



Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club

By-Laws

1. Organization. The name of this organization is the Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club. It is organized as a non-profit amateur radio club within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(7)) and section 5 of part 97 of the FCC Regulations supporting The Communications Act of 1934 (47 C.F.R. 97.5(d)(2)).

2. Membership. Full membership or Family Membership is open to licensed amateurs in good standing. Those with an interest in Amateur Radio that are not licensed will be able to apply for an Associate Membership. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. Family Membership is immediate Family

3. Governing Board. The organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors. This Board shall be composed of the club's FCC call sign trustee, any and all equipment (repeater) trustees, and a sufficient number of elected directors, of equal number or one less, but not less than 3, to maintain an odd count of directorships. Each position on the Board shall have one vote. A member cannot be elected to more than one position. The trusteeship positions are not elected positions. Each Trustee may select his/her successor. However, with the acquisition of organization-owned equipment, or should a trusteeship become vacant without a successor named, the Board may appoint any member of the organization to that trusteeship position.

4. Election Procedure.

Qualification for Office

The President and Vice-President shall have been the holder of a valid Amateur Radio License for at least two (2) years, and a Full Member of the Club for at least one (1) year immediately preceding nomination for office.

A member of the Board of Directors shall have been the holder of a valid Amateur Radio License for at least two (2) years and a Full Member of the Club for at least four (4) months immediately preceding nomination for office.

All elected officers and directors shall be licensed Amateur Radio Operators and shall be Full or Family members of LCARC.

Nominations

a. Nominations Committee

The President shall appoint three members to the Committee, only one of which is a member of the board, for the purpose of investigating and determining qualifications and selecting a nominee for each elective office who, in their opinion, will best serve as officials of



LCARC during the coming year. The committee will select at least one nominee for each elective office.

The Committee will be appointed no later than the August LCARC meeting each year, and will place their nominees on the ballot when nominations are made. The committee's list of nominees will be published in the club's October newsletter in the form of a ballot.

b. Floor Nominations

The President will accept nominations from the floor for each elective office.

Upon nomination from the floor or upon presentation of the nomination by the Nominating Committee, all nominees for the offices of President and member of the Board of Directors, shall, during the regular meeting at which nominations take place, publicly accept or decline the nomination, if present. Motions to close nominations shall not be accepted until all parties wishing to make nominations have been heard.

Balloting Procedure

Upon completion of the nominations by the Nominations Committee, ballots will be prepared, listing the nominees for each office and with a blank space for write-in candidates. The ballots will be emailed to all members eligible to vote directly after the September Club Meeting.

A member eligible to cast a vote in the Election of Officers is one who has been a member of the club for at least 90-days prior to the election, and is in good standing with the club. Each voting member may vote for a maximum of one individual for each office.

Election of LCARC Officials will be held at the regular October club meeting. The Secretary and/or the Membership Chairman shall determine voting eligibility. Voting will be by written ballot, which may be submitted by mail, or the member may bring his ballot to the October meeting. Extra ballots shall be available at the October LCARC meeting for voting members needing them. Unless signed by a member's name and/or callsign, a mailed-in ballot will be discarded since voting eligibility cannot be established.

During the regular October meeting, the Nominations Committee will count the ballots received by mail and from the voting members at the meeting, except for the ballot of the outgoing President. The Nominations Committee shall advise the President of the results of the vote count. The ballot of the outgoing President will be retained unopened except in the case of a tie, in which case his ballot will be opened and counted.



The nominee receiving a majority of votes for each office shall be declared elected. A runoff vote will be taken if needed. Elected officials will be installed at the beginning of the regular January club meeting.

Vacancies

Vacancies in an elective office will be filled at the first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs. When filling vacancies on the Board of Directors or for club officers, nominations shall be accepted from the floor for the vacated office. Motions to close nominations shall not be accepted until all parties wishing to make nominations have been heard.

The nominee receiving a majority of votes by secret ballot shall be declared elected to fill the remaining term of the vacated office. A runoff vote will be taken if needed. The elected person shall assume the duties of the vacated office immediately.

5. Dues. The Board of Directors may set the necessary [annual] membership dues, which may not be increased by more than 25% of its current level without consent of two-thirds of the membership. The initial dues amount shall be \$20 Individual, \$30 Family. Any dues shall be collected in U.S. dollars.

6. Equipment and Property. Unless purchased with funds from the organization's treasury, all equipment used by the organization remains the property of the respective owner or trust. No rights shall affix to the equipment by virtue of its use by the organization or its members nor shall the ownership rights of the trustee be diminished. All equipment purchased by the organization itself, from its treasury, remains property of the organization and likewise, no right of ownership attaches to such by the appointed trustee (or his successor).

Any property that is owned or funds maintained by Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club at the point the remaining club members decides to dissolve must be disposed of with verification if the value is negligible. Other items of value must be passed to another amateur radio club or clubs that hold a valid not for profit filing status. No person or tax entity shall profit from the donation of the property or funds.

7. Committees

The President, Board of Directors or members may authorize the appointment of a committee for a designated purpose. When the purpose is satisfied the committee will be discharged by the body that constituted it.

Term of Appointment

Each member of a committee shall continue in service until the end of the fiscal year unless discharged earlier.



Quorum of a Committee

Unless otherwise provided in the resolution designating the committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum.