

**BY LAWS OF
QUEEN WILHELMINA HAMFEST ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this association shall be: QUEEN WILHELMINA HAMFEST ASSOCIATION. The acronym will be QWHA.

The address of this association shall be that of the incumbent Chairperson.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVIES

The objectives of this association shall be:

- (1) To promote and sponsor one (1) Hamfest each year at **Queen Wilhelmina State Park**, (hereinafter referred to as **QWSP**)
- (2) To promote the hobby of amateur radio and further the scientific and educational aspects of amateur radio.
- (3) To insure smooth continuity between participants and QWSP rules, regulations, and facilities.
- (4) Operate as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to the public. At this time dues will be assessed at \$2.00 per family. Payment of dues allows for voting privileges and mail out of next year's Hamfest flyer.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Selection

Board of Directors' vacancies shall be appointed by the initial Directors at a general meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the active Directors in attendance is required.

Section 2. Quorum

A quorum in article IV, Section 1, shall constitute 3 members.

Section 3. Qualifications and Makeup

Directors' must be licensed amateur radio operators in good standing with the FCC. The number of Directors is as follows: two (2) representing Arkansas, one (1) representing Louisiana, one (1) representing Oklahoma, and one (1) representing Texas.

Section 4. Duties of Directors

The Board of Directors' shall be a governing body to oversee the Hamfest Committee. This will insure continuity of rules and regulations and provide a conduit for the resolution of problems and policies that may arise throughout the year. They may also assist the Committee in planning and performance of the Hamfest. An Executive Director shall be elected by the Directors' to oversee the operations of the Board and preside at Board meetings.

Section 4. Term of Directors

A Director will remain at his/her position for a normal term of five (5) years. After his/her tenure he/she will retire and not be eligible to serve as Director for a length of three (3) years.

Section 5. Removal of Directors

In order to increase the control for the Director by the membership of the association by ordinary resolution, i.e. a simple majority of votes may remove a Director before the expiration of his/her term of office despite any other provision in the articles or agreements, This vote may be taken at a general meeting or specially called meeting when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V: CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEE

Section 1. A Quorum

From Article V continuing through the end of this Document a quorum shall be defined as Board and Committee members present at the meeting.

Section 2. Chairperson Selection and Duties

The Chairperson will be selected from individuals who are currently members of the "Committee". The Chairperson will be responsible for managing and personally overseeing the planning and activities of the Hamfest. The Chairperson will also be responsible for all correspondence and have the power to sign contracts and agreements. The term for the Chairperson will be two (2) years at which time he/she will be replaced but remain on the Committee for one (1) year before retirement.

Section 3. Definition of Committee

The Committee will be comprised of a maximum number of seven (7) individuals. A committee member will serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any Director, Committee member or registered member may appoint a registered member to serve on the Committee. Current Directors and Committee members will take anyone appointed into consideration and vote on his/her selection. Selection must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Directors and Committee members in attendance. Committee members will answer to the Chairperson and assist him/her in the planning and activities of the Hamfest as directed by the Chairperson. You must be a licensed amateur radio operator to serve on the Committee. Wives or husbands of Committee members (non-Hams) may assist in Committee activities if they please.

ARTICLE VI: TREASURER AND FINANCES

Section 1. Treasurer Selection and Duties

The treasurer shall be appointed by the Directors and Committee members. The Treasurer shall receive and be custodian of all funds of the association and shall pay all bills upon authorization by the Chairperson. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and give a report at each general meeting of the association. If at all possible the Treasurer will be someone residing in Arkansas.

ARTICLE VII: DIVIDENDS

Proceeds collected for the previous year's Hamfest will be used to finance the next year's Hamfest. No money will be borrowed or speculated for the purpose of financing a Hamfest. It is also clear the Directors or Committee members will receive no personal revenue from the Hamfest.

ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1. General Meetings

The general meetings shall be held twice a year. The first meeting will be held in February and the second meeting will be held in July. The purpose of these meetings is to make plans and preparations for the upcoming Hamfest. The precise date will be selected by the Chairperson. These meetings will be held at QWSP.

Section 2. Presiding Officer

The Committee Chairperson will preside over the general meeting.

Section 3. Attendance

It is the purpose of these meetings to involve all Committee members in attendance at the general meeting. Attendance to the general meeting is open to the public but voting rights lay solely to Committee members, Directors and registered members of the association. Voting will be by a show of hands. There will be no right to appoint a proxy or agent to attend and vote.

Section 4. Roberts Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order, as amended, shall be used for meeting procedures

ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 1. Attendance and Meeting

At any time deemed necessary a meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by any Director. Those in attendance will be only Directors and those individuals who are invited by same, and will meet behind closed doors. The Executive Director shall preside if in attendance. The proceedings of the Executive Session may or may not be made public upon completion of the session. When it is in the best interest of the association, the Committee and members will be briefed on the minutes of the Executive Session.

ARTICLE X: HAMFEST

Section 1. Date

The Hamfest will be held on the weekend following Labor Day each year.

Section 2. Location

The location of the Hamfest will be QWSP.

Section 3. Activities

Activities and programs of the Hamfest will be the responsibilities of the Committee and under their direction.

Section 4. Amateur Radio Vendor/Dealer

It is the intent of this association to invite one (1) full line radio dealer to participate in the Hamfest. It is not our purpose to discourage any other radio dealer to attend on his/her own.

Section 5. Flea Market

In strict accordance with QWSP regulations, the sale of items will only be allowed in areas that are designated by QWSP. Sales in campsites or areas other than assigned areas are strictly forbidden. A fee to be determined by the Hamfest Committee will be assessed for usage of flea market spaces.

Section 6. Drawings

Donations will be received for the purpose of raising money to finance the upcoming year's Hamfest. The number of tickets given for a fixed donation will be derived by the Committee. For the purpose of clarification:

GRAND PRIZE - The winning ticket holder does not have to be present to receive his/her prize.

ALL OTHER PRIZES - You must be physically present at the drawing site to claim your prize. If the person is not present, the ticket is placed back among the others and another is drawn.

You must be a licensed amateur radio operator to be eligible to receive transmitting prizes.

Section 7. Banquet and Bar-B-Q

QWSP will cater the banquet and Bar-B-Q. Tickets for these events will be sold by and money received by QWSP personnel only. No member of the Committee or membership will be responsible for the collection of ticket sales for these events. The menu of these activities will be negotiated by the Committee and QWSP management. Time of these events will be scheduled by the Committee and QWSP management.

ARTICLE XI: RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of each Director, Committee member, and participant of the Hamfest to comply with all QWSP rules and regulations. This document, or any part of, cannot be enforced if they conflict with QWSP regulations or policy. If at anytime a participant to the Hamfest is found not in compliance with QWSP rules or regulations, it will be left to the discretion of QWSP personnel as to what degree of discipline is required for this infraction. The association will support any decision that QWSP makes" upon violators.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS*

These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the active Directors, Committee members, and registered members, in attendance at the meetings.

Article XII: Amendment 1

Hold Harmless Vendor Agreement

By entering into agreement and paying vender fees to QWHA to display and sell wears at the Queen Welhilmina Hamfest to be conducted by the Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association at Queen Wilhelmina State Park, 3877 Hwy 88 West, Mena, AR. It is hereinafter stated, the Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association is to be absolved of all injuries, fatal or non fatal, and illnesses of every kind, name or nature, and personal property damage and/or loss or whatever kind or nature which may be sustained or suffered from any cause whatsoever connected with or arising out of or by reason of participation in or involvement in/with the Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest.

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