

CONSTITUTION

SOUTH LYON AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

PREAMBLE

In order to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we do hereby constitute ourselves the SOUTH LYON AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and do enact this constitution as our governing law. The SOUTH LYON AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (also known as SLAARC) shall be constituted as a non-profit corporation in the State of Michigan. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct Club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the general community, and in the public interest. Guided by Paul M. Segal W9EEA, author of "The Amateur Code of 1928", the SLAARC member is Considerate...never knowingly behaves in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of other SLAARC members and guests. SLAARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and will abide by the purpose and goals of that organization.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1 All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2 Membership process and privileges shall be defined in the Bylaws. Membership shall consist of four (4) classes:
1. Life Membership
 2. Individual Membership
 3. Family Membership
 4. Associate Membership
- Sec. 3 A Motion For Removal of a Club Member from the Club may be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the written Motion For Removal and vote on the need for a Special Club Meeting. Upon an affirmative vote to convene a Special Club Meeting by the Board, all current voting members must be notified by electronic mail (or in writing if a member does not have an email address) of the motion to remove the Club Member prior to the Special Club Meeting. A Club Member may be removed from the Club with a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favor of the motion, provided a quorum exists.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Sec. 1 The Board of Directors of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and member at large; elected from the voting members of the club. These Directors shall also be the board of directors of the SLAARC non-profit Corporation and the President shall be the Chairman of the Board.
- Sec. 2 The President, Secretary, Vice President, and Treasurer will be elected for two-year terms. The Member at Large will be elected annually. The election will take place at the Annual Club Membership Meeting. Election cycles will alternate, with the President and Secretary elected in even years and the Vice President and Treasurer in odd years.

If during a two-year term, a board member resigns, is removed from the position, or transitions to another role mid-term, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy. The individual elected will serve the remainder of the current term until the next scheduled general election for the position.

- Sec. 3 The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the Club's activities and generally supervise the affairs of the Club.
- Sec. 4 Director vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election at a Special Club Meeting after the vacancy is announced.
- Sec. 5 The Board of Directors shall meet as needed. Any three members of the Board of Directors may call a Board of Directors Meeting providing a seven-day notice is given to all members. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of those present shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the Board. Club members may attend Board of Directors Meetings and make comments but may not vote.
- Sec. 6 A motion for removal of an individual Director from office may be submitted in writing by a club member at any Club Meeting and shall not be voted on until the next Special Club Meeting. All current voting members must be notified by electronic mail (or in writing if a member does not have an email address) of the motion to remove the Director prior to the next Special Club Meeting. A Director may be removed from office with a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favor of the motion, provided a quorum exists. A Director so removed shall not be eligible for any nomination in the current calendar year.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

- Sec. 1 The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all Board of Director and other Club Meetings. The Chairman of the Board shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws, decide all questions of order, and sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club.
- Sec. 2 The Vice President shall assist the President and assume all duties of the Presidency in the absence of the President.
- Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings and attendance of Club Board of Directors Meetings, determine if a quorum exists, and carry on all business correspondence. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and Bylaws of the SLAARC and have a copy at every Club Meeting.
- Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall:
- 1) Receive all monies paid to the Club, pay all authorized expenses, and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization from the Board of Directors.
 - 2) Make a quarterly report to the membership, with an itemized statement of disbursements, receipts, and bank balance for the current period and year-to-date totals.
 - 3) Coordinate the transfer of the Club checking account authorized signatures (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer).
 - 4) Maintain the official record of membership and at least once a quarter publish this record as the Club roster.
- Sec. 5 The Member at Large shall represent the club membership as a whole.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 1 Upon a successful motion from the membership or at the discretion of the Board of Directors, this Constitution shall be reviewed, and revised if needed, by a Review Committee made up of the Board.
- Sec. 2 The Review Committee’s recommended amendments shall be submitted to all members by electronic mail (or in writing if a member does not have an email address) of the intent to amend the Constitution. At a Special Club Meeting, the adoption of the proposed revisions require a minimum two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, provided a quorum exists.

ARTICLE V

DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

- Sec. 1 A motion to dissolve the Club must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. A Special Club Meeting will be called in no less than 30 days provided all members have been notified by electronic mail (or in writing if a member does not have an email address) of the intent to dissolve the Club at the Special Club Meeting. Adoption of the motion shall require a minimum of three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote of all voting members.
- Sec. 2 Upon dissolution of the SLAARC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to the State or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the SLAARC is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

END OF CONSTITUTION

CLUB CHARTER	05/27/1973
REVISED AND APPROVED	08/08/1993
REVISED AND APPROVED	11/20/1994
REVISED AND APPROVED	08/14/2005
REVISED AND APPROVED	04/11/2010
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