

# Virginia DX Century Club

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## **CHARTER/CONSTITUTION:**

To promote the interest of those radio amateurs engaged in two-way communication with foreign and remote areas, through the dissemination of pertinent information and data, and improvements of the skills, techniques and procedures of our members.

1. To aid and/or support amateur radio operating activities from new locations in any manner approved by majority vote of the club members at any regular business meeting.
2. To recognize by suitable awards those persons who distinguish themselves in the area of DX operation and activity and to those Amateur operators who meet special requirements for operating awards – as may be initiated by awards committee and approved by the Club Officers.
3. To provide sponsorship for an ARRL QSL Checkpoint for ARRL awards. Similarly, to provide a checkpoint for awards of other organizations, such as CQ Magazine, who sponsor DX awards which permit local authentication of QSL conformations to meet award requirements!
4. To encourage local and regional operating activities for hams having a common interest in DX'ing and distance communication which may transcend the range of operating activities of other local clubs.
5. To promote other activities (such as participation in DX contests, and membership in PVRC for contest-oriented hams) where such activities further amateur radio DX'ing and international amateur radio goodwill.

## **BY-LAWS of the VIRGINIA DX CENTURY CLUB**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Section 1. MEMBERSHIP.**

- a. To be a Full Member, an applicant must be a member of the ARRL and must hold a DXCC certificate and be voted on and approved by majority of the membership at regular scheduled meeting.
- b. To be an Associate member, an applicant need only have a bona fide interest in amateur radio and DX. A license or ARRL membership is not required. A prospective member must be voted on and approved by majority of the membership at regular scheduled meeting.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Section 1. OFFICERS.**

The officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Section 2. TERM.**

The officers shall serve for a term of one year.

#### **Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS.**

An officer must hold a valid Amateur Radio License and be a member of the ARRL. Any revocation, loss, or suspension of license will result in automatic removal from office.

#### **Section 5. VACANCIES.**

Any vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by holding a special election at the first meeting after the vacancy occurs.

#### **Section 6. REMOVAL.**

Elected officials may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership present at the first regular meeting following a 30 day notice to the membership.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Section 1. PRESIDENT.**

The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of these By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of the President. The President shall appoint such committees as necessary to further the goals of the club.

#### **Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT.**

The Vice President shall perform such duties as the President may assign and assume the duties of the President in absence of the latter.

#### **Section 3. SECRETARY/TREASURER.**

The secretary/treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, prepare and receive all correspondence for the Club, and read communications at each meeting. The secretary/treasurer shall maintain the By-Laws and cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall have a copy available at every regular meeting. He shall receive and account for all monies acquired and expended, pay all proper obligations of the Club, receive all applications for membership, be responsible for the accuracy of the Roster, and report same to the membership.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Section 1. MEMBERSHIP.**

There shall be four types of membership:

- a. Full membership.
- b. Family membership.
- c. Associate membership.
- d. Honorary membership.

## **Section 2. PRIVILEGES.**

The membership shall be accorded privileges as follows:

- a. Full membership shall be available to those possessing a current amateur license, membership in the ARRL, and holding a DXCC certificate.
- b. Family membership is available to two or more related persons living at the same address. Family members who are licensed amateurs, members of ARRL and have a DXCC certificate will enjoy the same privileges as Full members.
- c. Associate membership is available to any individual with a bona fide interest in amateur radio and radio DX'ing.
- d. Honorary membership may be extended to any outstanding Amateur throughout the world with DXCC certificate by majority vote of membership at regular scheduled meeting.

## **Section 3. APPLICATION.**

Membership applications shall be submitted to the President (Secretary/Treasurer) at a regular meeting. Each applicant shall be given an opportunity to read the By-Laws and must agree to abide by the same.

## **Section 4. NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.**

Any member who fails to keep dues current shall be removed from the roster. Such members will be notified by the secretary/treasurer via email and will be dropped from the rolls of the Club six months after payment is due.

## **Section 5. DISQUALIFICATION.**

Disqualification from DXCC by action of the ARRL Awards Committee will likewise be disqualification from the Club.

# **ARTICLE V**

## **Section 1. CLUB MEETINGS.**

Regular meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each Calendar month at such places as the President shall designate. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. The President shall notify all voting members at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting of the time, place and business to be transacted. Where procedural rules are not provided for in the By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

# **ARTICLE VI**

## **Section 1. MANAGEMENT.**

- a. **DUES.** The Club, by majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, may annually change these amounts as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Club. Dues changes become effective at the next January meeting. Dues are \$10.00 annually for full, family, and associate members.
- b. **EXPENDITURES.** The president may authorize expenditures up to \$100.00 for any item, service, or event without prior approval of the membership. All expenditure(s) shall be reported to the Club at the next meeting. **The President may authorize expenditures up to \$200.00 for the annual ARRL Field Day event. All expenditure(s) shall be**

**reported to the Club at the meeting.** All other expenses over \$100.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the membership present.

- c. **PROPERTY.** The President shall appoint a Custodian to maintain a record of all hardware owned by the Club. The record should contain a complete description of the item, condition, and storage location. The Custodian shall have these records available at each regular meeting for inspection as may be requested. An inventory shall be taken and reported to the President annually before the election.
- d. **AUDIT.** The President shall appoint two members to conduct an Audit of the financial records in January or at any time upon the written request of five or more members. The Audit shall be completed prior to the next Club meeting and reported to the Membership and filed with the Secretary/Treasurer.
- e. **MOST VALUBLE MEMBER AWARD.** The President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer (The Selection Committee) will pick the most valuable member for the year. In the event one of the Officers is nominated, the previous most valuable member will vote in that officers place, if that member is unavailable or is not currently a member, the previous most valuable member will vote in his place and so on.
- f. **CRITERIA FOR MOST VALUBLE MEMBER SELECTION.** The selection committee shall consider only those accomplishments achieved while the candidate is a member of the VADXCC. Non-amateur radio activities shall not be considered. The prime selection criteria shall be DX related. The following list of examples shall not be considered as exclusive:

- Attendance at VADXCC meetings
- Serving as a VADXCC officer
- Support of VADXCC functions: Field Day, Website, Newsletter, Presentation at Club meetings.
- Active pursuit of DX operating awards
- QSL management
- QSL Card checking
- Authoring DX related or other articles for amateur radio publications
- Recruiting new members
- Technical assistance to members

The following criteria should also be considered:

- Promoting DX to amateur radio groups
- Emergency communications activities
- Teaching licensing classes
- Serving as a volunteer examiner
- Technical accomplishments
- Any activities for the good of amateur radio

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Section 1. ELECTIONS.**

The President shall appoint one officer and two members to act as a nominating committee at the October meeting. This committee shall nominate members for each of the following offices:

- a. President

- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary/Treasurer

**Section 2. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

The nominating committee's slate of officers shall be presented to the membership at the December meeting.

**Section 3. NOMINATIONS.**

Nominations will be accepted from membership up to the time of balloting, provided the nominee has agreed in advance to become a candidate for election.

**Section 4. ELECTIONS.**

Elections shall be held by majority vote at the November meeting.

**Section 5. INSTALLATION.**

Newly elected officers shall take office the 1<sup>st</sup> of January following elections. All moneys, properties and other materials belonging to the club shall be turned over the appropriate elected official before the next meeting.

**Section 6. PROXY.**

Any voting member in good standing who is unable to attend a regular or special meeting, may be permitted to vote by written proxy, provided that the written proxy be given to a club officer prior to the actual vote.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Section 1. AMENDMENTS.**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regular meeting, provided that the amendment(s) were submitted to the officers for review, next submitted to the Membership for review at their previous regular monthly meeting, and the final recommended version was provided to the Membership one month prior to the final vote.