

Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club

Of Childress, Texas

A resolution passed on January 13th, 2018:

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club that there are some very concerning actions going on behind the scenes of the ARRL, and the Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club of Childress, Texas is affiliated with the ARRL, and we are fed up with operations as they are proceeding currently, and have had just about all we can take. Thus, we are forced to speak out against the current state of affairs.

WHEREAS, The “Code of Conduct” that the Board passed in 2017 serves as a “gag order” preventing open communications between leadership and membership. This furthers the lack of transparency in Board dealings, leaving members in the dark as to what is going on in these meetings.

WHEREAS, The ability to expel members without giving reason, or an avenue for appeal, along with candidates being disqualified from seeking office without explanation, or appeal, undermines the democratic method that the league was founded on. It makes the league no longer member friendly. This effectively gives members even less of a say in proceedings, as any opposition to current ideals can result in expulsion without recourse. For an organization that is supposed to be member-based, taking away member voices (ie. Representation) seems exceedingly ridiculous.

WHEREAS, In addition, censure of anyone because of informing members of current events is also extremely worrisome. How is it possible for the membership to choose what happens in their organization, if those sharing information get their voices silenced? Censure-ship of directors and those representing the membership, makes this

organization even less member-friendly, and more in favor of the thugs that are currently bringing reproach upon the ARRL.

WHEREAS, If leadership has the ability to expel anyone opposing their ideals, this will create a vicious circle leading further and further toward Aristocracy and away from the member based organization the ARRL was founded as. It is important to note, in this case, the subjects (members) cannot be forced to pay the kings taxes under penalty of death. Should these actions continue, we fear many will vote with their checkbooks, damaging not just the league, but Amateur Radio as a whole.

WHEREAS, When the league has lost many members and is struggling financially, it will have lost credibility, and will not be able to successfully lobby on behalf of Amateur Radio before Congress. Then Amateur Radio will have no credible voice before Congress and all Hams will suffer as Congress auctions away our spectrum.

WHEREAS, The Board has the option of shrinking this great organization by continuing to use bullying tactics, or can instead grow the ARRL with proper and insightful representative management!

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club of Childress, Texas requests that ARRL leadership, at District, Section, Division, Board of Directors, and all levels, work diligently to reverse the above noted actions and choose a better path for ARRL and Amateur Radio!

Unanimously Adopted on January 13, 2018

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