



THE EASTERN IOWA DX'ER

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CLUB NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION

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This special newsletter is being sent to present the proposed constitution and bylaws changes to the full members for their consideration and vote.

The next regular meeting of the EIDX will coincide with the CVARC Hamfest on August 5. The normal Fall newsletter will be published prior the meeting.

The Bylaws and Constitution Committee has rewritten the Maintenance of Full Membership Section of the proposed Bylaws as directed during the last EIDX meeting. The proposed bylaws now include participation in the ARRL and CQ contests as a method to maintain full membership in the EIDX. Please read the proposed Bylaws and Constitution found in this newsletter thoroughly and mark the attached ballot and return the ballot to Tom Hise, NCØØ, at PO BOX 104, Shellsburg, IA 52332, or at MS 153-264. Please insure that the marked ballot is returned before July 15 to let the Executive Committee tabulate and report to the membership before the next meeting.

REPEATER MOVE

We now have about \$400 in the repeater fund to offset the cost of the repeater move. Not all members have had a chance to contribute and we are a bit short of the estimated cost of \$800. We have the new coax and UHF link antenna on order. The CAP has received the new hardline through their channels. The new repeater transmit antenna is on order. The next step is to get the new antennas and feed lines installed on the Marion water tower and checked out before we move the repeater. Tentative date for this installation is 14/15 July. We are still looking for a rack with a door on the front and we need to pick up two notch cavities, update the repeater controller and pick up some misc items. The EIDX needs your financial support for the move. If you have not supported this effort, please send a contribution to NCØØ so we can keep on schedule.

- I. CLUB YEAR: The club year for the EIDXA shall run from October 1 of the current year through September 30 of the following year.
- II. MEETINGS: Regular meetings shall be held quarterly, normally in the months of January, April, July, and October at a time and place ordered by the President. The Executive Committee may call special meetings. The membership of the EIDXA shall be notified of all regular and special meetings in writing at least two weeks prior to the occurrence of the meeting.
- III. MEMBERSHIP:
 - A. Membership Classes: The following is a list of, the classes of membership in the EIDXA and required criteria for attaining each class of membership.
 1. Associate Member.
 - a: A candidate for Associate membership must hold a valid amateur radio license;
 - b: A candidate for Associate membership must hold Full or Life membership in the American Radio Relay League;
 - c: A candidate for Associate membership must have a demonstrated interest in DXing;
 - d: A candidate for Associate membership must maintain permanent residence within 175 miles of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and
 - e: An Associate member is encouraged to upgrade to Full membership in the EIDXA.
 2. Full Member.
 - a: A candidate for Full membership must meet all of the requirements for Associate membership; and
 - b: Except where an Associate member is seeking reinstatement to Full membership status, a candidate for Full membership must provide proof of possession of any DXCC membership award (Mixed, Phone, CW, RTTY, 160 Meters, etc. or any other class of DXCC award currently available) with his application for membership. Proof may be a valid DXCC certificate, listing in the "DX Century Club Awards" column in QST as a "New Member" or "Endorsement", or a listing in the "Honor Roll" list published in QST. (Interim approval for Full membership will be given if at least 100 QSL cards from at least 100 different countries, as defined in the current ARRL DXCC Countries List, is presented to the club President for verification with the candidate's application. However, proof of DXCC membership must be provided as outlined above before the end of the club year. Failure to provide such proof shall cause membership to revert to Associate membership).
 3. Inactive Member.
 - a: An Inactive member must be or have been a Full or Associate member in good standing;
 - b: When a Full or Associate member's permanent address is established outside of the 175 mile requirement, the member automatically becomes an Inactive member for the remainder of the club year;
 - c: Inactive membership status may be maintained indefinitely by payment of the regular annual dues as described in these by-laws;
 - d: Inactive membership status allows all EIDXA privileges except that the Inactive member may not vote or participate in contests for club aggregate scoring. The Inactive member will receive notice of all club meetings and the club newsletter and will be eligible for club promotions; and

e: Associate or Full members, within 175 miles of Cedar Rapids, Iowa may be considered for transfer to Inactive membership under special circumstances. Requests for transfer to Inactive membership must be made in writing to the EIDXА Secretary-Treasurer prior to the next regular meeting of the EIDXА and must be approved by two-thirds of the Full members attending a regular meeting of the EIDXА.

f: An Inactive member may request reinstatement to their previously held class of membership at any regular meeting of the club provided the Inactive member again meets the requirements for that class of membership. A written petition for reinstatement is not required.

4. Honorary Member.

a: Honorary membership may be awarded to any individual in recognition of special service to the EIDXА or the DX community as a whole;

b: A two-thirds vote of the Full members present at a regular meeting of the EIDXА is required to confer Honorary membership;

c: An Honorary member receives a membership certificate and may use the club logo or club name to be identified as a club member; and

d: An Honorary member does not pay dues, does not receive the club newsletter, is not eligible to vote, and is not eligible to participate in EIDXА contest aggregate scoring.

Application for Membership:

1. A candidate for membership in the EIDXА, either Associate or Full, must have attended at least one (1) regular EIDXА meeting before petitioning for membership.

2. Petition for membership in the EIDXА shall be by written application on a form provided by the club. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Dues for the full club year shall be included with the application.

3. The completed membership application must be submitted to the EIDXА Secretary-Treasurer at any regular meeting following the initial visit of the applicant.

4. The Secretary-Treasurer will forward the application to the Membership committee.

5. After review and consideration of the application, the Membership committee shall present the application to the club at the following regular meeting of the EIDXА with its recommendation.

C. Approval of Membership: After properly submitting an application for membership, a candidate for Associate or Full membership in the EIDXА shall be granted that class of membership by a 2/3 vote of the Full membership in attendance at the next regular meeting. Candidates who are not approved for membership in the club will have the full year dues payment which was submitted with their application returned.

D. Upgrading from Associate to Full Membership: To upgrade to Full membership, an Associate member must provide proof of eligibility for Full membership to the President prior to any regular meeting. If the President is satisfied with member's proof of eligibility, the President shall direct the Secretary-Treasurer to upgrade the member's record on the club membership roll to Full member. Additionally, the President shall cause the minutes of the next regular meeting of the club to show the upgraded membership status of the member.

E. Maintenance of Full Membership: In order to maintain Full member status in the EIDXА, a Full member must submit to the President written documentation proving satisfaction of at least one of the following requirements by the end of the first regular meeting of the EIDXА year:

1: A Full Member must be listed in the most recent annual listing of the DXCC Membership as published in QST ; or

2: A Full member must participate in and submit and have published a valid score in the ARRL CW or Phone competitions or the CQ Worldwide CW or Phone contests. The results of the contest must have been published in the just completed EIDX year.

Failure to meet either of these requirements by the first regular meeting of the EIDX year will cause a Full member to revert to Associate membership status.

To be reinstated as a Full member, the member must provide the President with proof that the Full membership maintenance requirements have been met. An additional form of acceptable proof will be the member's call listed under Endorsements in the DX Century Club Awards section of an issue of QST published after the most recent Annual Listing of the DXCC membership.

E. Probation of Members: An Associate or Full member who ceases to hold a valid amateur radio license at any time in the club year or who ceases to hold Full or Life membership in the American Radio Relay League at any time in the club year or who fails to pay the annual dues of the club by the end of the second regular meeting of the club year automatically goes on probation.

A person on probation is not considered a member of the club.

A person on probation will be reinstated to their previously held class of membership if the condition which resulted in the probation is corrected by the start of the first regular EIDX meeting of the following club year.

A person on probation at the first regular meeting of the club year forfeits their right of reinstatement to their previously held class of membership as specified in the previous paragraph.

IV. DUES: Any regular annual assessment of each member may be made in accordance with Article IV of the EIDX constitution for the purpose of providing operating funds for current expenses. The EIDX Secretary-Treasurer shall inform all members in writing that the dues are payable at the first regular meeting of the club year.

V. OFFICERS:

A. Election of Officers: Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the club year.

B. Term of Office: The term of office for each officer shall run from the end of the first regular meeting of the current club year to the end of the first regular meeting of the following club year.

C. Duties of Officers:

1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct same according to the rules adopted.

The President shall enforce due observance of this constitution and the by-laws, especially insuring that minimum membership maintenance requirements are met by all members, shall decide all questions of order, shall sign official documents adopted by the club, and shall perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

2. Vice President: The Vice President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

The Vice President is the editor-in-chief of the EIDX newsletter. In this capacity, the Vice President shall cause a list of all honorary club members to be listed in the edition of the EIDX newsletter published prior to the first regular meeting of the club year.

3. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of the members including a continuous record of the status of membership for all members, carry on all correspondence, receive all written petitions for membership, and maintain the constitution and by-laws.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and extended, and pay all bills authorized by the club or the Executive Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall assume all of the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and Vice President. When acting as President at any meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall appoint another Full member to act as Secretary-Treasurer. When the term of the Secretary-Treasurer is concluded, the Secretary-Treasurer shall turn over all records and items belonging to the club to the Secretary-Treasurer-elect.

D. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may authorize expenditures of club funds of \$25.00 or less per expenditure. Approval of a majority of the membership present at a regular or special meeting is required for all expenditures above that level. The Executive Committee shall appoint the members of the standing committees as directed in these by-laws.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES: Standing committees shall be made up of three (3) Full members appointed by the Executive Committee to serve staggered three year terms. The standing committees of the club and their functions are as follows:

A. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall receive all applications for Associate and Full member from the Secretary-Treasurer immediately following the regular meeting where that application was presented. The Membership Committee shall consider and review each application to insure that the applicant meets the requirements for the class of membership applied for. The Membership Committee will then present each application to the club at the following regular meeting with its recommendation.

B. Audit Committee. Between the second and third regular meetings of the club year the Audit Committee shall audit the financial records of the club and provide a written report to the club at the third regular meeting.

VII. NEWSLETTER: The EIDX newsletter shall be published and distributed to all Full, Associate, and Inactive members and persons on probation two weeks prior to each regular meeting and shall serve as formal notification of that forthcoming meeting.

EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: We, radio amateurs, wishing to promote for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio DXing, constitute ourselves the Eastern Iowa DX Association (referred to hereafter as the "EIDXA" or "the club") and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to promote cooperation, exchange of information, DX contesting, improved operator proficiency, and fraternalism so as to advance DXing within the amateur radio community.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP:

Persons interested in DXing shall be eligible for membership. Membership application shall be made by written petition and election to membership shall be made as provided by the by-laws.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS:

The officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The officers shall be Full members of the EIDXA.

The President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The officers of this club shall be elected as directed in the by-laws.

The term of office for each officer shall be as directed in the by-laws.

Officer vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

Officers may be removed from office by a 3/4 vote of all Full members, present or represented by written proxy, at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS:

The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

ARTICLE IV

DUES:

The club, by majority vote of the Full and Associate members present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the club.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS:

- A. This constitution may be amended by the following procedure:
1. The text of any proposed amendment to the constitution and an explanation of why the change is proposed shall be provided in writing to the members of the club with the notice of the next regular meeting of the EIDXA. This text and meeting notice shall be distributed to the members as required in the by-laws.
 2. A 2/3 vote of all Full members, present or represented by written proxy, is required at the next regular meeting of the EIDXA to adopt that amendment.
- B. The by-laws of the club may be amended by a simple majority of the Full members of the EIDXA attending any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI

RULES:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all the proceedings.

BALLOT

The Question: Shall the revised Constitution and Bylaws of the EIDXA, printed herein, be adopted.

- Yes, adopt the proposed EIDXA Constitution and Bylaws
- No, do not adopt the proposed EIDXA Constitution and Bylaws

SHORT NOTES

ZS8MI Quite active on 20M SSB around 13Z on the long path. Promises a CW morning on Friday 30 June 14050 listening up 5KHz at 10Z for 3-4 hrs.

PACKET W0EJ has the DX packet cluster running on 144.910. Drop in if you have the capability. If you don't, visit a friend that does and check it out.

SOLAR ACTIVITY The last few weeks have been reasonably good with more good things to follow. Check the most recent issue of TIME magazine. The cover article is on the solar cycle and the recent solar storms. Note that WWVH in Hawaii now announces the hourly numbers at 45 minutes after the hour.

RUMORS The rumor mill has run amok recently. How about this for a selection? I1RBJ/70 mid-July (or as early as 1 July); SV/a, Mt Athos 2-7 Sept; and finally EI4GI/ZA 6-16 Sept. If the latter is for real, the pile-up will exceed that one that showed up for 3W8DX.

WATERING HOLES A good place to listen for the latest rumors is INDXA, 14236 2330Z, but activity starting up to an hour earlier; also PY2PE's net 14256 at about 2300Z. Often it is entertaining to listen.

EIDXA NET NC00 and/or W0WP call the net each Sunday evening at 9:30 PM. Check in to find out the latest rumors, hear the latest updates from our DXAC rep, and learn about the repeater move schedule. CU Sunday.
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