

BY-LAWS

1. Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

2. Membership

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs.

Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons.

Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.

Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Saturday of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club member. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated in that notice shall be transacted at special meetings. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

4. Dues Fees and Assessments

The amount of annual dues shall be established at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. Special rates of dues may be established for members who are minors, disabled or retired. A special rate shall also be established for family membership.

Membership dues are payable in March of each year.

Any member whose dues are not paid by May 1st will be considered inactive and removed from the membership roster. Inactive members have no voting privileges.

Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

5. Elections

Officer elections will be held annually at the regular November meeting.

Officers will assume their elected office January 1 of the following year.

Nomination Committee

The President may appoint a nomination committee six months prior to elections.

The committee will be charged with finding qualified candidates to run for office.

The committee will present a ballot to the president at the regular meeting one month prior to elections at which time the President will entertain a motion for nominations and to accept the ballot.

Voting

Voting will be done using paper ballots.

Immediately after voting the ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership.

Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots.

In the case of an unopposed slate the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a single ballot.

6. Appointment of committees

>From time to time as circumstances warrant, the President may appoint special committees to perform activities on behalf of the Club. The creation of these committees shall be done with the concurrence of the members. Such committees may include, but are not limited to, Volunteer Examiners, Field Day, Special Events, liaison with local and state emergency agencies, youth groups and other amateur radio associations.

7. Amateur Radio Emergency service – ARES ®

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