

York County Amateur Radio Society Members, Inc.
Rock Hill, South Carolina
By-Laws v.1.0
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These By-Laws supersede and replaces all previous By-Law including, but not limited to, all memoranda or written policies which may have been issued on the subjects covered in this manual.

Membership

Application for Membership:

Any individual that desires to become a member of the Club shall fill out a written application provided to him/her and be introduced to the Club at a regularly scheduled meeting. Their membership shall be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A simple majority vote of members present will determine the outcome of the membership application.

Upon approval of, or prior to, an application for Membership, membership dues are to be paid.

Duration of Membership:

Duration of membership shall be dependent upon the continued fulfillment of all the requirements which qualify the individual for membership. Upon failure to comply with the requirements of membership, except in the case of lapse of a current amateur radio license due solely to oversight to renew said license and that renewal of said license is promptly applied for, membership in the Club will automatically terminate and the individual must reapply for membership.

Any member, or lifetime member may be expelled from the Club for committing actions that are not consistent with the Club Constitution, By-Laws, or damage, threaten or jeopardize the Club. Such expulsion will be based on a majority vote of the Officers.

Any member may resign from the Club at any time upon written notice addressed to the Club Secretary.

Dues are non-refundable.

Maintaining Active Membership/'Good Standing'

In order to retain full and active membership privileges in the Club, at least one function (a meeting or organized Club event) in six months (180) days must be attended. If a member becomes inactive, that member will not be counted in the membership total used to compute the quorum number. Attendance of two (2) Club functions within sixty (60) days reinstates active status.

These requirements may be excused at the discretion of the Officers due to medical or other personal reasons.

Membership Levels

Member is defined as;

- Holds a valid amateur radio license or who has passed the examination for valid amateur radio license, but is awaiting issue of such license.
- Paid in full for the current term of Club dues as stipulated in the By-Laws.
- Has applied for and had his/her application approved by vote.
- Agrees to abide by the Club Constitution, By-Laws, and any Club rules.

Members have voting rights on Club issues and are eligible to hold an Officer position.

Associate Member is defined as;

- Paid in full for the current term of Club dues as stipulated in the By-Laws.
- Has applied for and had his/her application approved by vote.
- Agrees to abide by the Club Constitution, By-Laws, and any Club rules.

Associate Members cannot vote or hold office in any Club capacity.

Honorary Member is defined as;

- A person who has previously been a member of YCARS and is now a "Silent Key".
- A person who has demonstrated and/or provided significant material, financial, or amateur radio support to the club
- Support for the Club in the community as determined by the Club membership.

Honorary members cannot vote or hold office in any Club capacity.

Lifetime Members is defined as;

- A person who has demonstrated and/or provided significant material, financial, or amateur radio support to the club
- Has had their Lifetime Membership voted on, and approved by the Club Members
- Agrees to abide by the Club Constitution, By-Laws, and any Club rules.

Lifetime Members have voting rights on Club issues and are eligible to hold an Officer position.

In recognition of their previous contributions to the York County Amateur Radio Society the following Lifetime Memberships are awarded for the **York County Amateur Radio Society Club, Inc.**

1. Royce Godwin
2. Peter Krenn
3. Tom Limpicki

Members residing in the same household;

- All individuals, regardless of their residence, shall apply for membership on an individual basis.
- Annual dues will not be charged for the spouse of a member when said spouse also becomes a member, nor will they be charged for the children of a member if said children reside in the same household as the member and are under the age of 21 or a full-time student.

- All requirements and definitions for membership are as stipulated as above.

Annual Dues Calculation

It is the responsibility of the existing slate of Officers to set the membership dues for the following year. Annual membership dues are to be calculated based on the Annual Operating Budget.

Annual Dues are to be calculated using the following formula:

- Expected Annual Operating Budget Costs (for following year = X
- Number of expected members for following year = Y
- Percent of Annual Operating Budget to be covered by Annual Dues = .5
- All results will be rounded up to the nearest \$1

Formula: $(X * .5) / Y$

Example Calculation: $(\$3,500 * .5) / 45 = \39

Annual dues are to be paid prior to December 31st of the current year.

Prorated Dues;

- Dues paid by first year members are to be prorated quarterly beginning the month that membership is approved.
- Previous member’s dues are not prorated.

Prorated Dues Calculation:

Prorated dues are calculated quarterly and are based upon the Annual membership dues. All dues will be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Example Calculation:

- Annual Dues: \$39.00
- Quarterly Reduction: $\$39/4 = \9.75
- Q1: $\$39.00 - 0 = \39.00 (no reduction)
- Q2: $\$39.00 - \$9.75 = \$30.00$
- Q3: $\$39.00 - \$19.50 = \$20.00$
- Q4: $\$39.00 - \$29.25 = \$10.00$

Access to Club Facilities

Members desiring access to use the Clubhouse and equipment will be provided keys provided;

- Be member in “good standing”.
- Completion of a six-month probationary period.
- The member must attend no less than three business meetings and three program meetings or Club events during the six-month probationary period.
- Pay a \$25 deposit for the key. The deposit is refundable upon surrender of the key.
- Agree to abide by all Club rules and procedures regarding use of the club house.

Smoking in the Club House

Smoking in the Club building is prohibited.

Meeting Schedule

Club Business meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30PM at the Clubhouse. Program meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30PM at the Clubhouse.

Other meeting times and events are to be held at the discretion of the Club members.

Use of Club Facilities

Use of the Club facilities is limited to YCARS business, events and other amateur radio related events.

Club Property

No property of the Club will be removed from the Clubhouse except with the express permission of the President and/or Vice-President.

Club owned radios and other equipment may not be removed from the Clubhouse except for field type events, repairs or emergencies.

Door Prizes at the Rock Hill Hamfest

No Club member is eligible to win a door prize at the Rock Hill Hamfest.

Payments or Reimbursements Made to YCARS

In order to ensure accurate tracking and accountability of funds, no payments or reimbursements made to the Club will be made 'in-kind'. Money owed to the Club will be paid in full by cash or check, or other while money owed to individuals will be paid by cash or check.