

Constitution

Sevier County Amateur Radio Society

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Sevier County Amateur Radio Society of Sevierville, Tennessee and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article I

Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article II

Officers

Section. 1. Officers

The officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section. 2. Election

The officers of this society shall be elected for a term of two years by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the regular meeting in October of odd numbered years.

Section 3. Term limits

An individual may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive full two-year terms and may not serve more than five consecutive terms as an officer.

An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section. 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be 21 years of age or older and a member in good standing for at least one year. The President and Vice President must hold valid Amateur Radio Licenses.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and a voted on by the membership.

Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the membership present.

Article III

Duties of Officers

Section. 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section. 2. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's ARES® Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® and the local RACES officer.

Section. 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Section. 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he/she

shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor. The Treasurer shall open a checking account at a local bank or credit union in the club's name, checks or other withdrawals shall require the signature of two officers not including the Secretary.

Section 5. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ("Board") shall consist of the four officers and shall have the authority to transact club business as necessary between meetings.

Article IV

Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V

Dues

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

Article VI

Membership Assistance

The club will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII

Club Call sign

The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97.

The Board shall appoint a club member to be the trustee of the club station.

The trustee shall be a member of the club in good standing, meet FCC requirements, not had his/her Radio Amateur licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time, be 21 years of age or older, and hold an unexpired General or higher FCC issued Amateur Radio License.

Article VIII
Dissolution of The Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Director votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will either be sold, and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization or the equipment will be donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX
Amendments

This Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been noticed by mail or email at least 14 days before the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting. Mail ballots will be accepted if received 24 hours before the scheduled vote.

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By-Laws

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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 not holding an amateur radio license.

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

Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold the office of President and Vice President.

Life membership is open to all licensed Radio Amateurs and includes all privileges of Full membership.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. All members should have a valid email address to receive official club announcements.

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least four times a year in January, April, July, and October at a time and place announced by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the President or Vice-President upon the written request of any five members. Notices shall be sent via email to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted at special meetings. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting. At meetings, a minimum of one-fourth of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. Dues Fees and Assessments

Annual dues of \$20.00 per member (full and associate) is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses. Members joining after May 1 will be assessed \$10.00 for their initial dues.

Life membership is available by a one-time payment of ten times the current annual dues rate and is non-refundable.

Students currently enrolled in K-12 will receive a 50% discount of their annual dues.

Membership dues are payable in December of each year for the following year.

Any member whose dues are not paid by January 31st will be considered inactive and removed from the membership roster. Inactive members have no voting privileges.

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

5. Elections

Officer elections will be held bi-annually at the regular October meeting of odd years.

Officers will assume their elected office January 1 of the following year and serve for a two-year term.

Nomination Committee

The President will appoint a nominating 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 a regular meeting prior to elections at which time the President will entertain a motion for nominations and to accept the ballot.

The final ballot will be published and made available to all club members by email.

The president will dissolve the nomination committee after the annual elections.

Voting

Voting will be done using paper ballots. Members must be present to vote.

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. Hamfest committee

This committee shall have a chair appointed by the President, the committee chair shall appoint additional members as they deem necessary.

7. Web committee

This committee shall be appointed by the President and will be responsible for maintaining the club's web presence under the direction of the President.

8. Other committees

The President shall appoint other committees as necessary.

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