

BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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1. MEMBERSHIP:

All applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings or by mail to the Club's Treasurer.

(a) **FULL MEMBERSHIP** is open to all licensed interested persons. Full Membership includes all club privileges as well as the right to hold a club office and vote for club officers, as provided in the Constitution. Full Membership also places the individual on the mailing list for the club newsletter.

(b) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** is open to all unlicensed interested persons. Associate members have all of the same privileges as a member with full membership except for the right to hold office. An Associate Member will be placed on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(c) **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** is open to any licensed individual who has a member of their immediate family (father, mother, son, daughter, or spouse) who is a Full member. Family members have all of the same privileges as an associate member except for the right to hold office and with no voting privileges. Family Members will not be placed on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(d) **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** is open to any ARRL OFFICIAL who is required by our ARRL Affiliated Club requirements to receive a copy of our newsletter. Honorary Members are to be classified as Club Members without the right to hold office or have a vote in the affairs of the Club unless they become a full dues paying member of the Club. The Hudson Division Director, NYC/LI Section Manager, NYC/LI Affiliated Club Coordinator, and the ARRL Club Services Manager, shall be included on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(e) **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** shall be bestowed upon any person who, because of special consideration by the Club and its Officials, shall be considered a lifelong **FULL MEMBER**. Membership shall be approved by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the total club membership. Upon approval of Life Membership all yearly dues shall be waived.

2. MEETINGS:

(a) **GENERAL MEETINGS** shall normally be held on the last Thursday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall designate. A quorum for a General Meeting to transact business shall be 15% of the paid membership.

(b) **BOARD MEETINGS** shall normally be held on the first Thursday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall designate. A quorum for a Board Meeting to transact business shall be 50% of the Governing Board.

(c) **SPECIAL MEETINGS** may be called by the President as required, or upon written request submitted to the President of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to all members concerning special meetings regarding the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent via e-mail, posting to the group internet notification site (i.e. GSBARC Yahoo Group), ordinary postal mail delivery, or combination thereof that will allow delivery no less than 24 hours before the meeting time. A quorum for a Special Meeting will be the same as for a General Meeting.

3. DUES:

Annual Dues will be collected in December, for the start of the business year, Jan. 1, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution. Any member not paying their dues by the February General Meeting will be dropped from the active membership list. To be reinstated, full current dues must be paid.

(a) Full and Associate Membership dues are THIRTY dollars (\$30.00) per year. After June 30, dues for NEW joining members shall be one half the annual dues.

(b) Family membership dues are FIVE dollars (\$5.00) per year, per Family membership, as long as at least one other member of the immediate family household (father, mother, son, daughter, husband or spouse) is a full dues paying member.

(c) Any person, including students, with limited or fixed income, may privately petition the board for a 50% reduction of dues for any years' dues.

4. GOVERNING BOARD:

(a) **THE GOVERNING BOARD** shall be authorized to spend up to ONE HUNDRED dollars (\$100.00) without prior approval of the membership. All expenditures must be reported at the next General Meeting.

(b) All expenditures in excess of this amount must have prior approval by the membership.

5. COMMITTEES:

All Committee Chairpersons or designated appointees shall attend all board meetings for the purpose of submitting the committees report and participation in the operation of the club. The President has authority to appoint or remove committee chairpersons. Members of a committee serve at the discretion of the chairperson.

6. NOMINATIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES:

(a) Nominations for office will be held in October of each year.

(b) To be eligible for an elective office the nominee must be a member of the GSBARC for a minimum of one (1) year prior to nomination and continue membership with the club throughout the term of his or her election term.

(c) Before any nominations are taken, the Secretary will read the duties of each office from the constitution and by-laws.

(d) Nominations for office will then be taken orally from the floor.

(e) Immediately following the nominations the President shall appoint an election committee which shall consist of a chairperson and two (2) assistants, none of whom are candidates for any office.

(f) Elections will be held at the General Meeting in November of each year.

(g) All voting for club officers shall be by secret ballot and the results of the vote shall be announced to the membership at the meeting and shall be published.

(h) The sequence of elections shall follow Article II Section 1a of the constitution (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer then Directors).

(i) Sufficient time having elapsed, so that all who wish to vote can, the committee shall tabulate the ballots.

(j) All voting on general club business shall be by show of hands with the results being made known to the membership present at the meeting and shall be published.

7. USE OF CLUB NAME, LOGO AND INTERNET PRESENCE

(a) All use of the club Name or Logo will require permission of the GSBARC Board. The decision of the board will be entered into the Board Meeting minutes.

(b) All use of the club Name or Logo on the internet will require permission of the GSBARC Board. The decision of the Board will be entered into the Board Meeting minutes. Each use requires separate approval.

(c) The access credentials for any internet account must be given to the GSBARC Board once the account is created. The GSBARC Board must be notified of any changes to the access credentials and the new access credentials must be given to the GSBARC Board within seven days.

(d) Failure to comply with any of the above will result in the violator losing all member privileges until the issue is resolved. If the issue is not resolved, the GSBARC Board reserves the right to reject future membership renewal.

7.1. CURRENTLY APPROVED USES OF THE CLUB NAME, LOGO AND INTERNET PRESENCE

(a) GSBARC.org website

(b) gsb-arc Yahoo Group

(c) GSB_Education Yahoo Group

(d) GSBARC Facebook Page

(e) Compass newsletter

(f) Etched glass mugs, plaques: artwork requires GSBARC Board approval

(g) Tee shirts, hats, jackets: artwork requires GSBARC Board approval

(h) GSBARC Club Roster

(i) Any member in good standing may use the club logo on their QSL cards