

BY-LAWS
BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER 76
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

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Nothing in these By-laws shall be construed as to conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.

1. NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this Association shall be the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.
- B. The purpose of this Association shall be to foster and develop friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio operators of more than 25 years standing. To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes in accordance with the policies of the International QCWA organization.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the Blue Ridge Chapter shall consist of those members in good standing of QCWA, Inc. who reside in the Hendersonville area but may include non-resident members of QCWA who have a desire to join. A member in good standing is one whose dues are current.
- B. The members of the Chapter may, at any time, elect an individual to LIFE MEMBERSHIP. A Life Member shall have all of the benefits and privileges of a regular member but not be subject to any dues, assessments or other financial obligations.
- C. A Chapter member, upon being awarded a 75 year certificate and Life membership by the national organization, will also be recognized as a Life member of the Chapter.

3. OFFICERS

- A. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors and such other officers as deemed desirable. These officers shall comprise the Executive Board.
- B. The President will name such committees as the membership or the Executive Board shall direct. The President, Vice-President, or in their absence, a Director, shall preside over all meetings .

C. The Secretary shall keep such records as are necessary for the proper operations of the Chapter, attend official correspondence with QCWA Headquarters office, send Chapter notices when required and keep records of the Chapter membership.

D. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter funds and keep accurate books of account, pay all bills and ordinary expenses. The Executive Board may authorize additional expenses but may not incur debt for the Chapter or its membership.

E. The Executive Board shall perform such duties as may be from time to time be delegated to it by the membership and, in addition, shall have the power to act for the Chapter between meetings. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy until the next Annual meeting of the membership.

F. From time to time, the Chapter may find it desirable to recognize service to QCWA, the Chapter, or both by the election of an individual as a DIRECTOR EMERITUS. Only one person per calendar year may be so recognized. Upon election, a Director Emeritus will serve as a regular voting member of the Executive Board and shall serve for life.

4. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

A. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Director shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be concurrent with the calendar year, unless otherwise specified herein.

B. The immediate past President shall be a Director. The remaining two Directors will be elected for two year terms in alternating years.

C. The Directors shall serve as a standing Nominating Committee, and their recommendations will be presented to Chapter members one month prior to the Annual meeting. Prior to the Annual meeting, any two members may submit additional nominations with the consent of the nominee(s).

D. Election of officers will be held at the Annual meeting. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. The Directors will serve as tellers and the results of the balloting announced prior to the close of the meeting. A majority of ballots cast elects.

5. MEETINGS AND NOTICES

A. Nine members shall constitute a quorum and a vote of the majority of those shall be sufficient for the conduct of ordinary business.

B. An Annual meeting at which officers are elected and reports made shall be held in November of each year at a time and place specified by the Executive Board. Other meetings may be held from time to time as specified by the membership or the Executive Board.

C. When two or more members live at the same address, a single mailing shall suffice except those requiring ballot by mail.

6. DUES AND CHAPTER FUNDS

A. Dues shall be \$5.00 per 12 month period, payable upon application and on or before the last day of the anniversary month. Thereafter, the member will be delinquent and removed from the Chapter membership list. Dues may be paid up to three years in advance. The chapter secretary will attempt to advise each member during the three months prior to dues expiration.

B. The membership may, by vote at any regular meeting, change the annual dues and may levy assessments for special purposes.

C. The Chapter secretary shall be exempt from dues. In December of each year and upon completion of a full year term, the secretary's dues account shall be credited with one additional year.

D. Any expenditure from chapter funds exceeding One Hundred Dollars will require a majority vote at the first meeting of any month.

7. AUDIT

The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by the Directors and always at the end of the term of the Treasurer.

8. BALLOT BY MAIL

The Executive Board may submit to the membership any matter requiring prompt attention for ballot by mail.

9. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active members present at any regular meeting. At such time as the amendments will exceed five, a re-write of these by-laws will be accomplished incorporating the amendments and any other changes deemed necessary. The rewritten by-laws, if incorporating changes beyond amendments already approved, will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval in the same manner as an amendment.

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OUTSTANDING AMENDMENTS: none