

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABERDEEN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

1. Name

The Society shall be known as the Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society, hereinafter called "the Society".

2. Objects

The Objects of the Society shall be to promote the general advancement of all aspects of the science and practice of amateur radio communications, and to facilitate the exchange of information on this and associated subjects.

3. Membership

Application for membership of the Society shall be made to the Secretary. Applicants for membership shall be proposed by two paid-up Ordinary or Student members. The name of every applicant shall be submitted to Committee for approval. The Committee may reject any candidate without giving any reason thereof.

If the Committee after investigation of the circumstances shall consider that the conduct of any member either in or out of the Society's premises is injurious to the character or interests of the Society they shall have the power to call such member to resign forthwith and, even in the event of the member failing to do so, shall expel that person from membership of the Society. The member shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual General Meeting on the understanding that notice of an appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary within twenty-eight days of the Committee's decision.

The Society shall have four categories of membership:

(a) Ordinary Members

Ordinary members must be sixteen years of age or over

(b) Student Members

Student members must be in full time formal education. Student members fifteen years of age or under must provide written consent from a parent or guardian.

(c) Junior Members

Junior members must be fifteen years of age or under. Junior members must provide written consent from a parent or guardian.

(d) Honorary Vice-Presidents

An Honorary Vice-Presidency may be granted to any person who, in the opinion of the Society, has rendered outstanding service to the Society, either directly or indirectly. The Committee will accept a nomination from not less than five paid-up Ordinary or Student members. The election must be confirmed by a majority at a General Meeting. Such membership shall have the same voting rights as Ordinary membership.

4. Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions for membership shall be set by the Committee and will be discussed and agreed at the Annual General Meeting no later than the last Thursday in October. Reduced rates shall apply to Student and Junior members. Reduced rates shall also apply to members residing out with twenty miles from the Castlegate, to be reviewed at each Annual General meeting. Members would be free to offer additional sum as a donation.

The annual subscription shall be due and payable in advance at the beginning of the financial year. Members in arrears have no voting rights. If the subscription is not paid within sixty days of the Annual General Meeting then the member shall have to resign from the Society.

The Treasurer may offer proportionately abated subscriptions to those joining the Society for part of the year. The Committee shall have the power waive or reduce an individual member's subscription in special circumstances for a period not exceeding one year at a time.

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5. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society shall be held each year between September 1st and last Thursday in October. The Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice to each member in writing. The Treasurer shall issue copies of the Balance Sheet to each member at least fourteen days before the AGM. At the AGM only Honorary, fully paid-up Ordinary and Student members shall have a vote. At this meeting a President, Vice-President and five other Committee members shall be elected and empowered to administer the Society's affairs until the next AGM. Two Auditors shall be elected. Committee members are not eligible for election as Auditors. The voting procedure at the AGM shall be such as to ensure that no officer-bearer is elected on a minority vote.

Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM's) may be called by the Committee or not less than seven members of the Society, the date being the earliest convenient as decided by the Committee, but within sixty days of the Secretary receiving written notice of the motion(s). The Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice to each member in writing, setting the motions lodged together with the names of those members requesting them. At the EGM only paid up Honorary, Ordinary and Student members shall have a vote. No other business may be transacted at the EGM.

At a general Meeting, a quorum shall be formed by the presence of a quarter of fully paid-up Ordinary members. If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall be adjourned to fourteen days hence, at the same time and place, or at such other time and place at least fourteen days hence as the Committee may determine. If at such an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the paid up members present shall be a quorum.

6. Committee

The Committee shall comprise the President, Vice-President and five other Committee Members. The President shall instruct the Secretary to call meetings of the Committee as required, and a quorum shall be formed by the presence of five Committee members. In the absence of a quorum business may be dealt with but decisions taken only become valid after ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum exists. The President shall Chair Committee meetings, and may vote. In the event of a tie, the President has a second (casting) vote. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall be Chair. IN the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting shall elect a Chair for that meeting only. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Committee shall call an EGM. The Committee shall co-opt members to fill other vacancies.

7. Secretary

A Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee. The Secretary shall be eligible for re-appointment each year. The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of minutes of all meetings of the Society, ensuring that all correspondence is correctly handled and maintaining a register of the Society's equipment. IN addition to all expenses the Secretary shall receive an Honorarium of an amount to be decided by the Committee. It shall be competent for the Committee to remove the Secretary from office by passing a resolution to that effect, each member of the Committee having had fourteen days notice of the meeting. Notice shall be served requiring the Secretary to attend such meeting and in the event of default without reasonable excuse shall be removed from office without further process. The Secretary, unless elected a Committee member, shall have no voting rights on the Committee.

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8. Treasurer

A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Committee. The Treasurer shall be eligible for re-appointment each year. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the Society's accounts, maintaining a roll of members, advising the Committee on all financial matters, preparing the accounts for audit and presenting them at the AGM. In addition to all expenses the Treasurer shall receive an Honorarium of an amount to be decided by Committee. IT shall be competent for the Committee to remove the Treasurer from office by passing a resolution to that effect, each member of the Committee having had fourteen days notice of the meeting. Notice shall be served requiring the Treasurer to attend such meeting and in the event of default without reasonable excuse shall be removed from office without further process. The Treasurer, unless elected a Committee member, shall have no voting rights on the Committee.

9. Financial Year

The Financial Year of the Society shall run from the first day of October of one year to the last day of September of the following year and as soon as possible thereafter the appointed Auditors shall carry out and report on the audit of accounts.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

None of the articles of the Constitution of the Society shall be altered or amended except at an EGM called for that purpose. The resolution must be passed by two-thirds of the fully paid-up members present.

11. Winding up of the Society

The decision to wind up the Society shall be taken only at an EGM called for that purpose. The resolution must be passed by two-thirds of the fully paid-up members present. The funds of the Society shall, after the sale of all assets and the payment of outstanding debts, be disposed as directed by members at the final EGM.

12. Interpretation of the Constitution

In the event of an unresolved dispute concerning the interpretation of the Constitution the President shall have the final decision.

A copy of this Constitution shall be issued to each member.

This Constitution was approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting held at the 25th Scout Group (Beechgrove) premises A Oakhill Crescent Lane, on the Twentieth Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.