

CONSTITUTION OF THE SABINE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE AND NAME

In order to secure the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, the Sabine Valley Amateur Radio Association, a non-profit organization herein referred to as the Club, is hereby constituted and this Constitution enacted as our governing law. It shall be the purpose to encourage further exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, to foster both fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct Club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

The objectives for which this Club is organized are the following:

1. To render a public service to government agencies during emergency situations and to assist in disaster relief operation and other community functions.
2. To unite the amateur radio operations of this area for the purpose of effectively exerting a combined influence upon matters pertaining to amateur radio operation.
3. To promote good operating procedures and the exchange of technical information and assistance.
4. To stimulate adherence to a code of ethics, both written and understood.
5. To admonish members to comply with the existing Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations.
6. To be an influence to new amateur operations in the area.
7. To promote good will and fellowship among the members.
8. To further the art of electronics.
9. To encourage prospective members to participate in Amateur Radio.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of the Club, a person who is eligible must fill out an application, as provided by the Secretary, and make payment of dues to the Treasurer. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and other rules adopted by the Club. Membership classification shall be: Full Membership; Associate Membership; Charter Membership; Honorary Membership; and Family Membership. Membership shall not be refused of any person on the basis of race, color or religion.

Local area Amateur Radio Clubs may be designated as Fraternal Clubs, as provided for in the Bylaws. All Fraternal Club members shall be non-voting members of the Club.

ARTICLE III AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated with and actively be involved with :

1. The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL).
2. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).
3. Any other organization approved by a majority membership vote.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The Officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by secret ballot of the members.

SECTION 3. Officers may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the membership, as determined by the Club Bylaws.

**ARTICLE V
TRUSTEE AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

The positions of Trustee and Technical Advisor shall be defined and filled as determined by the Club Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee and Technical Advisor. The Executive Committee may conduct emergency business as determined by the Club Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII
EXPULSION AND TERMINATION**

Section 1. Members of the Club may be expelled in accordance with such procedures as stated in the Bylaws for violation of this Constitution, or for other conduct which tends to cause discredit upon the Club or Amateur Radio as a whole.

Section 2. Any member of the Club may resign his membership in accordance with such procedures as stated in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS**

The Bylaws shall provide for Regular and Special meetings of the Club. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the Club membership, or a minimum of five total, with at least two officers present.

**ARTICLE IX
CLUB OWNERSHIP RIGHTS**

The Club shall have the privilege of owning property, both real and personal, and the right to buy and sell such property of the Club, as defined by the Club Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X
PRIVATE BENEFIT**

No part of the Club's Assets shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons.

**ARTICLE XI
CLUB STATION RIGHTS**

The Club shall have the expressed right to establish and maintain Club Stations and to establish operating procedures within the privileges granted by the FCC.

**ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and the Club Bylaws shall be amended in the following manner:

1. Any proposed amendment shall be presented for approval at a Regular or Special Club meeting.
2. Proposed amendments approved by a majority vote of members present at a Regular or Special Club meeting will be submitted to the entire membership for a vote.
3. The Secretary shall mail or email proposed amendments in the form of a voting ballot to the entire membership.
4. The deadline date for the return of the ballots to the Secretary will be plainly indicated and must be at least five days prior to the next Regular meeting. Ballots shall also be accepted at the meeting.
5. The Executive Committee will open the ballots and determine the result of the vote.
6. If approved by at least 2/3 of the votes cast, the proposed amendment becomes effective immediately.

**ARTICLE XIII
CLUB DISSOLUTION**

If Club activities cease and the Club is dissolved, any funds remaining in the Club Treasury or bank account shall be given to the American Red Cross, to be used in support of emergency preparedness. Any Club property, such as communications equipment, antennas, etc, shall be sold and the proceeds donated to the American Red Cross, to be used in support of emergency preparedness.

**ARTICLE XIV
RULES**

Robert's Rules of Order will govern all Club proceedings, as provided for in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XV
ADOPTION**

The Constitution and the Club Bylaws shall be effective upon its adoption by the membership of the Club, utilizing the procedure of ARTICLE XII.