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Wednesday, October 25th, 2023
YCCC CQWW SSB Readiness Meeting
YCCC Zoom Channel - 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hi All,

The October 1st, 2023 was well attended and those present brought along a healthy dose of enthusiasm. During that meeting the membership in attendance encouraged the Club officers to make another attempt at addressing the Club Jurisdiction By-Law with respect to contest sponsor rules.

The (lack of) attendance issue was discussed as a road block. I have yet to chair a meeting where we have had a super quorum present. Constitution or By-Law changes requires a two thirds vote of the members attending a Regular or Special meeting at which a super quorum is present and voting. (Constitution, Article VII).

Fred – K1VR proposed that the Club take the vote with those in attendance, record the results and the attendance list. Finish the meeting, but instead of closing the meeting, continue the proceedings “until the next time we shall gather”. He pointed out Congress does this all of the time.

At the next meeting, we identify the members who have yet to cast a vote, gather their results and so on until we reach the super quorum (41 members as of the end of September). We now have a process to transact business requiring a super quorum. Thank you, Fred!

This special edition newsletter presents the proposed change to the By-Laws Section 1, Club Jurisdiction. By doing so the 30 day notification period is met (Article VIII). There will be two opportunities to vote on the proposed change, at the Zoom meeting scheduled for Nov. 22nd and the in person meeting scheduled for Dec. 3rd in Enfield, Ct.

By-Law Section 1 reads as follows:

1. Club Jurisdiction

The center of the club shall be located at Erving, Massachusetts. The jurisdiction of the club shall encompass an area within a radius of 175 miles of the above location.
[as amended 11 October 1998]

A working committee consisting of the Club officers plus K1KP, K1IR and N1RR were solicited to look at this.

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History

The By-Law has been in place since the Club formation. In 1998, Len – K1NU proposed moving the center from Wales, MA to the current location in Erving, MA. This reduced the amount of the Club jurisdiction that lay in the Atlantic Ocean, by a substantial amount, without cutting off any of the then current members. This was approved by the membership at the October 1998 Club meeting with Jeff – K1ZM presiding.

Recently (August, 2023) the ARRL changed the club competition rules to extend the participation limit from a circle of 175 miles radius to circle with a 250 mile radius. CQ has had a 250 mile radius circle for many years now, though we didn't have history to refer to here.

The working committee reviewed contemporary views of the Club circle on Google Earth showing Club member locations, including lapsed members going back to 2018. As mentioned, the Erving, MA Club center was strategically picked to minimize the Club Jurisdiction over the Atlantic Ocean when the Club circle was 175 miles.

Those present in the working committee quickly converged on asking the question why are we limiting Club membership to what two contest sponsors require to participate in their contest?

We looked at other Contest Club constitutions and saw that they had removed similar by-laws entirely.

We looked at how other Contest Clubs were reporting their Club center. We observed that they either had recently moved their center, probably in response to the new ARRL distance rule, or in one case it appears they are moving the center for each contest to optimize their membership participation.

The discussions concluded with a recommendation as follows:

Proposal:

Strike By-Law Section 1 entirely.

Justification:

There is no requirement by the contest sponsors to limit the Club's membership via by-law or constitution to areas defined by their contests.

FRC and PVRC have no area related clause in their club's constitution.

PVRC appears to move their club center to better position them for any particular contest.

FCG has recently updated their club center with the League but no constitution could be found.

Our club constitution declares "All persons interested in amateur radio contesting shall be eligible for membership". In practice, we have on-boarded members beyond the 175 mi radius for many years now.

Issues of Club center and member eligibility are handled by the Club Secretary and then the contest sponsor respectively. Going forward a new club center will be defined for ARRL contest purposes to maximize member participation and minimize ocean area. Eliminating this by-law gives us flexibility to do so without requiring a membership vote.

[End By-Law Discussion]

So, there you have it. We will review the proposal at the October 25, 2023 Zoom meeting and assuming our timetables are met here, have the first vote at the November 22, 2023 Zoom meeting with a follow on voting opportunity at the Dec. 3rd Live meeting.

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YCCC General Meeting Minutes
October1, 2023
Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

President Ken WO1N called the meeting to order at 1:14pm

President Ken WO1N then asked for a monument of silence for K1VV who became a Silent Key.

President Ken WO1N then conducted a roll call of the 25 members present.

President Ken WO1N then announced that the club is still in need of an activities manager. Is there anyone present that would be will to fill the position? Silence.

President Ken WO1N asked for the Secretary's Report. Brian NJ1F reported that because the last meeting was the club picnic and there was no meeting at the hamxposition there were no new meeting minutes. A motion to accept was made by Fred K1VR, seconded by Paul K1XM, the motion carried

President Ken WO1N then gave the Treasurer's Report because Chet N8RA was not able to attend. A motion to accept was made by Fred K1VR, seconded by Paul K1XM, the motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then asked if there were any area managers that have anything to report.

John KE1IH and Craig K1QX gave reports on local gatherings held in the past month.

President Ken WO1N then announced the next meeting schedule:

October 25 th	7:30 pm via Zoom
November 22 nd	7:30 pm via Zoom
December 3 rd	In person at the Hampton Inn Enfield, CT.
February 3 rd	9 am via Zoom
April 7 th	in person TBD

President Ken WO1N asked if there was any old business.

Brian NJ1F stated there are several bylaw changes that had been discussed in the past that need be discussed and voted on. The first being the club jurisdiction bylaw #1 which currently reads

The center of the club shall be located at Erving, Massachusetts. The jurisdiction of the club shall encompass an area within a radius of 175 miles of the above location.

Brian NJ1F made a motion to change the 175 miles to 250 miles. There was a lot of discussion about this change. Also, about the club center. The consensus was to form a committee to explore options and present to the membership at a future meeting.

President Ken WO1N then presented the following PowerPoint slides

President Ken WO1N spoke about eliminating the paper/printed newsletter references in the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Constitution Update – Paper NL

Change:

Excise all references to paper newsletters.

Reason for change:

We want to formally discontinue the printed/mailed version of the Club newsletter for cost and resource reasons. For the few members that have paid for this, if any, their membership will be extended appropriately.

Affected:

Article VI of the Constitution and Section 6 of the Bylaws

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President Ken WO1N then showed a slide showing the current wording of Article VI on the left and the PROPOSED amended wording on the right. After some discussion a vote of the members present was taken which was unanimous in favor of the change.

Constitution Update – Paper NL

Article VI

[as amended 07 February 1999]
[as amended 05 February 2005]
[as amended 06 April 2013]

The Club, by majority vote of those present at a Regular or Special meeting and with a super quorum present and voting, may levy such dues as are deemed necessary for the operation of the Club.

Payment of current dues shall be a pre-condition for e-delivery of the YCCC Scuttlebutt (in either paper or electronic form), participation in the Club's e-mail reflector, and participation in the Club's various awards programs, e.g.: YCCC Challenge, general awards programs (mugs/certificates/top gun pins/etc.).

A lapsed member can reinstate their lost privileges by paying current dues.

Payment of dues shall not be a precondition for submission of member scores to the YCCC Club aggregate in competitions.

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President Ken WOIN then showed two slides which show the current wording of Bylaw Section 6 on the left and the PROPOSED amended wording on the right. A vote of the members present was taken which was unanimous in favor of the change.

Related Bylaw Update – Paper NL

6. Dues

An annual dues assessment covering the calendar year is hereby levied pursuant to Article VI of the Constitution to meet current Club operating expenses.

The dues assessment schedule may be modified from time to time by a majority vote of the membership, with a super quorum present and voting, resulting in the automatic amendment of the applicable By-Laws.

The dues assessment schedule is as follows:

Full Member (FE)

\$15 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter, [Scuttlebutt, here on referred to as E-butt.](#))

Full Member (FP)

\$30 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter.)

Family Member (FM)

\$0 ((Grants full membership to all amateurs residing at one domicile on payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues and entitlement to [one electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter, sent to one domicile or email address.](#) All members of said family are eligible for YCCC awards programs.))

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Related Bylaw Update – Paper NL

Student Member (ST)

\$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and **paper or** electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)

Subscription (SU)

\$10** (A “friend of YCCC” not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Receives Club newsletter **only** in **paper or** electronic form. **Fee basis is \$10 for electronic “Ebutt” delivery, or \$25 for domestic paper delivery.**)

A former member who has moved out of the Club area may continue to participate in the Club’s e-mail reflector and receive the electronic newsletter at no cost.

[as amended xx October 2022]

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[as amended 01 October 2023]



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President Ken WO1N then proposed a change the Section 7 of the Bylaws shown in the following slide.

Bylaw Update – Honorary Life Membership

Change:

Add a new category of Honorary Life Memberships

Reason for change:

Improve Club recognition of CQ Hall of Fame recipients.

Affected:

Section 7 of the Bylaws



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President Ken WO1N then showed a slide showing the current wording of Bylaw Section 7 on the left and the PROPOSED amended wording on the right. A vote of the members present was taken one member abstained from voting, the remaining members voting in favor of the change.

Bylaw Update – HLM

7. Honorary Life Membership

Upon nomination by any active member and approval by a two-thirds vote of the members attending a Regular or Special meeting, with a super quorum present and voting, an individual may be granted Honorary Life Membership with no dues payment required. This membership would entitle the individual to all the rights and the benefits of a full membership.

7A. Honorary Life Membership will be bestowed upon current or former YCCC members who are or was a member in good standing when said member was inducted into any CQ Amateur Radio Hall(s) of Fame (Amateur, DX or Contest). Bylaw 7 is waived in this case as a result of the vetting process that occurs within these CQ Hall of Fame nomination committees.

[as amended 29 August 1998]
[as amended 05 February 2005]

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President Ken WO1N then introduced Mike NG1M who gave an update on the club competition along with a deep dive into some statistics comparing the YCCC to FRC.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Dennis W1UE who gave a presentation on his WRTC 2022/2023 adventure and experience.

President Ken WO1N then announced a ten-minute break starting at 2:59 pm

President Ken WO1N then called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm and introduced Paul K1XM who gave a presentation titled “Bigger is Better” the K1LZ station in Maine.

Martin AA1ON made a motion “to suspend this meeting until next we assemble” which was seconded by Paul K1XM. The meeting was suspended at 4:15pm

Submitted
Brian Szewczyk NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

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YCCC CQWW SSB Readiness Meeting

YCCC Zoom Channel

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

CQWW SSB Readiness Checkup

- Vote in new members

Channel opens at 7:30PM.

Formal meeting starts at 8:00PM.

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YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. Please note that payment of current dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate but IS required for participation in the Club's e-mail reflector and the Club's awards programs. The YCCC has a multi-tiered membership:

Full Member - \$15 (Available to amateurs residing within the Club territory for all YCCC member benefits and e-mail delivery of the Club newsletter.)

Family Member - \$0 (Grants full membership benefits to all family amateurs residing at one domicile upon payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues. The Club Newsletter will be sent to the full member's email address.)

Student Member - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced cost.)

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Former Member - \$0 (A former full member who has moved out of the Club territory may continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the e-mailed newsletter at no cost.)

You can tell if you owe dues by checking the Club roster on the website. A lapsed member can reinstate lost privileges by paying current year dues. Mail your dues to the club treasurer, **Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 200 Mount Parnassus Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423, or PayPal them to yccc-paypal@yccc.org**. Please include your callsign, family callsigns, and year(s) being paid. PayPal no longer allows the Club to receive dues from "family or friends" so you will not have that option.

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CLUB GOODIES

BADGES YCCC badges are available from Tony, K1KP. Send \$3, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to Tony.

YCCC APPAREL & LOGO ITEMS:

Contact Gold Medal Ideas - https://stores.goldmedalideas.com/Yankee_clipper_contest_club/shop/home

QSL CARDS are ordered through Tom, W1TO. To order, complete the QSL form from the YCCC website, send it to W1TO who will verify all information is included and send to UX5UO after resolving any issues. You will receive a proof copy directly from UX5UO. Approve the proof after resolving any issues with UX5UO. Email acceptance to UX5UO with copy to W1TO. Current price is \$45/thousand (matte) and \$49/thousand heavy matte. Payment to UX5UO representative, KD4POJ at Mr David Lipscomb, KD4POJ, 4201 13th Street NE, Minot, ND, 58703. eMail: kd4poj@srt.com

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