



Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club Constitution

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Preamble:

The name of this organization is Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club. Also referred to as LCARC. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, 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. A particular focus of this club is to promote the growth and efficiency of all forms of communications and technology such as but not limited to; Digital Mobile Radio (DMR), AMSAT, Allstar, IRPL, and Analog radio. This shall be accomplished through our available repeaters and associated meetings.

Article I. Membership

Sec. 1 Club membership shall be open to any person who actively supports Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club's purpose as set forth in this document. We reserve the right to decline membership or terminate membership to anyone the board deems to not represent the goals and mission of this organization. The following styles of membership will apply.

A. Full Membership

Available to any person holding a valid Amateur Radio license. This membership enjoys all privileges of the Club.

B. Family Membership

All members of a full member's immediate family who also hold a valid amateur radio license, living in the same household that share the same station are considered as one family membership under one payment, half that of a full membership, as long as one member is already a full member having paid either the Senior or Full membership fee. Each member of the Family Membership will have their call sign listed as a family member of the club. . This membership enjoys all privileges of the Club. Dues will be one-half (½) those of Full Member.

Only members that hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio License can be an officer or vote during elections on club matters. If for any reason an officer loses their license the remaining officers may call for a special election at the next meeting.

Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club will strive to not discriminate against anyone who wishes to participate and support the club mission.

Loss of Membership

Sec. 2 A member shall lose his membership upon failure to renew said membership within sixty (60) days following January 1.

Sec. 3 A member may lose his membership for any of the following reasons:



If, while acting as an official representative of LCARC, he performs in such a manner as to bring discredit to the Club.

If they convert LCARC property or facilities to personal use or otherwise demonstrate disloyalty to the Club.

If they lose their Amateur Radio license as an action of the courts or the Federal Communications Commission.

Upon written motion of five (5) members, the Membership Chairman will investigate any charges made against a member, as specified in A, B, or C above, which could cause him to lose his membership. The findings and recommendations of the Chairman will be made known to the Board of Directors. If the findings warrant, the Board of Directors will cause them to be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting and a vote will be taken at that time. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present will be required to eject a member.

Article II. Officers

Sec. 1. The elected officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster and two board members as advisors.

Sec. 2. The positions of president and vice president, if permanently vacated, shall be filled through a nomination and vote of the membership.

Sec. 3. The Quartermaster shall be appointed by the president and vice president.

Sec. 4. The Training & Testing Officer shall be appointed by the president and vice president.

Sec. 5. A License/Repeater Trustee will be appointed by the board if the incumbent role cannot fulfill duties

Article III. Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall account for meeting notices and minutes. They shall also maintain a club roster including a list of skills and specialties.

Sec. 4. The Quartermaster shall maintain a list of persons and resources that have been offered for club use. If the property owner is not able to participate, they are responsible for coordinating the use if allowed. (Responsibility of resources can be delegated in writing with a chain of custody signoff.)

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall account for all monies paid to the club. The treasurer will also verify that all disbursements requested by the board will meet the qualifications of the organization not for profit tax filing status. The club treasurer will be responsible for filing state and federal tax forms to maintain the 501(c)(7) status on a yearly basis no later than March 15th of the new year.

Sec. 6. The Training & Testing Officer will be responsible for maintaining Testing accreditation status of the club with a VEC organization of their choice as well as keeping a list of the required number Volunteer Examiners accredited with the VEC organization. The officer will also be responsible for coordinating and training sessions. The above duties may be delegated to other volunteers.



Sec. 7. The Repeater Trustee will maintain the LCARC club license, and serve as control operator for the LCARC repeaters and special event stations operating under this license. For this purpose the Trustee should hold an Amateur Extra Class license. The Trustee shall carry out the duties designated by the Federal Communication Commission for the trustee of this station. In the event that the trustee can no longer perform the duties of Trustee, he shall designate another Club member who holds an Extra Class amateur license to apply to the FCC to succeed him as trustee. The president shall concur in the selection of this new Trustee.

Article IV. Non Officer Recurring Appointed Roles

Program Chairman

Sec 1. The Program Chairman will be in charge of all programs presented at regular club meetings. Primary emphasis should be given to programs that advance the understanding of Amateur Radio.

The program Chairman will also be responsible for maintaining a roster of Net Control Operators for the Weekly LCARC Net.

Web Admin

Sec. 3. The Web Admin will gather relevant information and publish the LCARC information at an ongoing interval set by the board of directors..

Technical Director

Sec. 4. The Technical Director is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the LCARC repeaters. The technical Director is also responsible for maintaining liaison links to other repeater owners that are members or friends of the club.

Public Information Officer

Sec. 5. The Public Information Officer (PIO) will provide meeting and special event announcements, and seek suitable media coverage of LCARC events through the local press, radio, and television. Also, the PIO will provide reports of newsworthy local Amateur Radio activities to national Ham magazines. The PIO will work with the Web Admin to update publicly available information via the Website and Group email.

Article V. Meetings

All meetings of Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club shall be informal and may be called at the discretion of at least two officers. Such meetings may take place in person, over amateur radio or through other electronic communication means. Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert%27s_Rules_of_Order

Meetings will attempt to be held on the 4th thursday of the month except where it conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Article VI. Dues

Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club shall collect dues in the amount of Membership Dues on the January Meeting; \$20 - \$1.65/month (prorated) for individuals. \$30 - \$2.50/month (prorated) for Families. New members can join by paying the prorated amount until the next due date of the January's meeting.

Article VII. Amendments

The constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified at least one month in advance by mail or email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Constitution adopted on October 23, 2019

Amendment 1 February 27, 2020 for 501(c)(7) compliance and Treasurer office

Amendment 2 March 24, 2022 to set the Membership Dues; \$20 - \$1.65/month (prorated) for individuals. \$30 - \$2.50/month (prorated) for Families.

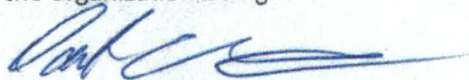
Amendment 3 April 28th, 2022 constitution and bylaws to include the Training & Testing Officer to Appointed Board Memebers

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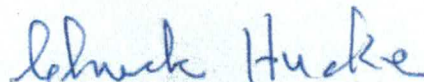
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8. Ratification. The constitution and bylaws were ratified on October 23th 2019 and amended on March 24th 2022 with the directors of the organization being:

K5DLD David Cantill, President



KC5RER Chuck Hucke, Vice President



KD4MCB Barry M Burge, Secretary



K15HAI Joshua Bennink, Treasurer



KD5EWF Dane Kraus, Quartermaster, Elected Director



KG5TND Travis Jones, Elected Director



K5ZXJ Brad Eble, Elected Director



WA9JG James Gatwood, Web Domain trustee, License Trustee

