

CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS DX SOCIETY

ARTICLE ONE The Texas DX Society

Name The name of this organization is the Texas DX Society.

ARTICLE TWO Objective

Purpose: The primary objective of the Society is to stimulate and pursue amateur radio DX and contest activities.

ARTICLE THREE Officers

Section One

Officers: The elected officers of this club shall be President, Vice President – Meetings, Vice President - Membership, Secretary/Treasurer.

Section Two

Appointed Officers: The appointed officers of this club shall be (1) Communications Chairmen, (2) Contest Chairman, (3) DX Chairmen, (4) Field Day Chairman, (5) Repeater Chairman, (6) Webmaster and (7) Outgoing QSL Manager.

Section Three

Vacancies: Vacancies in an elected office will be filled by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in an appointed office will be filled by the Executive Committee. If an officer or Board Member cannot or will not perform their duties at any time during the year of their term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement as an acting officer until such time that the term expires and new officials are elected.

Section Four

Term: The term of office shall be one calendar year, January 1, through December 31.

**ARTICLE FOUR
Directors**

Section One

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected officers and the seven appointed officers. At the discretion of the Board, the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be split into two elected officials.

Section Two

Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet when the President deems it necessary upon notice to the board members. Six members will constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE FIVE
Executive Committee**

Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the four (or 5) elected officers, and shall, by majority vote, appoint the appointed officers.

**ARTICLE SIX
Election of Officers**

Section One

Nominations: Written nominations for each of the four (or 5) elected officers shall be made to the club Secretary before the regular September meeting. The nomination period shall begin with the regular September meeting and end with the regular October meeting. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the regular October meeting.

Section Two

Election: Election of officers shall be by simple majority of secret email ballot received prior to the meeting unless there is only one candidate for any position. Election of that candidate shall be by acclamation at the November meeting. Otherwise, the results of the balloting shall be announced at the November meeting and the new officers' slate proclaimed.

Section Three

Runoff: A runoff election shall be held between the top two candidates for any office in which no candidate receives a majority vote.

Section Four

Office: The elected officers shall be introduced at the regular December meeting and shall officially take office on January 1.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Dues

Section One

Amount: The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors each October and presented to the club before voting for approval. Voting for approval shall be at the next scheduled meeting at which a quorum exists following the presentation.

Section Two

Payment: The dues are payable on or before the first regular meeting in February of each year.

Section Three

Nonpayment: Any member, who has not paid his annual dues by midnight, January 31, will be converted to inactive status.

Section Four

New members: Any new member who joins during the year shall pay pro-rated dues for that year.

Section Five

Honorary: Honorary Members will be non-voting and non-dues paying members of the TDXS.

Section
Six

Reinstatement: Any person who has become a member of TDXS and who has paid his initial year's dues, but who has not paid the annual dues subsequently for one or more years, may be reinstated as an active member by the Board of Directors once he becomes current on dues.

ARTICLE EIGHT
Club Treasury

Section One

Approval: The disposition of club money, with the exception of the Topp DX/Contest Fund (see Section Three) and reoccurring club operating expenses, such as liability insurance as defined in the Secretary/Treasurers annual budget, shall be decided by a 2/3 favorable vote of the active members voting during a regular or special club meeting in which a quorum [see Article 13, Section 3] exists except as outlined in Article Eight, Section 2.

Section Two

Board: The Board of Directors can authorize unbudgeted appropriations not to exceed \$250 (net) at any one time and not to exceed \$1,000 for a yearly period.

Section Three

Topp DX/Contest Fund: The mechanism and proposals for disposition of the Topp DX/Contest Fund will be designed and lead by the DX Chairmen and agreed by the Board of Directors, Full member input, including voting on options, will be provided but final disposition will include courtesy concurrence by the donor, Dave Topp, W5BXX.

Section Four

Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE NINE
General Business

All general business shall require a majority vote during a meeting in which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE TEN
Constitutional Changes

Section One

Submission: Each proposed constitutional change shall be submitted to the Club Secretary in writing or by email.

Section Two

Reading: Each proposed constitutional change shall be sent by email to the active members for comment.

Section Three

Voting: Each constitutional change shall be presented to the active membership by email. All email ballots received within 30 days after the email presentation of an amendment shall constitute the total vote. A majority of the total vote shall constitute the requirement for passage of the amendment.

ARTICLE ELEVEN
Membership

Section One

Qualification: Membership in the Texas DX Society is open to any radio amateur who desires to further their expertise in DXing and Contest Operations and is current on TDXS dues.

Section Two

Full Member: An active member is an individual who meets the criteria of Article Eleven, Section One. An active member is entitled to vote on all issues before the Society, hold office, be a member of the Board of Directors, and be chairman of a committee.

Section Three

Honorary: The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may appoint Honorary Members to the membership in the Society.

ARTICLE TWELVE
Method of Accepting New Members

Section One

Application: An application may be submitted via the TDXS website or by hard copy to the TDXS Secretary.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
Meetings

Section One

Date: Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. In the event that the meeting conflicts with another activity of interest to many members, the Board of Directors may designate the preceding or following Thursday as an alternate meeting night.

Section Two

Special meetings: Special meetings that are either in addition to or in place of the regularly scheduled meeting may be called by the President after polling the Board of Directors.

Section Three

Quorum: A quorum for regular and special meetings shall consist of 25% of the active members and must include the President or Vice President and any three members of the Board of Directors.

Section Four

Quorum: A quorum for the Board of Director shall consist of a minimum of 50% of the Board of Directors and must include the President or a Vice President.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN
Duties of Officers

Section One

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors, shall represent the Society at all times and shall perform all other duties that pertain to the office.

Section Two

Vice President - Membership: The Vice President of Membership shall be in charge of membership and responsible for promoting our meeting in the ham community, greeting visitors, following up with visitors, turning visitors into members, and keeping existing members interested. In the absence of the president, the duties of the President shall be assumed by either the Vice President of Membership or Vice President of Meetings..

Section Three

Vice President - Meetings: The Vice President of Meeting shall be in charge of obtaining programs for meetings. In the absence of the President, the duties of the President shall be assumed by either the Vice President of Membership or Vice President of Meetings.

Section Four

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary shall (1) keep an accurate record of all regular, special, and Board of Directors' meetings, (2) shall keep attendance records for meetings, (3) maintain a detailed (e.g. name, call sign, address, phone, and e-mail) list of qualified Full, Associate and Honorary members in good standing along with resulting quorum requirements, (4) a list of all present and former members, (5) produce, manage and mail ballots for elections and Constitutional amendments, (6) shall be the historian for the Society and (7) shall keep all records pertaining to this office.

The Treasurer shall (1) be custodian of all funds, (2) shall keep auditable, electronic records with appropriate receipt backup, (3) collect dues, (4) pay all bills as approved by the Society and/or the Board of Directors, (5) responsible for maintaining a club budget, (6) responsible for relationships with cash and investment institutions, the later for the case of special funds or endowments, and (7) shall render a monthly statement and an annual report.

Section Five

Appointed Officers: The appointed officers shall have duties and responsibilities as outlined below or as modified in January of each year by the Executive Committee.

Communications Chairman: The Communications Chairman is responsible for soliciting articles (from each Board Member), writing, publishing and distributing (primarily electronically, but by hard copy when required or requested) a quality, informative monthly newsletter for the Society.

Contest Chairman: The Contest Chairman is responsible for (1) supporting, nurturing and encouraging contesting participation within the membership, (2) maintaining and communicating club results in major contests, (3) fostering special efforts such as multi-multi operations or developing a TDXS contest, and (4) seeking, identifying and recommending TDXS plaque sponsorships in major ARRL, CQ or NCJ contests.

DX Chairman: The DX Chairman is responsible for (1) developing the protocols, time-line, schedule and rules for applying for sponsorship under the annual Topp DX/Contest Fund, (2) seeking, identifying, screening and recommending a set of options for DXpeditions that will be funded under the Topp DX/Contest Fund, (3) developing or maintaining the TDXS DXpedition historical files, (4) alerting the membership of DX operations on the air or DXpedition participation opportunities.

Field Day Chairman: The Field Day Chairman is responsible for (1) developing the current year Field Day location options (for selection at the March meeting), (2) fully organizing the TDXS Field Day effort, (3) executing the plan, (4) post Field Day score submission, assessment, and documentation and (5) developing or maintaining the TDXS Field Day Historical files.

QSL Manager: TDXS allocates a significant portion of their annual budget to paying the expenses related to forwarding member QSL cards. The QSL Manager is responsible for (1) collecting, organizing and mailing member QSL cards to appropriate international bureaus or in some cases, direct and, (2) managing the costs and expenses in a way that balances the service provided within the clubs budgeted resources.

Repeater Chairman: The Repeater Chairman is responsible for (1) the operability and operation of TDXS 2 meter and 440 MHz repeater systems and (2) the operation of packet and DX spotting cluster.

Webmaster: The Webmaster is responsible for (1) maintaining the TDXS web site with current and relevant information that is pertinent to club members; (2) maintaining and managing the TDXS e-mail reflector, and (3) the continued enhancement of the TDXS website to increase usability, information and its current state of the art.