

BYLAWS OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ARTICLE I

OBJECT

SECTION 1.

The object of this organization shall be to carry out the purposes of the Club as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

SECTION 1.

There shall be four classes of members: Regular, Lifetime, Honorary and Associate.

The membership shall be open to all persons who are interested in furthering the ideals and objectives of the Corporation, subject only to such reasonable qualifications and limitations as shall be set out in the Constitution of the Corporation.

SECTION 2.

Regular membership is open to the holder of a valid amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

SECTION 3.

To be a regular member, a licensed amateur radio operator must submit or have submitted on his behalf by any regular member, a membership application to the Blount County Amateur Radio Club.

SECTION 4.

Applications must be presented during a regularly scheduled meeting. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis. The BCARC retains the right to refuse membership based on prior knowledge of an applicant's operating practices which are outside the Club's purpose or which do not follow **FCC Rule 97.101 General Standards** as listed on page 7 of the BCARC Bylaws.

SECTION 5.

Regular members pay dues and have the right to vote.

SECTION 6.

A limited number of Lifetime memberships may be used as a fund-raiser under conditions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regular meeting.

SECTION 7.

Honorary members may be elected by two-thirds vote of the regular members at any regular meeting.

SECTION 8.

Honorary members do not pay dues and have no vote.

SECTION 9.

Associate membership is open to persons interested in amateur radio communication and purposes of the organization.

SECTION 10.

For an associate membership, a Blount County Amateur Radio Club membership application must be submitted and approved by the majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

SECTION 11.

Associate members shall pay dues but shall not have the right to vote.

SECTION 12.

Operation of the club repeater is considered to be a privilege and all amateurs are expected to operate under the **FCC Rule 97.101 General Standards** as listed on page 7 of the BCARC by-laws.

ARTICLE III

DUES

SECTION 1.

Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the membership.

SECTION 2.

There shall be no assessment to the members.

SECTION 3.

Dues are payable on January 1st and are delinquent after the March club meeting.

SECTION 4.

Members whose dues are delinquent shall be removed from active membership rolls. Anyone who was a member in good standing during the previous year may seek reinstatement by payment of dues for the entire year and by acceptance of said dues by a majority of the members present at the meeting at which the dues are presented.

SECTION 5.

Dues for new members will be pro-rated by quarter year divisions for the balance of the current year only.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

SECTION 1.

Election of officers shall be held at the first meeting in January. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at the December meeting. The nominating committee shall make its report at the first regular meeting in January. The committee must nominate at least one regular member for each office to be elected.

SECTION 2.

Nominations from the floor are accepted only on the same date that the nominating committee makes its report.

SECTION 3.

All nominees must have been a member of the BCARC for a minimum of one year.

SECTION 4.

Officers elected as above shall assume office at the first meeting in February.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1a.

The business and activities of the club shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Club officers listed in Article V Section 1 below and Board Members at Large listed in Article V Section 3 below.

SECTION 1.

The officers of the club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2.

The President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a term of two years: the year as President and the following year.

SECTION 3.

In addition to the officers listed in Section 1, the Board of Directors shall be composed of four Board Members at Large: three elected Board Members and the previous President.

SECTION 4.

The Board of Directors Board Members at Large will be elected from the membership of the club by nomination from the floor and will serve two year terms.

SECTION 5.

The Board of Directors shall elect one of its members as Chairman and shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

SECTION 6.

The Club President and Chairman of the Board shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.

SECTION 7.

All officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be regular members in good standing of the Blount County Amateur Radio Club.

SECTION 8.

All officers shall serve a term of one year.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1.

The President shall preside at all regular meetings of the club membership.

SECTION 2.

The President is not entitled to vote in a regular meeting except in the case of a tie. In this case, he or she shall cast the deciding vote.

SECTION 3.

The President shall appoint committees and perform all the customary duties of office.

SECTION 4.

The First Vice President shall serve as membership chairman, encourage new members, accept membership applications, and maintain the Club membership roster.

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The Second Vice President shall be in charge of meeting programs and entertainment.

SECTION 5.

In the event the President shall be unable to perform the duties of the office or be removed from the office, the First Vice President becomes President and hold the office for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 6.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and maintain accurate records of receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 7.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to open a checking account in the name of the Blount County Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated, for payment of normal expenditures.

SECTION 8.

At the request of the President, the Treasurer shall make a Report of Financial Condition to the Membership.

SECTION 9.

The Treasurer, at the expiration of the term of office, shall prepare a detailed Financial Report and transfer the financial records to the successor of the office.

SECTION 10.

Financial records of the Treasurer shall be open for inspection by any regular member at a regular monthly meeting.

SECTION 11.

The Secretary shall maintain the official minutes of all regular club meetings and meetings of the officers and Board of Directors.

SECTION 12.

The Secretary shall maintain the official record of all changes in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Club.

SECTION 13.

The Secretary shall write all official correspondence for the Club, answer all official letters, and keep the file of correspondence of the organization.

SECTION 14.

The Board of Directors, as defined in Article V Section 1a, shall be empowered to hold, transfer, sell, or otherwise dispose of all equipment and property of the Club and to maintain a complete inventory of such property.

SECTION 15.

The Board of Directors, as defined in Article V Section 1a, shall authorize all expenditures of the Club, excepting normal operating expenses which are authorized to be paid by the Treasurer.

SECTION 16.

After the new officers assume office, a joint meeting will be held by the new and outgoing officers to audit and verify the Status of Funds in custody of the Treasurer and examine the financial transactions of the previous year. Proper ledgers should be available for examination. An Executive Planning meeting, as referenced in article VII section 6a, shall be held at

this same time.

SECTION 17.

Should a vacancy occur in any office and not be provided for in this article or any other, the Board of Directors shall select a member to serve for the expired term.

SECTION 18.

Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the regular membership shall elect a member to serve for the unexpired term.

SECTION 19.

Any Officer or Director may be removed from office by the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the two-thirds vote of the regular membership at a regular meeting.

SECTION 20.

Any member of the Board of Directors that is absent from three consecutive club meetings may be removed from office and replaced by a club member elected from the membership by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular club meeting. The new member of the Board of Directors will serve for the remainder of the removed member's term. See Article VI, Section 18.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

Regular club meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at The Little Brick Church in Oneonta. This meeting location may be changed when it would interfere with City of Oneonta functions. This Section of the Bylaws is subject to change as the need arises.

SECTION 2.

In the event a meeting day falls on a holiday, the membership may select an alternate date or be adjourned.

SECTION 3.

The President may call a special meeting of all the membership by giving written notice at the address on club records and deposited in the mail 72 hours prior to the meeting. In keeping with the times, efficiency, cost and time, email is the preferred method of contact.

SECTION 4.

In case of a called meeting, one third of the membership must be present for a quorum.

SECTION 5.

The order of business for the club shall be:

(modify as shown)

Call to Order

Invocation or prayer

Introduction of visitors

Member Welfare

Program

Discussion of Program

Unfinished business or Old Business

 Read minutes from last meeting

New Business

Report of Officers

 VE Testing

 Quarterly Treasurer's Report

 Other Officer's reports

Committee Reports

 Freezefest

 Field Day

 Nominating Committee

Communications from any source pertaining to the club

 Announcements

 Upcoming Events

 Repeater Report

 Band Conditions/Dx Report/Solar Conditions

 Other Ham related topics of interest

Approval of new members.

Adjournment

(This sequence may be modified by the presiding officer.)

SECTION 6a.

Executive Planning Meetings shall be held at least twice per year. The purpose of said meetings will be for club planning, financial review, property management, and any other club related business as deemed fit. The time and location of executive planning meetings shall be announced in advance.

All board members, as described in Article 5 Section 1 and Section 3, to include club officers and board of directors' members at large shall be required to attend the executive planning meetings. The Board of Directors Chairman, as described in Article 5 Section 5, shall preside over the meeting. The secretary shall keep minutes at the meeting.

All board members present at the meeting shall each have a single vote. Passage of any votes shall require a simple majority of those board members present and voting at the meeting. Any issues voted on and passed during the executive planning meeting shall be announced to the general club membership at the next general club meeting.

Any other club member in good standing may attend the meeting and make comments, but will not be allowed to vote.

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws may be amended with proper notice and publication, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

SECTION 2.

All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and read to the membership by the Secretary at a regular meeting.

SECTION 3.

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws shall be presented, without charge, to each new member by the Secretary.

SECTION 4.

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, shall be available to any member upon request at the time dues are paid. This is to be done by the Secretary.

From ARTICLE II, SECTION 12

FCC 97.101 GENERAL STANDARDS

- (a). In all respects not specifically covered by FCC Rules, each amateur station must be operated in accordance with good engineering and good amateur practice.
- (b). Each station licensee and each control operator must cooperate in selecting transmitting channels and in making the most effective use of the amateur service frequencies. No frequency will be assigned for the exclusive use of any station.
- (c). At all times and on all frequencies, each control operator must cooperate in selecting transmitting channels and in making the most effective use of the amateur service frequencies. No frequency will be assigned for the exclusive use of any station.
- (d). No amateur operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any communication or signal.

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