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The next Club Meeting will be held January 23th at 7:00pm
at the Red Cross - 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive - Naples, FL

Nickels & Dimes

Brrrr... It's been a virtual deep freeze here in Southwest Florida since the start of the New Year. The unseasonable temperatures have made for some chilly mornings, and it seems like all my tee times have been 8:00 or 8:30am this past month!

It doesn't take long for one to adapt to their local environment. I'm a Michigan transplant who used to play in three feet of snow.... my last test trip before I retired was to Baudette, MN and the overnight low temperature was -40 degrees with no wind chill factor, but I digress.

Enough whining and the weather reporting, here's a quick recap of Club events:

The Christmas Party was held at the Foxfire Country Club and we had a fair attendance of 34 including: members, spouses, and three guests. Unfortunately, we needed about 40 to schedule again this year at Foxfire. We will consider other alternatives this year for our annual Christmas Party, please pass along any ideas you may have regarding potential venues.

The Naples Daily News Half Marathon was supported by a small team of ARES members who braved the cold morning temperatures. Those temperatures were ideal for the runners and their finish times reflected this advantage. However, the temps were tough on the workers and spectators, we were chilled to the bone when the last runner crossed the line around 11:00am. Thanks to Ed-K1UQE and his team including: AL-KM4QYL, Sharon-NH6R, Erv-W1ERE and Ken-W9KB for braving the elements and making this another fun and successful ARES project.

Larry-N4LAK, Craig-N2CH, Chris-KM4UJI, Jerry-NW9H, and new member Jim Wilson-KN4IEY installed the second antenna at the Marbella repeater site earlier this month. There was an issue with the DMR repeater, the receiver was likely damaged from the lightning strike last summer which precipitated the project. Uli-AG0X has ordered a new repeater which will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Winter Field Day will be held next weekend and Irma, personal injuries, and other factors hampered setup operations... Larry-N4LAK needs a few able bodies this next week for setup and operations. Stay tuned or attend the next Tuesday's membership meeting to find out more.

While the Board met this month, influenza affected the attendance and we did not have a quorum. We did discuss the proposed by-law changes addressed at the November membership meeting. Basically, we would like to move the elections from November to February, allow for least four or more Directors to serve on the Board. We also discussed a dues increase for 2019 at the Board meeting. I will include the proposal in the Newsletter. This will be discussed further next Tuesday, and we plan to vote upon the proposal at the February meeting.

Finally, Dr. Al Torres is back this season with a new series of presentations. This month he will discuss, *Skin Effect: Do you need to see a Dermatologist?*

Don't miss our next meeting next Tuesday night!

73,
Ken-W9KB
ARASWF Secretary

ARASWF Membership Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017

- President's Remarks – W4RBW
- The Pledge of Allegiance – All
- Introductions – All
 - Twenty-five members were in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report – N4LAK
 - Larry reported the club treasury balance was \$3040.00
- Old Business
 - Repeater Updates – AG0X
 - The 146.670 repeater antenna was repaired with a temporary mast. Materials to replace the DMR repeater antenna were staged at the site for repair after the first of the year.
 - Website Update – NC2H
 - No significant change or update this month.
 - EmComm Updates – AC4ZM
 - Mark reported that there is no scheduled ARES meeting for December
 - VE Testing – AC4ZM
 - Mark reported two candidates tested this month and passed their Technician exams. There is no scheduled VE examinations for December
 - Christmas Party – W9KB
 - Ken reported that the Christmas Party will be held December 2nd at Foxfire Country Club. They will offer a similar menu and pricing: Prime rib - \$35, Chicken & Salmon - \$30.

- New Business
 - Elections – W4RBW
 - Frank reported all the current officers and directors were interested and willing to serve another year. The membership unanimously approved the slate of officers. There was some discussion to add a fifth director, however Club by-laws limit the number to four. There was a proposal to change the by-laws to permit more directors and move the election month from November to February to allow more time to recruit new board members.
 - Naples Daily News Half Marathon – K1UQE
 - Ed reported that he had nine ARES members signed up to work on this event, scheduled for January 14th
 - Winter Field Day – N4LAK
 - Larry needs volunteers to help setup antennas for this event schedule January 27-28th. Hurricane Irma took down all his wire antennas and the Club trailers are still covered with trees and limbs.
 - Walk-In's
 - Bill-K2ZEL offered his collection of QST's to any member interested.
 - 50/50 Raffle - \$38 paid to Chris-KM4UJI with \$38 paid to club treasury
- Social Break
 - Presentation – None scheduled this month
- Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Bills-W9KB

Contest Calendar

January 2018

+ LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Jan 20
+ Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 20 to 1200Z, Jan 21
+ North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 20 to 0600Z, Jan 21
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 22
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 24
+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 26 to 2159Z, Jan 28
+ REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 27 to 1800Z, Jan 28
+ BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 27 to 1200Z, Jan 28
+ UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 27 to 1300Z, Jan 28
+ Winter Field Day	1700Z, Jan 27 to 1700Z, Jan 28

February 2018

+ Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 3 to 2400Z, Feb 4
+ 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 3 to 2359Z, Feb 4
+ Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 3 to 1159Z, Feb 4
+ Mexico RTTY International Contest	1200Z, Feb 3 to 2359Z, Feb 4
+ Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 3
+ AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 3
+ British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 3 to 0400Z, Feb 4
+ North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 4
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 10 to 2400Z, Feb 11
+ SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 10 to 1000Z, Feb 11

+ Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 10
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Feb 10 to 2359Z, Feb 11
+ Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
+ FISTS Winter Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 10
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 19
+ AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 21
+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 23 to 2159Z, Feb 25
+ REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 24 to 1800Z, Feb 25
+ UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 24 to 1300Z, Feb 25
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 24 to 0600Z, Feb 25
+ High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 25
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 28



ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) to Retire

ARRL's chief executive officer for the past 2 years, Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, announced his retirement as CEO, as the ARRL Board of Directors prepares to meet January 19-20. He will step down on March 2. Gallagher, who had earlier advised ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, of his intention to resign, expressed his gratitude to President Roderick and the ARRL Board for giving him the opportunity to help guide the organization.

"It has been my great privilege to serve in this capacity for 2 years, and I am deeply grateful to the Board and President Rick Roderick, K5UR, for their support and encouragement," Gallagher said.

President Roderick expressed appreciation for Gallagher's contributions to ARRL. "ARRL is in a transition to a new generation for Amateur Radio. Change doesn't come easy," Roderick said. "Tom helped us in taking that step forward, and for that we are very grateful for his service to the League and to Amateur Radio," he said.

Gallagher, 69, cited recent changes included in the new federal tax law that made it unattractive for him to continue working in Connecticut, where ARRL is headquartered.



Among Gallagher's chief accomplishments during his tenure as CEO were creating an enhanced level of professionalism and efficiency in the organization that represents more than 150,000 US Amateur Radio operators. Gallagher also oversaw a significant turnaround in the organization's financial performance.

Licensed in Pennsylvania in 1966 as WA3GRF (later N4GRF in North Carolina), Gallagher is a member of the West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Group. He has described himself as "an incurable HF DXer and inveterate tinkerer" and credits his first visit to the Franklin Institute's Amateur Radio station W3TKQ in 1963 for inspiring his interest in ham radio. Amateur Radio led to an early career in broadcasting.

Gallagher joined ARRL following 3 decades as an international investment banker and financial services executive, succeeding long-time CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ

ARRL Board of Directors to Meet

The ARRL Board of Directors will hold its 2018 Annual Meeting January 19-20 in Windsor, Connecticut. The first order of business will be the election of officers. The Board will elect candidates to the volunteer posts of ARRL President, First and Second Vice President, and International Affairs Vice President, as well as to the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer. CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, has announced that he will retire on March 2. The Board will evaluate and determine the next steps to take in a search for his replacement when it meets this week.

The Board also will receive and/or hear -- and perhaps later consider recommendations from -- a wide range of reports from officers, the General Counsel, and committees and coordinators, including the Entry Level License Committee, the Official Observers Program Study Committee, and the Legislative Advocacy Committee. The Board also will hear and consider proposals to amend the ARRL *Articles of Association* and *Bylaws*. It will consider the application of SKNAARS to become the IARU member society for St. Kitts and Nevis.

A Message to Members from ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR

In the last few weeks, the ARRL's Board of Directors has been the subject of an organized misinformation campaign. It is being orchestrated by a group of hams, some of whom are well-intentioned but have been misled. This effort, which consists of a series of mis-characterizations, initially dealt with (1) the ARRL Board's censure of an ARRL Director, and (2) some proposed revisions to ARRL's [Articles of Association](#) and [Bylaws](#) that are likely to be considered at the upcoming ARRL Board meeting and which were circulated by a member of the Board. None of the proposed *Article* and *Bylaw* changes has yet been addressed by the Board of Directors. More recently, other equally erroneous and false statements have been made with respect to completely unrelated issues, in an effort to draw into question ARRL's decision-making processes. The principal suggestion is that ARRL operates under some "cloak of secrecy." The criticism is unfair and undeserved.

ARRL's representative system of governance, which has worked exceptionally well in the advocacy and promotion of Amateur Radio and the interests of ARRL members for more than 100 years, is unchanged. And the legislative and other advocacy positions currently being pursued are critical to the long-term survivability of the Amateur Radio Service.

The ARRL Board does seek thoughtful, informed input on policy issues concerning Amateur Radio from its roughly 150,000 members. ARRL's governance structure provides that regionally elected, volunteer Directors will represent the interests of the members in their respective Divisions, working collectively and collegially within our Board to make policy and to advocate their constituents' interests. ARRL's Board members hold cabinet meetings and forums at hamfests and conventions, and they staff ARRL booths at hamfests and conventions in order to find out what interests and concerns you have as ARRL members. They take this feedback from you, and they come to Board meetings twice a year to make policy for the organization. They work together collegially to develop the best policy decisions. This structure presumes that the Board's collective wisdom is far greater than that of any one Board member, and each Board member is obligated by our *Articles* and *Bylaws* to come to meetings with a good idea of what the members need and what is best for Amateur Radio as a whole.

As is the case with most large, national nonprofit associations, ARRL Board meetings are not open to the public. It has always been that way, as a matter of necessity. That is because, at all such meetings, confidential issues such as spectrum protection, employee compensation, financial information, and FCC submissions are candidly discussed, and the members' interests at those meetings are advocated by the Directors on a representative basis.

Unfortunately, it was necessary for the Board to take the highly unusual action of publicly censuring one of its members recently. The Board heard the allegations made by an ARRL member of what transpired at an Amateur Radio event; it heard reports from other amateurs who were there, and it heard all the information that the Director involved chose to present. Everyone had a chance to speak and to evaluate the presentations. The Board, in an 11 to 3 vote with one abstention, took action to protect the organization's integrity based on the information presented. This process and procedure are what nonprofit associations have to be prepared to employ, and do employ, to maintain order within their organizations and to ensure that the interests of the affected Director are protected as well. This is not a procedure that any nonprofit organization would conduct publicly.



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The ARRL [Policy on Board Governance and Conduct of Members of the Board of Directors and Vice Directors](#) has been drawn into question, probably as the result of the fact that the Board's censure decision was based upon a violation of that policy by the Director involved. The Policy is intended to protect the democratic decision-making processes by which ARRL has operated effectively for so long, and to set forth principles to guide an organization's decision making and the behavior of individual board members when acting on behalf of ARRL. When it was adopted by the Board a year ago, it was posted for ARRL members to read. The policy calls for honesty, integrity, transparency, confidentiality, and equity. The purpose of adopting such a statement formally is to provide employees, volunteers, and board members with guidelines for making ethical choices and to ensure that there is accountability for those choices.

When board members of a nonprofit adopt a code of ethics, they are expressing their commitment to ethical behavior. It is intended to protect the Board's deliberations and to protect the staff from inappropriate actions by Board members. It seeks to preclude precisely the type of selective disclosures and unilateral and subjective characterizations of proposed Board actions that have happened recently. There is nothing at all insidious about the policy, which is subject to regular review and modification, as are all other ARRL organizational documents.



As to the criticism of the proposed *Articles* and *Bylaws* changes, the Board has not yet considered them. It may or may not adopt some or all of the changes recommended by its Executive Committee or by an individual Director. Any responsible Board of Directors regularly reviews, amends and updates its *Articles* and *Bylaws*. And ARRL member input is welcome on all such subjects. Indeed, the recommended *Article and Bylaws* changes were not considered to be

Board confidential. The problem, however, is that it is not fair to members, or to the representative Directors who have yet to evaluate them collectively, to have the proposals mischaracterized or misrepresented.

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To those who try to suggest that the Board has abandoned its obligation to the members in favor of the organization -- you draw a distinction that doesn't exist. The Board absolutely understands that the members are the organization. The members of ARRL are always best served by an informed Board that works together to make policy that is in the best interests of the organization. The divisive tactics that are being used now, commenced through disinformation and a lack of candor, are harmful not only to the organization, but to Amateur Radio operators everywhere, the good work of the ARRL staff, and the Service that we love so much.

Club Group Will Operate W1AW for Winter Field Day

Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will host a group that will take part in Winter Field Day later this month. Sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association ([WFDA](#)), Winter Field Day will take place over the January 27-28 weekend, and it can be an opportune time to prep for ARRL Field Day in June.



"Assuming the weather holds out, a group of hams will be here the last weekend of January to operate W1AW in the Winter Field Day," W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, said this week. Headed by Frank Gitto, KA5VVI, the group will consist of members of the Warren County Amateur Radio Club ([W2WCR](#)) in New York. Gitto said the club is hoping to have a dozen members at W1AW, operating in shifts of six. Carcia said the Warren County ARC operators will avoid the harsh elements and operate from indoors at W1AW, in the "home" station category.

For the hardier within the Amateur Radio ranks, Winter Field Day is an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors, and -- let's face it -- it's not cold and snowy everywhere during the winter. Gitto said that some Warren County ARC members will be operating WFD from Indian Lake, New York, using special event call sign W2C.

The event, which got its start in 2007, is not restricted to North America. There are three entry categories -- indoor, outdoor, and home. The [rules](#) are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Read [more](#).



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If you have any news or articles to post, please forward to the Editor.

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BYLAWS OF THE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

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PREAMBLE

The AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ARASWF) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617), to further Amateur Radio in the public interest through cooperation, operating efficiency, information exchange, programs, and activities including, but not limited to, the following objectives:

- To promote cooperation with other organizations and agencies, and to promote the advancement of public service and safety through amateur radio communications;
- To promote participation of its members in emergency communications so that the safety of the public may better be served;
- To assist its members and all other radio amateurs with an ongoing education program to improve their technical proficiency as amateur radio operators;
- To operate a public service net and to promote participation in the net by radio amateurs thus training them in communications techniques;
- To own, operate and maintain communication repeaters to extend the range of mobile and/or other types of communications by club members;
- To promote, from time to time, contests in which operating skills may be improved, issue certificates of merit, promote social programs, and sponsor activities for and on behalf of its membership;
- To publish monthly a publication to be known as the "ARASWF Newsletter", which shall be made available to its members and others qualified to receive it. This newsletter shall be considered the official publication of the ARASWF, and members may elect to receive it by electronic mail, pursuant to such rules as may be adopted by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be four classes of membership, namely active, family, honorary and life.

Section 2: Active membership is open to anyone holding a valid amateur radio license and who has made application and paid any and all fees and dues in accordance with these bylaws. Active members in good standing shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3: Family membership shall be open to anyone holding a valid amateur radio license, which by reason of being related to an active member in good standing and who is an immediate member of the active member's household residing at the same address, has made application according to the bylaws. A family member shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office, but shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 4: Honorary membership may be granted on an individual basis to persons in the community who have a bona fide interest in ARASWF activities. Such membership shall be proposed by the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting. Persons proposed for honorary membership need not be licensed radio amateurs, need not be members, nor shall they be required to pay dues or fees as may be prescribed in these bylaws. Honorary members shall be extended the rights and privileges of active membership, but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

Section 5: Life membership may be granted to an individual active member who has provided outstanding service and dedication to the ARASWF. An individual may be proposed for life membership by any active or family member of the ARASWF who is eligible to vote, who presents the proposal to the Executive Board for consideration. The award of life membership must be approved by a majority vote of the directors present at a duly held Executive Board meeting, and a subsequent majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting. A life member shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office, but shall be shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 6: ARASWF membership is a privilege and is subject to continuing compliance with FCC rules [47 C.F.R. §97] and IARU Ethical and Operating Guidelines. Members must comply with these conditions to remain in good standing with ARASWF. Expulsion from membership may be affected in cases of qualification falsification, repeated violations of ARASWF repeater or access code privileges, intentional use of illegal amateur radio procedures, or repeated violations of amateur radio rules of operation. A member may also be expelled in cases of a member's misconduct that without reasonable justification reflects negatively upon the ARASWF or any other member(s), and/or the member has been unreasonably disruptive, unreasonably argumentative, rude and/or insulting at more than one ARASWF meeting and/or more than one other ARASWF activity. The expulsion process is specified in Article 10, Section 3.

ARTICLE 2 - DUES

Section 1: Annual membership dues are **\$35.00 US (thirty-five dollars)** per year for ARASWF active members, payable on or before the regular membership business meeting in January of each year.

Section 2: If any dues are not received by April 1st in any year, the member shall be removed from the membership rolls, and ARASWF membership shall cease immediately. The Secretary shall, provide a dues notice to each member, and provide an opportunity to remediate any delinquency before April 1st. The office of any Executive Board member whose membership dues have lapsed beyond April 1st shall be considered vacated.

Section 3: The annual membership dues of any member in financial hardship or extenuating circumstances may be waived in whole or in part by the Executive Board. This waiver shall expire at the end of the membership year, and may be granted in the same fashion for additional years on a year by year basis.

Section 4: The fiscal year for the ARASWF is the calendar year. Any new member who joins the ARASWF after July 1st will be required to pay **\$20 (twenty dollars)** dues for the **remaining** fiscal year. "New member" is defined as someone who was not previously a member of the ARASWF.

Section 5: Past, non-current members may be reinstated to active membership by paying the current full year's dues. No member who has been expelled shall be entitled to reinstatement in this manner.

Section 6: Any change in annual membership dues must be approved by a majority vote of officers and directors present at a duly held Executive Board meeting and a subsequent majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The affairs of the ARASWF shall be administered by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate Past President
- **At least four** or **more** Directors

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office.

Section 2: All members of the Executive Board must be natural persons who are 18 years of age or older, and who are active or family members in good standing, and who shall have been members of the ARASWF for at least one-year preceding election or appointment to the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board need not be residents of the State of Florida. There shall be no minimum age limit established.

Section 3: The number of members of the Executive Board may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held ARASWF membership business meeting.

Section 4: Members of the Executive Board shall have a term of office from *March 1st* to *February 28th* of the *following* calendar year.

Section 5: If the complement *slate* of four officers and *at least* four directors is not voted into office at the *February* meeting, and there exists a vacancy or vacancies on the Executive Board during the normal term of office, the Executive Board may fill the vacancy or vacancies by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board present at a regular or special Executive Board meeting.

Section 6: An officer or director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Executive Board or to the President. A resignation is effective when notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later date. If a resignation is made effective at a later date, the Executive Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date if the Executive Board provides that the successor does not take office until the effective date.

Section 7: Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote at Executive Board meetings.

Section 8: If deemed necessary by the President or any other two officers or directors acting in the absence of the President, a Executive Board meeting may be conducted by radio on any amateur radio frequency or other mode of electronic communication or via the U.S.mail.

Section 9: The Executive Board shall be responsible for:

- Assuring liability and equipment insurance coverage (if available)
- Maintaining ARRL affiliation
- Acting as officers of the ARASWF
- Designating an appropriately licensed member as Club Licensee
- Providing, planning and policy recommendations to the membership for approval and/or implementation

ARTICLE 4 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: Each year at the *October* regular monthly membership business meeting, the President will *appoint* a nominating committee chairman, who shall *solicit* nominations *for* qualified candidates for *the club office(s)* of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and

at least four Directors. *The nominating committee chairman shall submit a qualified slate of officers and directors at the January regular membership business meeting for member(s) consideration with the election to be held the following month.*

Section 2: *Additional* nominations *may* be taken from the membership at the *regular January* membership business meeting.

Section 3: Immediately following nominations from the floor, the President will declare nominations closed. *Elections will be held the following month at the regular February membership business meeting, a* majority vote of eligible members present and eligible to vote shall determine the election of officers from the slate of nominations.

Section 4: The installation of new officers will take place at the *March* membership meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at Executive Board meetings, to preside at regular and special meetings of the ARASWF, and provide ARASWF guidance and leadership including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees for special interests as deemed advisable. These activities may include, but shall not be limited to:

- ARASWF Newsletter
- Emergency Preparedness
- Technical Programs
- Education
- Public Relations
- Interference
- Field Day
- QCWA
- Ad Hoc Committees
- DXpeditions

The President shall also perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, to assist the President in the performance of his duties, to be the program chairperson at the regular monthly membership business meetings, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Vice President.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all ARASWF records, to initiate notices of all ARASWF meetings, to report to the membership of the ARASWF all decisions and actions of the Executive Board as recorded in the minutes of such meetings, to record the minutes of regular and special membership meetings, to handle all correspondence pertaining to ARASWF matters, to retain copies of correspondence, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. Upon retirement from office, the Secretary shall transfer to

the successor, or the President, all minutes, ARASWF records, supplies, and other ARASWF property in his/her possession.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain accounts of record and report monthly to the Executive Board any income, expenditures, and bank balances and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the Treasurer shall transfer to the successor or the President all funds, account books, all financial records and other ARASWF property in his/her possession.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Directors, in conjunction with the officers, to determine the club policies and to pass upon all issues concerning the welfare of the ARASW, to implement motions passed by the general membership, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of director, including, but not limited to, serving as committee chairpersons when requested to do so by the President. Also, it shall be the duty of the Directors, in conjunction with the officers, to protect the assets of the ARASWF, to maintain inventories of all equipment, to make available to all qualified members short-term use of ARASWF test equipment, to examine and accept equipment donated to the ARASWF, and to assure that the installation and operation of ARASWF equipment is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the FCC.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past President to provide continuity and guidance to the Executive Board as a member of such board, and to preside at regular monthly membership meetings of the ARASWF in the absence of both the President and Vice President.

ARTICLE 6 - FINANCES

Section 1: The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the ARASWF in a manner to be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Only the Treasurer, President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks in payment of debts of the ARASWF.

Section 3: Any expenditure that is greater than \$500.00 in total, or greater than \$500 in aggregate payments over a one-year period, must first be approved by a majority of the Executive Board and subsequently approved by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting of the ARASWF.

Section 4: Any expenditure that is \$250.00 or greater but less than \$500.00 must have the approval of a majority of members of the Executive Board.

Section 5: Any expenditure that is \$500.00 or greater must first be approved by a majority of the Executive Board and subsequently approved by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting of the ARASWF.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

Section 1: The regularly monthly membership business meeting of the ARASWF shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled by the Executive Board for a legitimate reason.

Section 2: The annual meeting of the ARASWF shall be held in the month of December of each year at a location, date and time designated by the Executive Board. The December meeting will be a social gathering for the purpose of installing new officers and will include brief annual reports from the officers and awards for outstanding member service to the ARASWF. The December meeting will be held no later than the end of the second week of December pending the arrangements of the committee appointed by the President to plan the meeting.

Section 3: Notice of all regular, special and board meetings may be made by oral or written notice to the membership. Such notice may be communicated in person, by telephone, telegraph, e-mail, radio, teletype, mail, or any form of electronic communication or transmission. Posting notice of such meetings in the ARASWF Newsletter that is distributed to the membership by e-mail shall satisfy the notification requirements of this section.

Section 4: The regular monthly business meetings of the ARASWF shall be primarily technical or informative and cover ARASWF business requiring membership attention and/or approval, except that the annual meeting held in December shall be primarily social.

Section 5: A quorum of nine (9) members, two (2) of whom must be members of the Executive Board, shall be required to hold and conduct a regular membership business meeting. A quorum, once established, shall not be broken by withdrawal of members from the meeting.

Section 6: The President shall have the authority to cancel or postpone a regularly scheduled meeting in case of emergency, holiday, or unavailability of meeting place.

Section 7: Special meetings of the ARASWF may be called by the Executive Board to discuss and transact specific and/or imperative business where a decision from the membership is required.

Section 8: ARASWF Executive Board' meetings will be called by the President as necessary, announced in the ARASWF Newsletter or on the ARASWF repeater. All Executive Board meetings are open to all voting members.

Section 9: A quorum at meetings of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the membership of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 8 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The following shall be the regular order of business at all regular or special meetings of the ARASWF:

- A. Meeting called to order.
- B. Introduction of members, guests, visitors, and new members.
- C. Reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- D. Officers' reports.
- E. Committee reports.
- F. Old business.
- G. New business.
- H. General welfare.
- I. Special feature.
- J. Adjournment

Section 2: Unless specifically provided for elsewhere in the bylaws "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all parliamentary procedures for the ARASWF at regular, special, committee and board meetings.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Section 1: Any proposal to amend or repeal these bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Board. If the proposed amendment has the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, the Board will instruct the Secretary to notify the membership of the proposed amendment at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to take place. Such notice may be communicated in person, by telephone, telegraph, e-mail, radio, teletype, mail, or any form of electronic communication or transmission. Posting notice of such proposed amendment in the ARASWF Newsletter that is distributed to the membership by e-mail shall satisfy the notification requirements of this section.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

Section 3: No amendment or repeal of these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the laws of the State of Florida governing the formation and chartering of a not-for-profit corporation.

ARTICLE 10 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of the ARASWF, all property or assets owned by the ARASWF shall be liquidated by the Executive Board and all funds donated to a charity to be determined by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

Section 2: Confidential ARASWF repeater programming codes shall be made available only to Executive Board members and those persons authorized by the Executive Board to perform work on the ARASWF repeater(s).

Section 3: The process and procedures for affecting expulsion of a member are specified below in Sections 3.1 through 3.7.

Section 3.1: A member under consideration for expulsion is referred to as "THE member" and "members" includes all ARASWF members including officers and directors. Except as noted below in 3.5 regarding delivery from the Secretary to THE member, delivery by e-mail shall be sufficient. "Secretary" refers to the ARASWF Secretary. "the Meeting" refers to each respective membership business meeting at which a member expulsion hearing is on the agenda. "... that process ..." refers to the applicable, actual member exclusion process.

Section 3.2: These Bylaws neither prohibit nor require that any member be personally warned regarding his or her possibility of expulsion from membership.

Section 3.3: The membership expulsion process shall be initiated by a written complaint by a member and shall be based upon asserted proof of: (1) THE member's falsified qualification(s), (2) two or more violations by THE member of the same or different ARASWF repeater operating protocol(s), (3) two or more violations by THE member of the same or different IARU Ethical and Operating Guidelines, (3) THE member's misconduct that without reasonable justification reflects negatively upon the ARASWF and/or any other member(s), and/or (4) THE member has been unreasonably disruptive or unreasonable argumentative, rude and/or insulting at more than one ARASWF meeting and/or more than one other ARASWF activity. The expulsion process shall cease immediately if and when THE member resigns. THE member may resign by written notice of his or her resignation delivered to the Secretary anytime before the ARASWF members vote on a motion to exclude THE member at a member exclusion hearing.

Section 3.4: To the greatest extent allowed by applicable law, that expulsion process, including unnecessary disclosure of information derived from that process, shall always (including after conclusion of that process) be kept as private and as confidential as possible, and that process shall cease immediately if and when THE member resigns prior to being expelled. If THE member resigns prior to being expelled, and commencing at the effective date of THE member's resignation, unnecessary dissemination by members of then generally undisclosed information regarding that process is prohibited, which confidential information may include the existence of that process and/or the name of THE member. In any event, the

existence of that process shall not be unnecessarily disclosed by any member prior to placement of notice of the expulsion hearing on the ARASWF agenda for the Meeting, and no member shall unnecessarily disclose THE member's name until after THE member's expulsion hearing commences. No member (except THE member) shall make any inquiry to any other member or have any other communications with any other member with regard to any unnecessary disclosure of information regarding that process. These restrictions shall not apply to the ARASWF Executive Board members to the extent necessitated by the respective Executive Board member's participation in that process.

Section 3.5: The asserted infractions, violations, and/or misconduct by THE member shall be brought by the complaining member (privately and confidentially) in writing to the Secretary, who shall promptly deliver that complaint to the other Executive Board members. Upon the Executive Board's private and confidential deliberation of that complaint, a Executive Board majority affirmative vote may move the process forward as an agenda item at the Meeting, in which event the Secretary shall promptly get written notice to THE member, either by hand delivery by sealed envelope to THE member, or by first class mail, return receipt requested, addressed to THE member's address on record with the ARASWF. Such notice shall be delivered to THE member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Meeting. An envelope shall be addressed to THE member and be noted on the front as being "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL." The written notice shall: (1) include a copy of the ARASWF Bylaws; (2) list all of the violations asserted in the complaint; (3) specify the date, place and starting time of the Meeting; and (4) give notice that THE member may respond (including defenses) in writing to the Secretary, and that THE member's response must be received by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the Meeting. As soon as possible after receipt of THE member's response, if any, the Secretary shall deliver THE member's response to the other Executive Board Members.

Section 3.6: To the extent reasonably possible, and at least five (5) days prior to the Meeting, the Secretary shall inform the ARASWF general membership only that a "member exclusion meeting" is scheduled to be conducted at and during the Meeting. Such notice can be by the Secretary's e-mail and/or by any delivery of the Meeting's agenda that lists the agenda item, such as only: "Member Expulsion Hearing." Neither the name of THE member nor any of the allegations shall be included in any such notice.

Section 3.7: Discussion at the member expulsion hearing shall be limited to matters directly relevant to that expulsion, such as the complaint's allegations and THE member's defenses, etc. Only members present at the member expulsion hearing can vote on a motion to expel. A majority vote in favor of expulsion shall result in expulsion of THE member, and if expelled THE member shall forfeit ARASWF dues previously paid. At the Executive Board's discretion, votes on the motion to expel can be by secret written ballot. The chair of the member expulsion hearing can be the ARASWF President or any other Executive Board member as decided by vote of the Executive Board members present at that hearing.

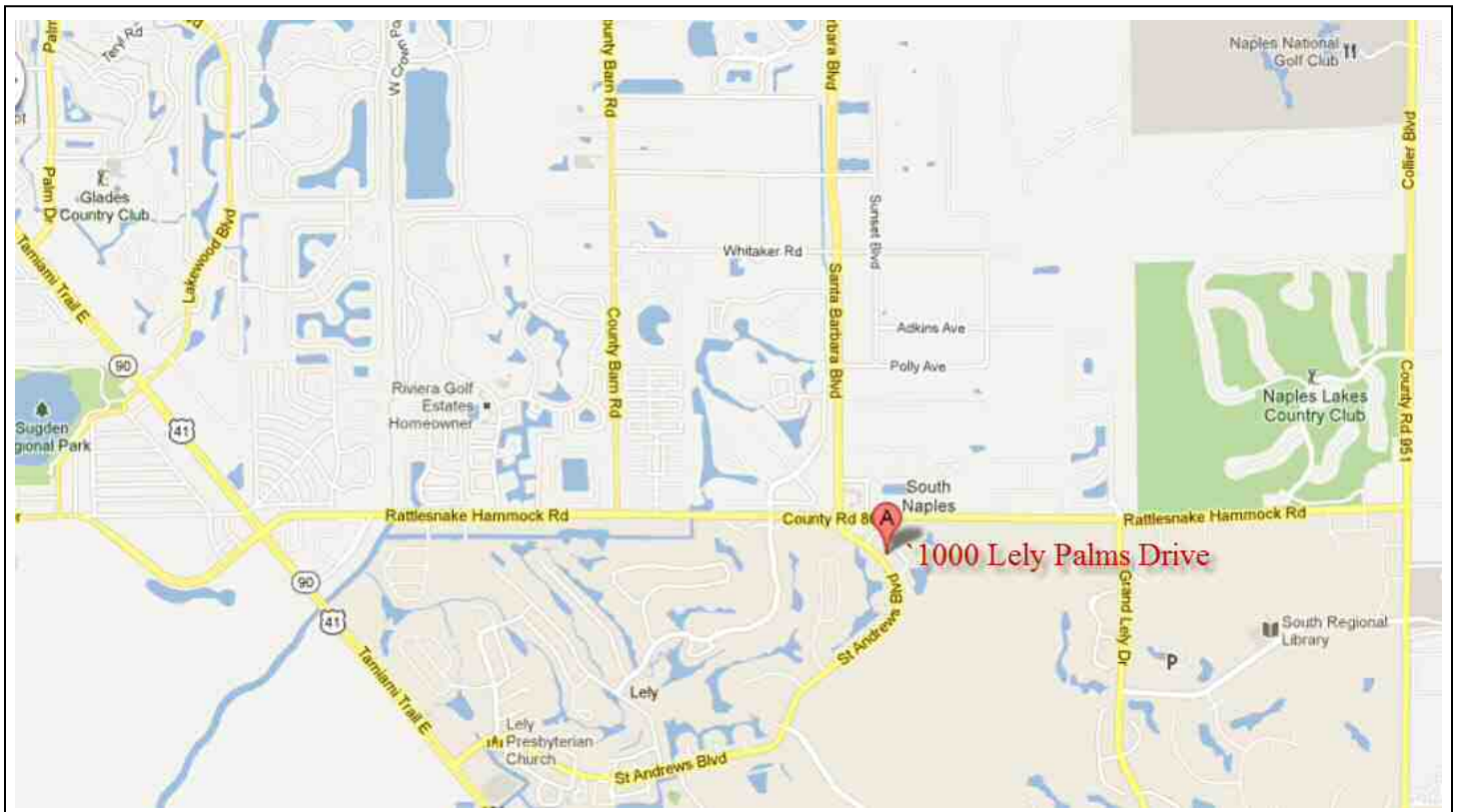


Royal Palm Chapter 152 meets every second Thursday of the month

at the Lely Palms Manor, Next Luncheon Meeting: February 8th at 12:15 pm

1000 Lely Palms Blvd.

Naples, FL 34114



**AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby petition the officers and members of the AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. for membership. I attest that I hold a current FCC issued Amateur Radio License, and that I will follow legal procedures and protocol, and conduct myself in a manner that will further Amateur Radio.

NAME: _____ **CALL:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

LICENSE CLASS: _____ **ARRL MEMBER:** ☐ YES ☐ NO

HAVE YOU EVER PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MEMBER OF ARASWF ☐ NO ☐ YES - Year _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S CALL (If Applicable): _____ **SPOUSE'S LICENSE CLASS:** _____

OUT OF AREA ADDRESS (If Applicable): _____

OUT OF AREA PHONE (If Applicable): _____

This Application must be filed prior to the Membership Business Meeting at which time action will be taken. It is not mandatory that the applicant be in attendance.

The Membership Business Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (except June, July, August and December) at the American Red Cross Building at 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Naples, Florida.

The ARASWF Newsletter is distributed monthly by e-mail prior to the monthly Membership Business Meeting and contains meeting dates, location and other information, and will be sent to the e-mail address indicated on this Application. If you do not have an e-mail address, the please notify us and request that the Newsletter be sent to you via U.S. Mail.

Please mail this Application with a copy of your Amateur Radio License and a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 (annual membership dues), to the ARASWF at the address below. Paid membership is valid for one calendar year. If a new member's Application is dated after July 1st, the annual membership dues are one-half the annual dues amount, and a check or money order in the amount of \$12.50 should accompany this application.

Please make checks or money orders payable to "Amateur Radio Assn. of Southwest Florida", or to "ARASWF".

**Amateur Radio Assn. of Southwest Florida
P.O. Box 111604
Naples, FL 34108**



Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

ARES® Registration Form

Name:	
Call Sign:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, ZIP code:	
e-mail address(es):	
Home phone number:	
Work phone number:	
Cell phone number:	
License Class:	

Check bands and modes that you can operate:

MODE	HF	6 meters	2 meters	222 MHz	440 MHz	Others	
SSB							
CW							
FM							
DATA							
PACKET							
Other modes (specify below)							
Mobile Operation							

Can your home station be operated without commercial power? Yes [] No []

Signature _____ Date _____

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Club Information

Next Meeting Time: January 23th @ 7:00PM

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive
Naples, FL

Club Repeaters:

- ARASWF FM - WB2QLP 146.670 MHz (-600 kHz) PL 136.5 HZ
- ARASWF D-Star – AA4PP 145.490 MHz (-600 kHz)/441.5 MHz (5.0kHz)
- ARASWF D-Star – AB4NP 145.270 MHz (-600kHz)
- ARASWF EmComm – K4YHB 147.030 MHz (+600 kHz)
- ARASWF DMR – AB4NP 444.9875 MHz (+5 MHz)

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