CONSTITUTION OF THE

TAMAQUA PENNA. TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. TAMPAX*shall be operational on the VHF/UHF/HF frequencies at one time or another.

2. TAMPAX will hold regular monthly meetings for the purpose of business transactions, management, activities planning, and socializing between its membership and other club/repeater groups.

3. TAMPAX membership shall be open to all licensed amateurs and become active in any of the society activities.

4. A TAMPAX news bulletin will be printed from time to time and distributed to the membership. Bulletins and other news of activities will be transmitted on a regular basis by means of the TAMPAX repeater.

5. The Society will, at the discretion of the membership, assist in supplying communications to local and county civic organizations, such as a walkathon, parade control, etc.

6. TAMPAX will assist in all Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense) drills, and use for emergency communications system(s) where and when required.

PREAMBLE: We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves Tamaqua, Pennsylvania Transmitting Society and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and co-operation 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 UHF, VHF, and HF frequency spectrum.

MEMBERSHIP: ARTICLE I

All persons interested in amateur radio communication**shall be eligible for membership. (Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.) At no time shall membership exceed 25 active members.

** Radio Communication between amateur stations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

* TAMPAX is an acronym taken from the combined abbreviations, i. e., TAM (TAMaqua), PA (Pennsylvania), X (From the short form for transmitting or Xmitting Society).

OFFICERS: ARTICLE II

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

Sec. 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be quorum, at the meeting on the first Wednesday of the month of November.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications upon authorization of the officers. At the expiration of his term, shall turn over all items belonging to the society to his successor. He shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Society officers constituting a business committee. At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 4 - The Activities Manager shall organize club member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefit, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator or SEC to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. He shall encourage new stations in reporting activities to the club (bulletin) and to the elected Section Communications Manager of the ARRL; all these things to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

MEETINGS: ARTICLE IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUES: ARTICLE V

The TAMPAX Society shall at NO time levy an annual or monthly dues for its operation. Finances shall be obtained by voluntary donations which shall be recorded by the treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE: ARTICLE VI

This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club through designated 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 radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

AMENDMENTS: ARTICLE VII

This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing 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.

RULES: ARTICLE VIII

Robert's Rules of order shall govern meeting proceedings at all times.

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BY-LAWS

1. SECRETARY-TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the constitution and by-laws of the Society and have same at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by the members upon request.

2. MEMBERSHIP. (1) Membership in the society is open to licensed amateurs. (2) Full membership includes all club privileges. (3) Applications shall be submitted for membership at each regular business meeting. (4) Applicants cannot be disqualified by sex, race, age or creed. (5) Applicants shall be voted upon by those present and must be by total acceptance.

3. MEETINGS. Regular meetings shall be held the third Wednesday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall order. Special meetings may be called by the officers, at which only such business as designated shall be transacted.

4. DUES. The TAMPAX Society shall at NO time levy an annual or monthly dues for its operation. Finances shall be obtained by voluntary donations which shall be recorded by the Secretary-Treasurer.

5. COMMITTEES. The President at his discretion shall appoint operating committes where deemed necessary. Standing committees shall be: Interference, Public Relations, Emergency Management Agency.

6. EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE. It shall be the responsibilities of the society officers to maintain and service all equipment controlled by the society.

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