

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

**ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE**

**SECTION I**

The Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club, hereinafter also referred to as KCARC or club, 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. Meetings may be held either in a physical location and/or in an alternative manner accessible to the members such as over the air, including repeater, EchoLink, Etc. and/or by conference call or online. Meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**SECTION II**

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

**SECTION III**

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

**SECTION IV**

No expenditures greater than \$200.00 shall be spent until presented to the membership, discussed, and approved by a majority vote of the members.

**ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION I**

There shall be three types of membership in the club, these being Active, Junior and Associate. All Active and Junior members 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 to be allowed to vote. Junior members are those defined as those persons younger than 16 years of age.

Associate members are any other individuals who are not holders of a valid Amateur Radio license that share an interest in some aspect of Amateur Radio. Only the Active and Junior members in good standing shall be entitled to vote or be an officer or board member of the KCARC.

Active Members will pay dues of \$15.00 a year, Junior members will pay dues of \$5.00 a year, and Associate members will pay \$7.50 a year.

The KCARC is open to all persons and does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion, creed, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, in any of the activities or functions.

## **SECTION II**

Membership dues shall become due and payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, with Active members paying \$15.00 full dues, and Juniors paying \$ 5.00 and associate members paying \$ 7.50. Families with two or more Active members shall pay full dues for the first member and one-half dues for each additional member. The dues shall be pro-rated based on the membership type for the remainder of the year for any new member joining the club after June 30<sup>th</sup>, who has not previously been a member. Dues may be changed by a majority vote of the membership in two consecutive regular meeting of the KCARC. All members must be notified of such due's changes within 10 days of the change by the Club's secretary and using one or more communications methods available to the members.

## **SECTION III**

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 IV**

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 after being discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting and voted upon by a majority of the members present. The nature of the assessment and the results of the vote shall be communicated to the members by the Club's secretary and using one or more communications methods available to the members.

## **SECTION V**

The Club shall advocate, promote, and rigidly enforce high moral standards and ethical conduct of all members in all the dealing, 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 VI**

Any officer or member may be removed from office and/or membership only after the accusation, or accusations, have been discussed and voted upon and passed by voting membership present, during two consecutive, regular meetings. The nature of the accusations and the results shall be communicated by the club's secretary using one or more communications methods available to the members.

## ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **SECTION 1**

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 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 two members at large elected by 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 the 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 calendar year upon the call of any Board member. A quorum at these meetings shall consist of at least five (5) members of the Board.

## ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

### **SECTION I**

Elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer

### **SECTION II**

Duties of the Officers

- a. President – The President shall be 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 if 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, orders, and activities affecting them.
  2. The Treasure shall collect and keep 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 Treasure 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 committees 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 last meeting of the year. 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 shall be amendable or revocable only by approval of the voting members during two consecutive meeting. Any proposed changes to the by-Laws shall be read at each of the two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. Notifications of the proposed changes must be provided to all members by the Club’s secretary using one or more communications methods available to all members at least one week before the date of each or the two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings before a vote can be taken.

Revised July 24,2018

Article III Section 1: “three” changed to “four” added “junior” added “Junior membership is anyone under the age of 18 without voting privileges with a membership fee of \$1.00 per year.

Article IV Section I: changes 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 IIb: 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.