renumbered Articles.

Section 2. This current approved Constitution and Bylaws supersede the old Constitution, Bylaws and Amendments. This version attained final approval at the March 07, 2023 general meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1

Dues

Pursuant to a decision made at the Board of Governors' meeting on September 22, 2016, the dues structure shall be as follows until further modified:

Personal Membership: \$20.00 per year

Family Membership (living in same home): \$25.00 per year

Student Membership (full time student 21 years and younger): \$15.00 per year

Life Membership: Upon a donation of at least \$500.00 (cash) a Life Membership shall be granted to the donor.

2023 Spring SET

Red Cross likes to use Winlink. We now have a VHF WinLink node that works very well in the Lehigh Valley on the VARA modem or packet. It's listed in your WinLink Express under the stations listing.

You can always use HF, too.

Or Telnet (which is really just internet email so the point of that is????).

You can send your message any time April 1. Start early. In the past, the HF WinLink nodes were jammed solid. Or use VHF (which is vastly faster and probably open within a minute or two of checking).

EPA Spring SET Announcement

The Pennsylvania Red Cross Emcomm teams in Greater PA and Southeastern PA invite all PA ARES members, Red Cross hams and unaffiliated amateur radio operators, to participate in a Winlink drill for the April 1st, 2023 SET. PA hams are invited to check in with Pennsylvania Red Cross chapter headquarters.

On April 1st, participants address a Winlink message to any PA Chapter(s) using ICS-213, ARC-213 or freeform Winlink message. Provide the following information: Name, call, location, county, if you are ARC and/or ARES, if you are on emergency power, if you are mobile, if you can deploy with VHF/UHF station for up to 12 hours and, Winlink connection details.

Example

To: ARC-ERIE
Subject: April SET Winlink checkin W2AFE
Message
Joe Smith
WX3ABC
Collegeville PA
Montgomery co
ARC and ARES
Not on emergency power
Not mobile
Able to deploy
VHF VARA via AA3E-10



Note: Use Winlink VHF/UHF, HF or telnet.

TACTICAL CALLS

The tactical calls for the Pennsylvania Red Cross Chapter Winlink stations are: ARC-ERIE, ARC-PITTSBRG, ARC-GRENSBRG, ARC-JOHNSTWN, ARC-STCOLEGE, ARC-WILKSBBARE, **ARC-ALLENTWN**, ARC-LEWISBRG, ARC-HARISBRG, ARC-SEPA. Address your drill traffic to these stations. Please check in only once per chapter.

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10 Highlights in this VOX



1. The April LVARC meeting will be held using **ZOOM AND In Person** on **Tuesday April 4 at 7:30p.**
2. New ARRL EPA Section Manager
3. Send your articles, pix., etc. for inclusion in the VOX to Mark (AK3M).
4. Submit your “*What Ever Happened To ...*” / “Do you remember?”
5. First LVARC ARES event April 23.
6. D&L in November is now a FULL MARATHON.
7. New LVARC members!
8. February 2023 Net Report.
9. Spring SET
10. Extra class course

