

Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1164
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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME:

The name of this organization shall be: “Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE:

This is a non-profit organization of dedicated, licensed amateur operators serving the public and fellow amateurs by assisting in emergencies, traffic handling, facilitating of contacts, learning about the field of electronics, and advancing the state of the art through research.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1 – All persons interested in the purposes set forth in Article II, and with the willingness to contribute their efforts to the fulfillment of these aims, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2 – MEMBERSHIP, VOTING

Any licensed amateur is eligible for voting membership. The candidate for membership must attend one club meeting and pay his or her annual dues in advance to become a member. Membership shall be subject to board approval at its next meeting.

Section 3 – FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

When more than one licensed amateur in a household applies for membership, the dues for the second, or any additional members, shall be ½ the current annual dues.

Section 4 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, NON-VOTING

An associate member may be any person interested in amateur radio. Dues shall be ½ the annual rate, with additional family members at ¼ the annual rate.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall set the annual dues rate each year.

Section 2 – The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31. Dues shall be payable at the first general meeting in January. Members delinquent as of March 31 shall lose voting and office-holding privileges. The member shall be reinstated upon payment of current dues.

Section 3 – PRORATED DUES

Any candidate for full membership (licensed amateurs only) joining on or after June 1st, shall pay at ½ the annual rate, with family members at ¼ the annual rate, with their full dues coming due at the first meeting in January.

Section 4 – OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 5 – ELECTION

Election of officers shall be by secret ballot of the members present at the first meeting of the general membership in January. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be elected. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted at this meeting.

Section 6 – REMOVAL

Any officer or agent elected by the members, or appointed by the Board of Directors, may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its best judgment the best interest of the club would be served thereby.

Section 7 – DUTIES

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, shall serve automatically as a member of the Board of Directors, and have the general supervision of the affairs of the club. The President shall be the chief administrative officer and he/she or the Vice President, or the Secretary, or the Treasurer, shall sign all checks, bonds, mortgages, deeds and evidence of club property and such instruments as may be required by resolution of the Board.
- B. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President in the absence or inability to act of the President or when directed by the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and

have authority to sign all documents as mentioned in Section A.

- C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of membership and Board meetings: Shall see that all notices are given or required by these bylaws or as directed by the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as a member of the Board with authority to sign all documents as mentioned in Section A. He/she shall be the custodian of the club records, keep a register of club members, with addresses and telephone numbers and perform such duties as shall be assigned by the President or the Board.
- D. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and responsibility for, the funds of the club. He/she shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and have authority to sign all documents mentioned in Section A. He/she shall receive money and/or property and give receipts for same. Money shall be deposited in the name of the club in such bank, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these by-laws, and in general perform such duties as may be required by the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – GENERAL POWERS

The business and affairs of the club shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

Section 2 – THE NUMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE NINE

Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting for the election of officers and directors and until his successor shall have been elected. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be board members upon their election to office. The immediate past president shall serve as a board member during the ensuing year following his/her term.

Section 3 – MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the general meeting of the club each month. Meeting shall be announced in advance by telephone to board members and “on the air QSTs”. All actions by the board shall be announced in the “Bulletin” (club news paper) and reported by a board member at the next general club meeting. Any club member holding full membership may attend and speak at any board meeting. Voting at board meetings is restricted to board members.

Section 4 – QUORUM

At any board meeting shall be five, and the majority of those present shall decide any question before the board.

Section 5 – ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors shall nominate at least one person for each of the four offices of the club at least two months prior to the election. Vacancies in offices occurring for any cause shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term. Vacancies of elected board members shall be filled by the President for the unexpired term.

Elections to the board shall be at the first meeting of the club membership in January of each calendar year. Nominations for the four elective positions on the Board of Directors shall be from the floor, and elections shall be by ballot.

Section 6 – ACTION BY COMMON CONSENT

Any action of the board although not at a regularly called meeting, and the record thereof, if assented to by a majority of the board, shall be as valid and effective in all respects as if passed by the board at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The membership meetings of the club shall be on a regularly scheduled night, depending on the availability of a suitable meeting place. The time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to the members in advance via “on the air QSTs” and in the bulletin when possible. The purpose of general membership meeting shall be:

1. To hear a brief but complete report of actions of the Board of Directors.
2. Fellowship with fellow amateurs.
3. To receive such programs as have been prepared for the meeting.
4. Any other activity designed to enhance the amateurs’ knowledge of, and the enjoyment of amateur radio.

ARTICLE VII – RULES OF ORDER

The officers may be guided by, but are not bound to use the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order, in the conduct of the meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1 – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any general membership meeting following a general membership meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) is/are read to the membership. A bylaw change shall require a 2/3 majority of those voting members present at the meeting for passage.

Section 2 – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution or termination of this organization for any cause, all monies, properties, holdings or assets of any kind or nature, after payment or debts and obligations of the organization, shall automatically vest in the Amateur Radio Relay League, Newington, Connecticut. This provision of these bylaws may not be changed in any particular, other than to designate a different non-profit organization as the ultimate recipient herewith.

APPROVED: Board of Directors
Executive Session
03-22-1991