

**Bristol County Repeater Association, Inc.**  
a/k/a  
**Fall River Amateur Radio Club**

**By-Laws**

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Bristol County Repeater Association is dedicated to promoting the Art and Science of Amateur Radio through Public Safety, Public Service, Education, Emergency Communications, and just plain fun!

1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of the association shall be the “Bristol County Repeater Association, Incorporated” a/k/a the Fall River Amateur Radio Club.

1.2 The terms “association” and “club” shall be interchangeable.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Membership is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. Membership includes all club privileges as well as the right to vote and hold club office.

2.2 Application for membership shall be submitted and voted upon at any business meeting.

2.3 A member is considered to be in good standing when all current dues are paid.

2.4 Membership can be terminated by the Board of Directors for good cause.

3.0 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

3.1 The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director at Large, and one Trustee for each FCC license held by the club. The assembly of officers will constitute the Board of Directors.

3.2 In order to hold office and remain in office, an individual must be a member in good standing. An individual may hold only one office, trustee position or director position in the club at any one time.

- 3.3 The President shall conduct periodic business meetings and take charge of any situation that affects the club.
- 3.4 The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unavailable. The Vice-President shall assist the other officers as requested.
- 3.5 The Secretary shall take and maintain the minutes of every business meeting and attend to official correspondence. The secretary shall also keep records and file any legal forms for the corporation.
- 3.6 The Treasurer shall have custody of the club finances as well as the following duties: Present a financial report at each meeting, notify members in advance when their membership is about to expire, maintain a record of all paid up members, and pay all authorized expenses in due course.
- 3.7 The Director at Large has no specific regular duties, but does provide input during Board of Directors meetings, and is considered a tie-breaker on Board votes when applicable.
- 3.8 The duties of the Board of Directors shall include compliance with the corporate charter and by-laws, as well as other legal requirements.
- 3.9 Trustee(s) shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The Trustee appointment will remain in effect indefinitely, or until a new Trustee has been appointed by the President.
- 3.10 The Trustee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with all FCC rules and regulations involving the club call sign(s).
- 3.11 Election of officers for the ensuing year shall be accomplished at the annual business meeting.
- 3.12 Officers and Directors shall have a term of office of one year effective January 1st.
- 3.13 In the event of the resignation, or removal, of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President and a special election shall be held to fill the office of the Vice-President. In the event of resignation or removal of any other officer, a special election shall be conducted to fill the vacancy. Notice of any special election shall be sent to every member in good standing at least twenty one days prior to the date of the business meeting at which the special election will be conducted. This can be US Mail or by appropriate electronic means as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 3.14 Any officer may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the quorum present at any business meeting provided the notice of proposed recall has been sent to every member in good standing at least twenty one days in advance of the date of the meeting at which the vote is taken.

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#### 4.0 MEETINGS

4.1 Club business meetings shall be conducted periodically as agreed upon by the membership. The date, time and location shall be announced by the club President.

4.2 Either the President or the Vice-President must be present at the business meeting or the meeting shall be rescheduled. The only exception to this is if the President has authorized either the Secretary or the Treasurer to conduct the meeting.

4.3 Fifteen percent of the membership being present at a business meeting, or 5 members, shall constitute a quorum, whichever is higher.

4.4 By-laws shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a business meeting providing that the substance of the proposed change has been included in the notice of the meeting mailed to the membership at least twenty-one days prior to the date the meeting is held. This can be US Mail or by appropriate electronic means as determined by the Board of Directors.

4.5 All business meetings shall be conducted in a fair, common sense, parliamentary manner that is conducive to facilitating club business.

4.6 The December business meeting shall be the annual meeting.

#### 5.0 DUES

5.1 Dues shall be payable at a rate and schedule set from time to time by the membership. Any member whose dues have lapsed for twelve months or more must apply for new membership.

#### 6.0 COMMITTEES

6.1 The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of 1, or more, members to be named no later than two months before the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting. All nominees must declare their willingness to serve prior to being placed on the ballot.

6.2 The President shall appoint other committees from time to time as required.