

# BY-LAWS OF SOUTH CENTRAL RADIO CLUB

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## ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

### Section A. Membership Classifications and Requirements

Club membership shall be divided into three (3) classes: Full, Associate, and Life

1. Full members must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Hold a valid amateur or GMRS radio license.
  - b. Not being in arrears in dues.
2. Full members shall enjoy the following benefits:
  - a. Full voting privileges.
  - b. Full use of Club and auto-patch facilities in accordance with the By-Laws and Club regulations governing facilities and activities.
3. Associate members, who may be licensed or unlicensed, must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Demonstrate an interest in amateur radio and/or electronics.
  - b. Not being in arrears in dues.
4. Associate members, if licensed, shall also enjoy the following benefit:
  - a. Full use of Club and auto-patch facilities in accordance with the By-Laws and Club regulations governing facilities and activities.
5. Associate members may apply for Full membership at any time by demonstrating they have met the requirements for Full membership.
6. Life membership may be extended to any Club member or person in recognition of meritorious service to the Club or to Amateur Radio in general. Life membership does not convey voting privileges unless the recipient meets all the requirements for Full membership. Life members are exempt from paying dues to the Club. To be considered for Life membership the nominee must have been a member in good standing of the Club for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years.
7. Life membership will also be awarded to those persons who have been a member in good standing in the Club for twenty-five (25) consecutive years.
8. A vote will be taken by eligible voting Club members at the next meeting following the presentation of the recommendation and will be by secret ballot. A two-thirds (2/3rds) majority will be required for election to Life membership.

### Section B. Membership Application

1. Application for membership shall be on a form supplied by the Club designed for this purpose by the membership committee.
2. Voting for all new members shall be at the first meeting after the initial application for membership was presented to the Club membership at a regular meeting of the Club. Voting will be by secret ballot with a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority needed for membership acceptance. Voting may be by show of hands if no objection is noted.

### Section C. Membership Annual Dues

1. Dues shall be assessed at a rate to be determined at the annual meeting in December, effective for the following membership year. The dues are due and payable by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
2. Additional persons in a member's immediate family, living at the same address, may be admitted as either a Full or Associate member to the Club for a yearly fee equal to the family dues amount specified on the membership form. In situations where the family member does not live at the same address, an application to waive the residence requirement may be made to the Executive Board for consideration.
3. In special circumstances, dues may be waived under recommendation from the Executive Board. These may include such reasons as military service, temporary overseas relocation, etc.

### Section D. Membership Status

1. Any member being in arrears in dues for a period of more than four (4) months shall be placed on an inactive list and denied all Club privileges until arrears are paid.
2. Re-admission of any previous member, Full or Associate, may be allowed with payment of the full annual dues. No membership vote will be required provided the applicant was in good standing at the time of the lapse of membership and meets the requirements of Full or Associate membership.
3. A member may be deprived of membership by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the voting membership. A vote to suspend membership may only be taken upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and only after the Executive Board has notified the member in writing of its intended action to deprive the member of Club membership. The member shall be given a hearing if so requested. The final vote by the membership will not be taken until the second meeting after the Executive Board announces its decision. A member on notice from the Executive Board to deprive membership may not enter upon Club property without an escort of a Club officer and may be deprived of other Club privileges and benefits of Club membership as ordered by the Executive Board on a case-by-case basis until such time as a vote by the voting membership is taken.

## ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

Section A. The elective officers, all of whom shall be Full members, shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and various Trustees.

### Section B. Terms and Conditions of Officers

1. All officers shall be elected to serve for one year except Trustees who shall serve three (3) years. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year.
2. Vacancies in office due to resignation, withdrawal or death of an elected officer shall create a vacancy in that office. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to a confirmation vote by the Executive Board at a meeting called for that purpose.

### Section C. Elections of Officers

1. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President at the September meeting. A report will be made by the committee chairman at the October meeting. Nomination from the floor may be made at the November meeting. All members qualified to vote shall be notified of the slate of candidates at the November meeting, and may be notified through the Club's newsletter or by a special mailing at the discretion of the Executive Board.
2. Elections of officers shall be made by secret ballot at the annual meeting in December. To be elected a nominee must receive the greatest number of votes cast. Only members eligible to vote will receive a ballot.

### Section D. Duties of Officers

1. President
  - a. Shall preside at all meeting, maintaining order and dignity.
  - b. Decide all parliamentary arguments according to "Robert's Rules of Order".
  - c. Appoint all committees as the need arises.
  - d. Cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie except for the election of officers.
  - e. Shall appoint or re-appoint a station License Trustee, as the need arises, to be responsible to the FCC for the Club's amateur radio station license. Said Trustee to serve for the license term or until removed for just cause.
  - f. At the last meeting of November shall appoint an auditing committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
  - g. Appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) members at the meeting in September.
  - h. Will be the second signature on all Club bank accounts.
2. Vice President
  - a. Shall officiate in the absence of the President
  - b. Assume the office of President
  - c. Cooperate with and assist the President in promoting the welfare of the Club

3. Secretary
  - a. Keep accurate minutes of all meeting and preserve same.
  - b. Carry on all Club correspondence except frequency coordination and Club amateur radio license document
  
4. Treasurer
  - a. Shall receive and keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures of Club monies.
  - b. Pay all bills as ordered by the membership or Executive Board
  - c. Shall be responsible for all Club monies in his/her care.
  - d. Coordinate and manage the preparation of the Club's annual tax returns.
  
5. Trustees
  - a. Shall be custodians for all Club property.
  - b. Maintain a current Club inventory.
  - c. Make recommendations based on inventories and condition of all Club assets for insurance coverage.

### **ARTICLE III – MEETINGS**

#### **Section A.**

Regular Club meetings will be held monthly, the date and time to be established at the annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV – INDEMNITY**

#### **Section A. Indemnification of Officers**

The Club shall indemnify and save harmless any Officer of said Club from and against any claims or liabilities (including reasonable attorney fees) and any judgment, decree, fine or penalties imposed on him/her for any act or omission committed or incurred while acting as such, reimburse him/her for all legal and other expenses reasonable incurred by him/her in defense thereof at such times and upon such terms as provided by governing law; provided that there shall be no obligation to reimburse, partially or wholly, such person for claims or liabilities determined by a court, to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

The Club may purchase and maintain at its own expense one or more policies of insurance to protect itself and to protect any officer, employee, or agent of the Club or of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any expense, liability, or loss incurred by such person in such capacity, whether or not the Club would have the authority to indemnify such person against any such expense, liability, or loss under the Article or under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

### Section A. Amendments to the By-Laws

1. When it is deemed necessary to amend these By-Laws, amendments may be proposed in writing by any Full member at any regular meeting. The amendment must be presented and advertised in its final form at least one (1) month in advance of the final meeting designated for voting on it. A two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of full members present at the meeting called for the vote shall be required for adoption of the amendment.