

EL DORADO COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BY-LAWS

(AMENDED SEPTEMBER 28, 2006)

Article I
(Name)

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club, herein referred to as EDCARC or Club.

Article II
(Object and Purpose)

Section 1a.

The purpose of the EDCARC shall be to advance and promote the interest of Amateur Radio for its members and for the community.

Section 1b.

The objective of the EDCARC shall be to serve the community within its capacity.

Article III
(Governing Body)

Section 1a.

A Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, shall be elected by the membership in accordance with these By-laws. The Board shall consist of four (4) officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and four (4) Directors at large. The immediate past President shall also serve as a Board Member. (REVISION APPROVED 2-22-2000)

Section 1b.

Collectively the Board shall constitute the governing body with full power to direct the workings of the EDCARC.

Section 2a.

The term of office shall be one (1) year. No officer may hold the same office for more than two (2) years in succession.

Section 2b.

The term of office of Secretary and Treasurer shall not be subject to the limits as set forth in the above section.

Section 3a.

Should the office of President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the Presidency.

Section 3b.

Should a vacancy occur in any other office for any reason, the office shall be declared vacant by a vote of the Board. The President, with approval of the Board, shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the vacancy.

Section 3c.

If any officer fails to attend three (3) consecutive scheduled Board meetings without reasonable cause, the Board shall have the power to declare the position vacant.

Section 3d.

If any Board member fails to execute those duties customarily associated with his/her office, that officer may be recalled from his/her elected office by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership in attendance at any regular Club meeting. Cause for recall may be:

- (1) Failure to perform the duties of the office to which he/she was elected.
- (2) Actions not compatible with the objective and purpose of this club.
- (3) Flagrant disrespect for and non-compliance with rules and regulations as set forth in Section 47 of the Code of Federal Registry (CFR), Part 97.

Section 4a.

The Board shall offer the recall subject an opportunity to appear before the Board in his/her own defense.

Section 4b.

In pursuit of a recall, the Board shall cause to be prepared a brief containing the major aspects of the recall motion.

Section 4c.

Before any recall vote can be taken, contents of the brief shall be read at the next regular Club meeting. The vote of the general membership shall be taken at the following regular club meeting.

Section 5a.

It shall be the duty of the President and/or Vice President to preside over the Board meetings and to call emergency meetings when necessary or at the request of two (2) Board members.

Section 5b.

The Board shall meet at least once prior to general membership meetings at a time and place acceptable to Board members.

Section 5c.

All Board members shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of any special meetings called.

Section 5d.

A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall consist of five (5) or more Board members and a majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before the Board.

Section 5e.

Board meetings shall be open to all members in good standing and members will be allowed to present their input under New Business.

Article IV
(Duties)

Section 1.

The President shall act as the Executive Officer and shall preside over all meetings of the members of the Board. He/she shall have general supervision of and responsibility for all the activities of the Club. The President shall have such other powers and duties as may properly belong to his/her office or as shall be prescribed by the Board. He/she shall appoint all standing and special committees, except as provided herein. Such appointments shall be concurrent with the term of the President.

Section 2.

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall preside over all meetings of the EDCARC and perform other duties that pertain to this office, or which may be assigned to him/her by the President. The Vice President will be in charge of providing programs for the general membership meetings.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep a record of minutes of all meetings of the Board and Club meetings, recording therein the time and place of the meeting, the names and call signs of those present at the meetings and the proceedings thereof. He/she shall set up a sign-in register for members and visitors at general meetings; shall certify and keep the original or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date; keep a Membership book containing the name, address and phone number of each member.

He/she responsible for the safekeeping of all records belonging to the Club; shall issue all Notices for Dues and Assessments. When a membership has been terminated, the Secretary shall record such facts in the record together with the date on which the membership ceased and reasons therefore. The Secretary shall have such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors shall, from time to time, prescribe.
Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the EDCARC and maintain and deposit all such funds in such bank(s) as shall be selected by the Board; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the EDCARC; disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the EDCARC as may be directed by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; keep and maintain adequate and accurate records of the property and business transactions, including accounts of its liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. He/she shall exhibit at all club meetings, the books of account and financial records of the EDCARC pertaining to the related interest. He/she shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the financial statements to be included in the annual report to the general membership. He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by the By-laws or assigned by the Board.

Section 5.

The Board members shall support the Objective and Purpose of the Club. The Board members shall attend meetings of the members and of the Board. The Board members, along with the Club Officers, shall constitute the governing body of the club. They shall participate in decision-making that relates to the administrative, financial, legal and business operation of the Club and enforcement of the By-laws. Each Board member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted. (REVISION APPROVED 2-22-2000)

Article V
(Membership)

Section 1a.

The membership of the EDCARC shall be based on an interest in the furthering of Amateur Radio,

Public Service and operation of their equipment according to FCC Rules and Regulations as set forth in Part 97.

Section 1b.

Membership in the EDCARC is subject to approval by a vote of at least five (5) members of the Board. Prospective members must attend two club meetings within a 6 month period. If there is any reason for denial of a prospective membership, reason or reasons must be submitted to the Board for evaluation.

Section 2.

A member in good standing shall have a paid up membership card and be free of all financial obligations and indebtedness to the EDCARC.

Section 3a.

A current Amateur license of any class is required for full membership in the EDCARC.

Section 3b.

Each full member shall have one (1) vote.

Section 3c.

Any licensed family member, residing at the same address as a full member, is entitled to full membership privileges for half the membership dues. (Revised and Approved 10-25-1990)

Section 4a.

Any person interested in Amateur Radio, but not holding a current Amateur Radio license, shall be entitled to an Associate membership with approval of the Board.

Section 4b.

An Associate Member may not hold office, vote or offer nominations.

Section 5.

Honorary Life Membership in the EDCARC may be awarded to a distinguished member by resolution of the Board and two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any regular meeting of the EDCARC.

Section 6a.

Any member or members, having reason to believe another member should be suspended from membership, must submit the charge or charges in writing to Board. The member in question shall be given the opportunity to appear before the Board in

his/her own behalf. Upon recommendation of the Board and concurred by a vote of at least two thirds (2 / 3) of the membership present at a regular meeting, that member shall be suspended and lose all rights of membership.

Section 6b.

Any member of the EDCARC may be suspended from membership for actions not compatible with the Objective and purpose of the EDCARC and/or flagrant disrespect for and continued violation of Section 47 CRF, part 97.

Article VI
(Dues)

Section 1a.

Annual dues shall be due on January 1 and will be in arrears as of March 1.

Section 1b.

Any member whose dues are delinquent as of March 1 shall have his/her membership terminated.

Section 1c.

Any terminated membership shall be re-instated upon payment of annual dues within the current year.

Section 2.

Dues will be pro-rated for new members after July 1st.

Section 3.

The Board may, upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of members thereof, propose and recommend a special assessment to be imposed on the membership. Said special assessment shall not be due and payable until such time as it is approved by two thirds (2/3) of the membership present at a regular Club meeting.

Section 4a.

All monies collected from dues and monies specified for general Club use shall be used for Club activities and donations.

Section 4b.

All monies collected, donated or otherwise obtained for the specific purpose of improving club equipment, the repeater, etc., shall be used for that purpose and a separate accounting shall be kept of these monies.

Article VII
(Meetings)

Section 1a.

Regular meetings shall be held monthly as specified by the Board (REVISION APPROVED NOV 1996)

Section 1b.
There shall be no regular Club meeting in the month of December.

Section 1c.

If a regular meeting date interferes with a major holiday or there are circumstances warranting a change of the meeting date, the Board shall be empowered to select an alternate meeting date.

Section 2.

The President shall be empowered to call special meetings if the Board agrees that such a meeting is warranted.

Section 3a.

Each full member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Voting at duly held meetings may be made by voice vote or by secret ballot as is needed.

Section 3b.
Absentee voting may be made by written ballot.

Section 4.

Meetings of members shall be presided over by the President or in his/her absence, the Vice President. In the absence of both, the President will pick a member of the Board to conduct the meeting.

Article VIII
(Elections and Nominations)

Section 1a.
Nominations of Officers and Directors of the Club shall be held in the month of November.
(REVISION APPROVED 9-28-2006)

Section 1b.

Only full members in good standing and eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be eligible to hold any elective office.

Section 1c.

A nominating committee, consisting of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the

President and will offer a slate of Officers and Directors for consideration of the membership at the November meeting.

There is no Section 1d.

Section 1e.

Nominations will be taken from the floor, however, the nominee must be willing to give written or oral acceptance of his/her nomination.

Section 1f.

Elections of Officers and Directors shall be held in the month of November. The newly elected will assume their offices when elected. (REVISION APPROVED 9-28-2006)

Article IX
(Fiscal Year)

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the EDCARC shall be the calendar year.

Article X
(Financial)

Section 1.

All finances of the EDCARC shall be deposited in the name of El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in such bank(s) as the Board selects.

Section 2.

Bank signature cards shall contain the names of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer except none of the signators shall be related to another signator. (REVISED 11-93)

Section 3.

Monetary expenditures or appropriations in excess of \$200.00 for any one purpose must have a majority vote of the general membership present at a regular meeting. (REVISION APPROVED 9-28-2006)

Section 4.

The financial records of the EDCARC will be examined by the Board and a financial report will be made available to the general membership in January of each year.

Article XI
(Repeater Committee)

Section 1a.

The Repeater Committee is a standing committee and is made up of members in good standing of the EDCARC.

Section lb.

Appointments to the repeater committee are made by the repeater committee chairman.

Section ic.

It is mandatory that the Repeater Trustee be a member in good standing. The Trustee shall be the designated owner of the repeater equipment.

Article XII
(Rules of Order)

Section 1.

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specifically covered in these By-laws.

Article XIII
(By-laws)

Section la.

The foregoing By-laws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by the general membership.

Section lb.

All previous rules, regulations and By-laws heretofore adopted by the EDCARC are hereby declared to be null and void and of no further effect upon adoption of these By-laws.

Section 2.

The original or a copy of the By-laws, as adopted or otherwise modified to date, shall be open for inspection by the general membership at all meetings of the EDCARC.

Section 3.

These By-laws may be amended by the Board of Directors and approved by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. The proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting which acts upon it.

Article XIV

(Adoption)

Section 1.

These By-Laws have been accepted and approved in their entirety by the El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club.

President (Donna Ranger, K6DLR)

Secretary (Jerry Ranger, K6GER)

Date: September 28, 2006