

BY-LAWS OF
THE KENTUCKY COLONELS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

SECTION I

The Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club, hereinafter referred to as KCARC, is a nonprofit, non-commercial association of Amateur Radio Operators organized for the promotion of Amateur Radio to the community, for the advancement of the radio art and public welfare, and to promote fraternization. and a high standard of conduct between members of the hobby.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL AFFAIRS

SECTION I

The Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club shall hold one regularly scheduled meeting each month. The meeting date and site to be determined by a simple majority of the voting membership present at the regular meeting when the vote is held.

SECTION II

The fiscal year and administrative year of the Club shall begin January 1st and end the last day of December.

SECTION III

All correspondence emanating from the Club shall bear the signature of a club officer.

SECTION IV

No expenditures greater than \$200.00 shall be spent until a proposal for the expenditure shall have been brought up at a regularly scheduled meeting, followed by notification to all members by publication in the “HAMCALL” or by special mailing, and voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting. Approval may be obtained by a simple majority vote of all voting members present at the regular meeting.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

There shall be four types of membership in the Club, these being Active, Student, Junior and Associate, all of which are open to both male and female. Each Active and Student member must be a valid holder of an F.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission) Amateur Radio Operator's license and be in good standing under the By-Laws of this Club. Associate members may be any other persons interested in promoting amateur radio operations or interested in becoming an active member of this Club, and in good standing under these By -Laws. Student membership shall consist of any full time student. Junior membership is anyone under the age of 18 without voting privileges with a membership fee of \$1.00 per year. Only those persons holding a valid Active or Student membership shall be entitled to cast any vote, hold any office, or take part in any decision of the Club.

SECTION II

Membership in the KCARC for any person who was not an Active, Student, or Associate member the preceding calendar year shall be granted following application for membership at a regularly scheduled meeting, followed by notification to all members by publication in the “HAMCALL” or by special mailing or emailing, and acceptance by a simple majority vote to the Active and Student members present at the next regularly schedule meeting.

SECTION III

Membership dues shall become due and payable on January 1st of each year, with Active members paying full dues, and Associate and Student members paying one-half of full dues. Families with two or more Active members shall pay full dues for the first member and one-half of full dues for each additional member. The dues for any new member joining the club after June 30th not having previously been a member, shall be one-half of full annual dues for his or her membership type for the remainder of that year. Dues may be changed by being brought up at a regularly scheduled meeting, following by notification to all members by publication in the "HAMCALL" or by special mail / email and voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Approval may be obtained by a simple majority of the voting members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION IV

Only those persons holding a valid membership in the Club shall be authorized to use or display the official insignia of The Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club, either by representation, decal, QSL insignia or other display.

SECTION V

No financial assessment may be made against any member of the Club by any officer, director, or other member. Other than annual dues, any additional funds which may be needed or required from the membership shall be procured only through majority vote of total membership and then only after having been announced at a regularly scheduled meeting followed by notification to all members by publication in the "HAMCALL" or by special mailing/emailing and voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the above notification .

SECTION VI

This Club shall advocate, promote, and rigidly enforce high moral standards and ethical conduct of all members in all dealings, particularly in reference to their association with other members and persons whom they may contact within limits of their FCC license. Any conduct or standards which may be questionable shall be reported at an open , regularly scheduled meeting, investigated by committee and appropriate action taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION VII

Any officer or member may be removed from office and/or membership by a vote of two-thirds of the voting membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting after due notice of said intended action shall have been given at the preceding regularly scheduled meeting following by notification to all members by publication in the "HAMCALL" or by special mailing/emailing.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and four members -at -large, with two members at large being elected each year for a two-year term.

SECTION II

The president shall automatically become chairman of the Board of Directors during his tenure, along with the officers and the two member at large elected by a majority of voting members present at the October meeting. Any vacancy on the Board may be filled by interim election at the next regularly scheduled meeting following creation of said vacancy. Election shall be by simple majority of the voting members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION III

The Board of Directors shall hold minimum of two (2) meetings each calender year and upon the call of any Board member. A quorum at these meetings shall consist of at least (5) members of the Board.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION I

Elected officers shall consist of a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer

SECTION II

Duties of the Officers

- a. President- The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and club meetings and to carry out the objectives of the Club.
- b. Vice President – The Vice President shall assist the President in all the undertakings of the club and prepare to assume the office of President if the office of President is vacated. And shall serve as the Program Chairman and other duties as directed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall act as President in the absence of the President.
- c. Secretary-Treasurer – The offices of Secretary and of Treasurer are combined in order to afford better response to the needs of the Club.
 1. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Club and shall be the official custodian of all official records. With the President, the Secretary shall certify all acts of the Club. The Secretary shall keep accurate proceedings and orders of the Club, and shall give notice to officers and members of votes, resolutions, order and activities effecting them.
 2. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Club, current funds shall be deposited in a financial institution to the credit of the Club and shall be drawn out for the purpose of the Club only. The Treasurer shall pay all bills and assessments as directed by the Club.

SECTION III

The President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the Clubs regularly scheduled meeting in October and will assume duties the following January. The term of office shall be one calendar year. Any vacancy among elected officers shall be filled by interim election at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the vacancy. Election shall be by simple majority of the voting members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI – APPOINTIVE OFFICES

SECTION I

Appointive offices and committee chairman shall be named by the President at his discretion, to insure orderly and efficient operation and perpetuation of the Club.

ARTICLE VII – AWARDS

SECTION I

It shall be the policy of the Club to annually recognize the “Ham of the Year” , said recognition to be in the form of plaques or other suitable insignia to be presented at the November meeting. Selection will be by a committee of at least three Active members. The 'Ham of the Year’ award shall be limited to Club members.

SECTION II

Life membership may be awarded to anyone who has shown outstanding service to the Amateur Radio Community. This honor must be approved by the Board of Directors and brought to the membership for final approval.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

SECTION I

These By-Laws, once duly authorized and accepted by a simple majority vote of Active and Student members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, shall be amendable or revocable only by approval of two-thirds of the Active and Student class members present. Proposed changes to the By-Laws shall be read at two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings. Notification of the proposed changes must be provided to all members by publication in the “HAMCALL” or by special mailing/email at least one week before the date of each of the two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings before a vote can be taken.

Revised July 24, 2018

- Article III Section I: “three” changed to “four”, added “Junior”, added “Junior membership is anyone under the age of 18 without voting privileges with a membership fee of \$1 per year.”
- Article IV Section I: changed eight to “seven”, deleted “immediate past President”

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- Article IV Section I: changed “nine” to “eight” and removed “President Elect”
- Article V Section II b: eliminated references to “President – Elect” Section III: eliminated ref to “President Elect”
- Article VII Section I: changed “Outstanding Amateur” to “Ham of the Year” and eliminated the
- “Outstanding Novice/Technician” award. Corrected misspelling, grammar and added “email” where appropriate.