

Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

By-laws

Sec. 1 Expenditures of Funds:

- a. The Treasurer's responsibility is for all operating expenses. He/she may expend up to one hundred dollars [\$100.00] for this purpose.
- b. The Executive Committee may expend up to five hundred dollars [\$500.00] for extra ordinary repeater maintenance. Club expenses over Five hundred dollars [\$500.00] must be authorized by the membership.

Sec. 2 Dues:

- a. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31 with dues payable the first of the year.
- b. Dues shall be twenty-five dollars [\$25.00] per year for Regular Membership [Full Voting Rights].
- c. Dues shall be ten dollars [\$10.00] per year for Family Membership [Full Voting Rights].
- d. Dues shall be fifteen dollars [\$15.00] per year for Associate Membership [Non-voting].
- e. Dues shall be fifteen dollars [\$15.00] per year for Non-Resident Membership [Non-voting].
- f. For periods of less than one half [1/2] of the fiscal year, new members shall have their dues prorated at the following rates:
 1. Regular Members, twelve dollars and fifty cents [\$12.50].
 2. Family Members, five dollars [\$5.00].
 3. Associate Members, seven dollars and fifty cents [\$7.50]
 4. Non-Resident Members, seven dollars and fifty cents [\$7.50].

Sec. 3 New Membership:

- a. Membership Application
 1. Initial application for all types of membership shall be submitted in person in writing at a monthly meeting or any official club function.
 2. Renewal for all types of membership will be accepted at any monthly meeting or any official club function or by mail.
 3. Exceptions will be handled by request.
 4. Applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-laws and that will be promulgated from time to time by the club.
- b. Membership Termination
 1. A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice addressed to the club secretary.
 2. Membership shall be terminated for delinquent dues, i.e., dues 90 days, or more, past due. NOTE: Dues can be waived by a unanimous vote of the executive committee as special situations may warrant.
 3. Members who resign or whose membership is terminated shall be immediately relieved of all duties and rights of membership, and shall surrender all club property in their possession to the GSARC Trustee within 10 calendar days of resignation/termination.
 4. Any member may be terminated for just cause upon written petition of six [6] or more Regular or Family members. Such petition shall be presented to the executive committee. The executive committee after confirming the membership status of each petitioner and investigating the allegations, on which the petition is based, present a report to the membership at the next scheduled meeting. Such report shall contain all pertinent information which the executive committee has found and shall be accompanied by its recommendation for action by the membership at the next regular meeting and final decision shall be made by a two-thirds [2/3] vote of a quorum of members present.

Sec. 4 Meetings:

- a. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday night of each month except January and July.
- b. Installation of Officers shall be conducted at the banquet in January.
- c. Field Day exercises will be held on the last full weekend of June.
- d. Special Meetings may be called by the President at any time, or upon written request to the President of any five members of the club. Notices of Special Meetings shall be announced on the scheduled nets and to members who have provided their email address on the membership application, at least seventy-two [72] hours in advance. The announcement will include:
 1. Meeting place.
 2. Purpose of the meeting.

Sec. 5 Committees:

- a. Field Day Committee—Plans and coordinates the field day activities. The President will ask for a volunteer to Chair the event no later than the April meeting.
- b. Technical Committee—The committee will consist of the Chairman [Vice President], and the Trustee, plus any other members as needed.
- c. Nominating Committee—The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no fewer than three Regular members at the October meeting. The nominating committee shall bring a slate of candidates before the club at the November meeting. The slate shall consist of at least two qualified [Regular Members], consenting candidates for each of the established offices. In the event the committee cannot secure nominations of at least two members for each office, the slate as presented by the committee may be accepted. However, if the member's present feel there is a need for additional nominations, the November meeting may be adjourned to continue at a later date upon approval. Other nominations shall also be accepted from the floor only at the November meeting. The nominee's names will be announced in the November newsletter. The club election will take place at the December meeting by secret ballot. The nominating committee shall tally the votes.
- d. Special Work Committee As deemed necessary by the membership.
- e. Education Chair:

Chairperson of this committee will consist of a regular member in good standing. Chairperson's primary responsibility is to develop and implement an education program from which members may advance in the amateur radio hobby (whether it be licensing, upgrades or learning new skills etc.). Education Chairperson may build a team drawn from amateur operators (members and non members) to accomplish this task as he or she deems necessary.

Chairperson of this committee will also act as judge of worthiness of applicants petitioning the committee for financial assistance related to education programs that require it. (ex. ARRL EmComm courses)

Chairperson will act as liaison between schools (Middle, High and College) that may be interested in developing a partnership with the club. Committee shall have an annual budget approved by the board. For which it may use for education materials, equipment and grants. Additional funds may be requested and must be approved by membership at a regular business meeting providing a quorum is present.

Education materials shall only be available to members and their family. Nonmembers may participate in courses, but must pay cost of materials used.

Sec. 6 Newsletter Content:

Items submitted to the newsletter will be for the benefit of the membership and if for profit item or article must be from a current member. Non members who wish to submit items for profit will be charged a nominal fee to help offset newsletter expense.

Sec. 7 Maintenance of the Constitution and By-laws:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and permit the same to the members on request.

Sec. 8 Dissolution:

If for any reason this eleemosynary corporation is dissolved, none of the assets will be returned to the donors. All remaining assets after liquidation and satisfaction of any indebtedness will be distributed to the American Radio Relay League or other tax exempt organization under IRS and South Carolina Tax Rules and Regulations, as designated and determined by the officers at the time of dissolution.

The current Membership accepted on March 3, 2008.