

New Mexico Baptist Amateur Radio Club Bylaws

Article I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be called the New Mexico Baptist Amateur Radio Club.

Article II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the organization shall be as follows:

- To provide a Christ-centered opportunity for fellowship
- To provide a forum for members to increase their knowledge and skills
- To assist those who are interested in obtaining or upgrading their license
- To provide communications for Disaster Relief efforts
- To provide support to the community in times of need
- To help educate the public about amateur radio

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership: Membership is open to qualified individuals upon receipt of application, payment of appropriate dues, and approval by club officers.

Section 2. Classes of Membership: Members may be Full Members or Associate Members. A Full Member is a licensed amateur radio operator who has met the minimum requirements for deployment. An Associate Member is a person who does not qualify as a Full Member.

Section 3. Rights of Members: All members are invited to participate in club meetings, functions, and vote. Only active Full Members are eligible to run for office.

Section 4. Annual Dues:

- Full and Associate Membership - \$24
- Family Discount: Each additional family member desiring membership need pay only \$6. Family members residing at the same address as the full or associate member, including nonresident students who maintain legal residence at that address, qualify for the family discount.
- Student Discount: Students in grades K-12 and full-time college students will be discounted and need pay only \$15.

Section 5. Member Status: Categories of members are active and inactive. An inactive member is a member who has not attended any meetings or functions in three months. To regain active status, a member must participate in 3 functions in a 3 month period.

Article IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular Meetings: The New Mexico Baptist Amateur Radio Club will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. The time and date of any regularly scheduled meeting may be changed if notice of such is given to every club member.

Section 2. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held in conjunction with the Winter state-wide Disaster Relief Training event.

Section 3. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the members, for any purpose, may be called by the President at the request of not less than two-thirds of the active membership.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other offices may be added as deemed necessary or desirable by the membership with a simple majority vote of the active membership attending that meeting. When a simple majority is not achieved, then a run-off will occur between the two people with the highest vote count.

Section 2. Terms: The officers of the club shall be elected for a nominal term of one year by a simple majority vote of the active membership at the Annual meeting. The term of office of those elected shall run from the first day of the month following the election.

Section 3. Vacancies: Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election at a regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 4. Removal: Officers or members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the active membership attending the meeting.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of this club. He/She shall endeavor to carry out the mandates of the general membership. He/She shall appoint such committees as he/she shall consider expedient or necessary. He/She shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President. He/She shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. Whenever elected officers are absent, the President shall have the power to appoint acting officers for a particular meeting.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters of the club and shall act in the capacity of the President in circumstances where the President cannot be present. Also, the Vice-President shall have responsibility for the property inventory of the club. He/She will maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in ARES.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all club meetings and the membership roster up to date. He/She shall be responsible for all correspondence of the club including the reading of essential correspondence to the club and shall maintain all appropriate files of essential materials, including keeping the Constitution up to date and make available to those who request a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. If, and when, the club is affiliated with ARRL, the Secretary shall, at the beginning of their term of office, update the club information on the ARRL Club web page. He/She shall be responsible for the newsletter and notifications to members.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer will help maintain records of all funding and spending of the club and review records for approval by the club membership. He/She shall collect all monies due the club and issue receipts thereof. He/She shall place with a fiduciary agent all monies as specified by the elected officers.

Article VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations: Nominations may be made from the floor just prior to the election at the Annual business meeting.

Section 2. Elections: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual business meeting.

Article VIII. CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaws: The Bylaws shall become effective on the date of ratification. Ratification requires a two-thirds majority vote of club members voting in the ratification election at a regular club meeting.

Section 2. Amendments: Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws may be proposed in writing by club members at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the club and notice of such will be included in the monthly newsletter. Ratification of an amendment requires approval of two-thirds of the active club members present at the ratification meeting. Amendments shall become effective on the date of ratification.

This amended constitution will take the place of any and all constitutions and/or standing rules in effect on the date of ratification.

DATE OF RATIFICATION _____

PRESIDENT _____

VICE-PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

TREASURER _____