

JARC
Jackson Amateur Radio Club
“CONSTITUTION”

PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, hereunder referred to as “the Club”, and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio within the area.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The Officers of this club shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Activities Manager.

Section 2. The Officers of this club shall be nominated as set forth in section 4 of the By-Laws. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the full members present at the annual meeting in January. A candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election from a ballot prepared by the annual election nominating committee, at the first regular meeting at which the vacancy is announced.

Section 4. Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the full members.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section 1. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Executive Committee, and shall appoint committees as the need for them arises.

Section 2. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall assume the office of President in the absence of the President, perform duties of public relations, and keep current the Club History Book.

Section 3. The SECRETARY-TREASURER shall keep all records of the club, receive applications for membership, maintain a roster of membership, process all correspondence relating to the club including meeting notices, receive all monies for the Club and pay such bills as voted by the club.

Section 4. The ACTIVITIES MANAGER shall schedule and provide for the supervision of all activities engaged in as a club, and shall assume the office of the President in the absence of the President and Vice President.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS:

Section 1. The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. The Full members present at the meeting, shall constitute the authority for the transaction of proposed business, by majority vote. If there is a tie in voting, then the decision will be voted on a second time, by secret ballot. If after the second time it is still a tie, then the proposed motion does not carry.

ARTICLE V.

DUES:

Section 1. The Jackson Amateur Radio Club, by majority vote of the Full members present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Club within its object as set forth in the preamble thereof, except as provided for under section 3, paragraphs 2 and 4, of the By-Laws. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion and/or suspension from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VI.

AMATEUR ASSISTANCE:

Section 1. The Club, through designated INTERFERENCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, and OPERATING COMMITTEES, will provide technical advice to any amateur concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations. The Club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Section 2. Specialized activity requiring considerable funding and is not of particular interest to the membership as a whole, may be carried on by Club members as a Club Group under Club sanction, provided no Club Treasury funds are required and responsible control over Club assets is stipulated and maintained.

ARTICLE VII.

RULE:

Section 1. Roberts Rules shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1. This Constitution, or By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Full members present at a regular Club meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at a specified meeting.

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"BY-LAWS"

Section 1. SECRETARY: It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to keep the CONSTITUTION and the BY-LAWS of the Club and have the same with them at every regular and special meeting. They shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP: A candidate for membership, if physically able to appear person at any regular meeting, shall be presented as a candidate by any Full member in good standing, who shall give an outline of the candidate's qualifications.

The candidate shall present to the Secretary-Treasurer, before the next regular meeting, and application form properly filled out.

At the next regular meeting, a secret ballot on the membership shall be taken and the candidate shall be duly elected upon a two-thirds approval of the Full members present and voting, where-by Club dues will be collected according to Section 5 of these By-Laws. Individual applications will be acted upon separately.

A member charged with conduct unbecoming a member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote by secret ballot at any regular meeting, provided:

- A. Formal charges were brought by any member.
- B. The Executive Committee has investigated and has sustained such charges, and
- C. The accused has been given the opportunity to present a statement which shall be read before the vote is taken.

Section 3. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. **FULL MEMBER:** A member holding or has held any valid amateur radio license. They are. Entitled to one vote in the transaction of business, may hold any office, or be appointed to any committee
2. Any holder of an amateur radio operator's license who is under the age of 18, and who's Mother or Father or Legal Guardian, is a Full member in good standing with the Club, May, upon application and election be eligible for Full membership with all rights and privileges, without the payment of dues.
3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Any person interested in amateur radio. They may be heard in the discussion of any club business, may serve on appointed committees but not hold an elective office, or vote on Club issues.
4. Any spouse, or children under the age of 18, of a Full member in good standing with the Club, who do not possess an amateur radio operator's license, may, upon application and election, be eligible for Associate membership without the payment of dues.

Section 4. *NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:* Officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three Full members appointed by the President at the December regular meeting. A tenure in office shall be limited to a maximum of (2) consecutive years. Only Full members may hold an elected office.

In the event that no other members can be secured to hold an office, these By-Laws shall provide for the tenure to exceed 2 years. However, a reasonable effort shall be made by the Nominating Committee to select new officers, with regard to the tenure, with election procedures being governed by them. All members shall be welcome to approach the Nominating Committee with their candidate preferences, or to announce their own desire to run for an office...

Section 5. *DUES:* Each member (FULL & ASSOCIATE) shall be assessed annual dues which shall be determined by the majority (at least 51%) of the active FULL MEMBERS present at the time of the vote. Such dues and fees may be waived at the discretion of the FULL MEMBERS (at least 51%) and is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V. of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses.

Regular Club dues are due annually at the January regular meeting, and mid year new member dues will be prorated up to the next regular January Club meeting.

Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion and/or suspension from the Club within the discretion of the membership. Full membership and continuity can be restored with the payment of the annual dues for that year.

Section 6. *EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:* The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Club and the immediate Past President.

Section 7. *POLICY:* It shall be the policy of the Club to support the American Radio Relay League. This shall be expressed by affiliation therewith and participation in the activities thereof.

Section 8. *MEETINGS:* Regular monthly meetings shall be held on such day, time and place as the President shall order. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any three Full members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive 24 hours before the meeting time.

Section 9. *COMMITTEES:* Committees shall be appointed by the President as the need arises. The first named member being the chairman.

Section 10. *ORDER OF BUSINESS:* At the regular meeting of the Club, the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Roll Call (optional)
2. Reading and approval of minutes of the last meeting.
3. Membership applications, resignations, etc.
4. Financial reports.
5. Elections.
6. Board and committee reports.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment to technical, training, entertainment or other programs arranged by appropriate committees.