

Dickson County Amateur Radio Club

BYLAWS (rev 2001)

Officers:

- (1) The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.
- (2) The officers shall have a term of one year. The President shall not serve successive terms.
- (3) The Vice President shall occupy the office of the President during the President's absence and/or resignation for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (4) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the keeper of the Club roster, Club meeting minutes, and Club funds.
- (5) Election of all officers shall be held at the first meeting in May of each year. This will not preclude elections to fill interim vacancies.
- (6) Club officers are authorized to send flowers or make other donations, not to exceed \$50.00*, when notified of a death of a member, or his/her immediate family. This includes Club members, spouse of members, children of members and parents of members and/or spouse. (* the original limit was \$40.00 dollars, but the amount was raised due to inflation).

Meetings

- (1) The Dickson County Amateur Radio Club shall meet monthly, on the second Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise specified.
- (2) The first order of business, at each meeting, shall be the reading of the last meeting's minutes, and a public accounting of the Club funds, expenditures, and balances by the secretary-treasurer.

Membership Requirements

- (1) Any licensed amateur radio operator, or holder of a valid CSCE, who qualifies for a license, may make application to the DCARC for membership and acceptance to the Club. New members will be accepted if the person's application is approved by a majority vote, by those members present.
- (2) In the original by-laws, members voting on a new membership application was done by secret ballot. Please note the change here. Acceptance on new members will not be done by secret ballot, but by majority vote. Exception.

If, and only if, a Club member present wishes to make a motion, and is seconded, to have a secret ballot, will one be enacted.

(3) Continuing membership in the Club is contingent upon the active member meeting one of the following requirements within each 120 day period:

(A) Attending one Club meeting in the period.

(B) Checking in with a Club net, if the Club has one active, at least one time during the period. Telephone check-ins do not count.

(C) Participation in at least one Club function: ARES and/or SKYWARN activity, either actual or simulated, picnic and/or Christmas Party, Operation Goblin, Field Day, or any training program, such as a SKYWARN class, or help with VE sessions. This also includes any function that the Club votes to participate in.

(4) Work schedules, sickness of a member and/or his/her family member, or active military service shall exempt a member from the attendance and participation requirements. Other reasons may be accepted, if a majority of the Club votes to accept the hardship.

(5) Termination of Club membership requires two-thirds majority vote of those members present. This will be done by secret ballot.

(6) No member shall be subject to an assessment. This does not apply to Club dues if implemented by a two-thirds majority of the Club members who are present and voting at a regular or called meeting.

(7) No member or members shall represent themselves as Dickson County Amateur Radio Club members unless authorized by a majority vote of the Club.

(8) No member or members shall obligate the Dickson County Amateur Radio Club to participate or finance any outside activity unless authorized by a majority vote of the Club.

(9) Club members are asked to monitor chosen emergency frequencies, as determined by members who may be participating in an ARES, SKYWARN, or other emergency communication situation, during possible Club activation. Please check with the Standard Operation Procedure, if one is available, to get frequency lists.

(10) When amendments are made on Dickson County Amateur Radio Club by-laws, they must be approved by a majority Club vote. After approval, a copy must be provided to all Club members, or anyone wishing a copy. Changes to current by-laws, and/or discussions, can be made on a needed basis, by authority of a Club majority vote.

(11) If the Club has access to an Internet website, or web page, the Web Master is in charge of additions or deletions to that page. No addition to the page can be posted unless a majority of Club members vote to do so, and with the approval of the web master.

Levels of Membership

(1) There will be three levels of membership in the Dickson County Amateur Radio Club: Full, Associate, and Honorary.

Full Membership: Full membership are for those members who meet the Club requirements for attendance and participation, or has been exempted due to legitimate reasons, voted on and passed by the Club. Full membership provides full voting rights on Club decisions to the individual. Official rosters of those who have Full Membership can be made available, by paper or Internet access.

Associate Membership: Associate membership may apply to those who, for some reason, cannot meet the Club requirements and participation by-law. Also, this may apply to individuals who have an interest in ham radio, but does not yet have a license or CSCE. Also, this may apply to family members of an individual, who has Full Membership, that does not have a license or CSCE, the opportunity to participate in Club activities. Associate Members do not have voting rights on Club decisions.

Honorary Membership: Honorary Membership in the DCARC are for those who have an interest, or participation, in Club or communication activities, especially in the emergency communications sector. For example, the Mayor of a local town, Chief of Police, Sheriff, or Emergency Management Head, made apply for Honorary Membership. The license and/or CSCE requirement is waived, along with participation and attendance requirements. This will be with the majority vote of Club members present when the application is made. Honorary Members do not have voting rights on Club matters.

Club Acquisitions and Property

(1) A majority vote of the attending members shall be required to purchase

Club property, such as Field Day supplies, amateur radio gear, equipment, etc.

(2) If, for some reason, the Dickson County Amateur Radio Club should disband, all Club property shall be auctioned off to the highest bidder, the proceeds shall be donated to an organization agreed upon at the time the ceases to exist by a majority vote of members present.