

BY-LAWS (AMENDED this 13 th day of February 2016)

Article I. NAME:

The name of the association is the TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as TCARC INC.

Article II. PREAMBLE: things to remember:

- a) Never lose sight of the fact that this is just a hobby.
- b) We must agree to disagree as ladies and gentlemen.
- c) It is impossible to please everyone all the time.
- d) Above all, let's have >>>FUN<<<.

Article III. OBJECTIVES:

- a) To promote friendship and good will among its members.
- b) To promote a spirit of cooperation and coexistence between amateur radio, long-, medium- and short-wave listening and VHF/UHF receiving enthusiasts for the betterment of all.
- c) To establish an association that will sponsor meetings of a technical and/or social nature for its members.
- d) To endeavor to maintain strong ties and an atmosphere of cooperation with other radio clubs or associations, be they national, provincial or local and, although not mandatory, we highly recommend that our members also maintain membership in these other radio clubs or associations.
- e) To promote the operating competence and technical excellence of its members.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP:

- a) There shall be the following types of memberships in TCARC INC:
 - i) Regular Member: Any person who possesses a certificate of proficiency in amateur radio, issued or recognized by the Government of Canada, and who is a member in good standing. Regular Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote per motion at any regular, annual, special, or committee meetings and be entitled to hold any Executive office.
 - ii) Associate Member: Any person who is not in possession of a certificate of proficiency in amateur radio as issued or recognized by the Government of Canada, and who is a member in good standing. Associate Members shall not be entitled to hold an Executive office and shall only be entitled to one (1) vote per motion during meetings of the monitoring enthusiasts committee and one (1) collective vote per motion at any regular, special, or annual meeting.
 - iii) Honorary Member: Any person who has assisted the club in some outstanding way may be granted Honorary Membership status after the Directors introduce a motion that is duly passed by a majority of the members entitled to vote at a regular meeting. Honorary Members shall not vote or hold office

unless they also meet all the requirements of a Regular Member.

b) A member in good standing shall be deemed to be any person who meets the requirements in paragraph a) and whose dues are also paid up to date.

Article V. DUES:

a) Membership dues shall be in such an amount as established by the membership at the annual general meeting.

b) Membership period shall be from September 1 st to August 31st.

c) Membership dues paid by a new member after December 31 st of that year shall be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of the full year rate.

d) Excluding honorary members, membership shall cease if dues are not paid by November 30. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of dues.

Article VI. MEMBER MEETINGS:

a) Regular meetings of the members of TCARC INC. shall be held at such times and places as may be determined from time to time by the Executive in consultation with the membership.

b) The annual general meeting shall be held in September of each year.

c) The President or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President or, in their absence, the Secretary or, in their absence, the Treasurer shall chair the meeting.

d) A quorum of at least twenty percent (20%) of all the Regular Members currently in good standing with a minimum of ten (10) Regular Members will be needed to validate the meeting.

e) The order of business at any regular, special, or annual meeting shall be left to the discretion of the person chairing the meeting.

Article VII. ELECTIONS:

a) Members of the Executive shall be elected to their respective offices at the annual general meeting held in September of each year and they shall hold office from October 1 st of that year to September 30 th of the following year.

b) The only persons eligible for election to the offices of the Executive shall be Regular Members in good standing who have been a member in good standing for a period of at least one year. Exception to the one-year rule shall only apply to charter/founding members who have joined TCARC INC. at or before December 31 st, 1993.

c) All offices shall be open for nomination from the floor by any member in good standing.

d) Two scrutineers shall be appointed from the members, one (1) to be identified as Chief Scrutineer, to prepare and oversee the balloting.

e) In the event of a tie between two or more candidates for the same post, the Chief Scrutineer shall order a new vote. If there is still a tie, the elected person shall be determined by “random draw”.

f) In the event that any member of the Executive shall be removed from office as authorized in Article VIII, any Regular Member in good standing may be elected to fill the vacancy. The person so elected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member of the Executive so removed.

Article VIII. EXECUTIVE:

a) The Executive shall consist of the following offices:

- i) President
- ii) Vice-President
- iii) Secretary
- iv) Treasurer
- v) Three Directors

b) Any member of the Executive may be removed from office by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on such resolution at any regular meeting.

c) Any office of the Executive shall automatically be vacated if the holder thereof:

- i) becomes deceased;
- ii) ceases to be a Regular Member in good standing;
- iii) submits his/her written resignation from such office;
- iv) is removed from office as per paragraph b).

d) The Executive shall oversee and manage all business, administer funds and generally administer the affairs of TCARC INC., and may enter into legal contracts on behalf of TCARC INC.

e) Meetings of the Executive shall take place at intervals not greater than sixty (60) days, at such places and at such times as may be determined by the President or any three (3) members of the Executive.

f) Not less than fourth-eight (48) hours notice of meetings of the Executive specifying the place, day and hour of such meeting shall be given to the members of the Executive personally or by mail or by telephone.

g) A quorum for meetings shall be four (4) members of the Executive, including either the President or the Vice-President and one (1) Director.

h) The President or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President shall chair meetings of the Executive.

i) The President shall be an ex officio non-voting member of all committees.

j) The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President may from time to time delegate.

k) The Secretary shall record all votes and minutes of regular, special, general or Executive meetings and shall receive all correspondence addressed to TCARC INC. and shall make known of said correspondence to the membership at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the President or Executive may prescribe.

l) The Treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of TCARC INC. and have custody of TCARC INC. funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to TCARC INC. and shall deposit all monies and valuables in the name of and to the credit of TCARC INC. in such depositories as may be designated by the membership. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of TCARC INC. as may be ordered by the membership, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the membership whenever they may require it an accounting of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of TCARC INC. The Treasurer shall also perform such duties as the Executive may prescribe.

m) Directors shall perform such duties as the Executive may assign, serving as ombudsmen or liaison between the Executive and the club membership.

Article IX. FINANCES:

a) Each cheque or other banking document issued for and in the name of TCARC INC. shall be signed by the President or Treasurer or any two (2) signing officers of the Executive designated by the President.

b) All contracts, obligations and documents, other than for banking purposes, shall be signed for and on behalf of TCARC INC. by the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or, in his/her absence, by the Treasurer or, in their absence, by any Director.

c) The complete finances of TCARC INC. shall be audited once a year in September by a club-appointed auditor who shall submit a report at the October general meeting.

d) The fiscal year shall be from October 1 st to September 30 th.

e) The Executive shall not approve or permit to be spent more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in any calendar month without the approval of the regular membership.

Article X. COMMITTEES:

a) The membership may from time to time establish and appoint committees to assist it in any of the business, social or other TCARC INC. activities. Such committees shall report to the membership.

b) A custodian shall be appointed by the membership to have care and custody of club owned equipment, which shall be recorded in a book belonging to TCARC INC.

Article XI. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

a) Members of the Executive of TCARC INC. shall not also be members of the Executive of other New Brunswick amateur radio clubs or associations, except the New Brunswick Amateur Radio Association or Radio Amateurs of Canada.

b) There shall not be more than one (1) member of the Executive per household with signing authority.

c) A member shall not chair more than one (1) committee.

Article XII. EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT:

a) In the event that any member shall act contrary to the provisions of these by-laws or in the best interests of TCARC INC. or amateur radio, or shall willfully disregard or contravene any law or regulation of the Government of Canada relating to amateur radio, any member may recommend that such member should be expelled. This recommendation shall be made at any general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose and, if at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast approve the expulsion, the member shall be expelled from membership. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

b) Any member expelled from TCARC INC. shall be reinstated as a member in good standing only if two (2) members in good standing recommend such reinstatement at any regular meeting of TCARC INC. and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast with respect to the recommendation are cast in favor of reinstatement. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

c) In both of the above cases, expulsion and/or reinstatement shall only be voted on provided there is a quorum present of at least forty percent (40%) of the total number of Regular Members for the said vote.

Article XIII. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to these by-laws may be initiated by any Regular Member by advising the Secretary of the proposed changes. Upon receipt of any proposed changes or amendments, the Secretary shall advise the membership of these proposals at the next regular meeting, provided these proposals were delivered to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the next regular meeting. After the Secretary has advised the membership of the proposed changes or amendments, a vote shall be taken one (1) month later at the following regular meeting. In the event that the proposed amendment is approved by the votes of at least two thirds (2/3) majority of the Regular Members present at the meeting, the by-laws shall be thereby amended. The vote will only take place at this meeting provided there is a quorum of at least forty percent (40%) of the total Regular Members.

Article XIV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

These by-laws shall come into force and effect on the date and at the time when it is duly approved and adopted by the Regular Members of TCARC INC.

AMENDED this 13 th day of February 13, 2016

President

Secretary

APPENDIX A

Associate Members:

Denis Pleau Riverview Fire Chief 14 January, 2016

Honorary Members:

Camille LeBlanc VE9CAM 10 April, 2006

Gordon Skiffington VE1AJF 10 April, 2006

Steve Frost VE9SF 10 April, 2006

Stephen Conrad VE9SC 14 Nov, 2015

Founding Members 30 October, 1993:

Brian Maillet VE1BJM

Camille LeBlanc VE9CAM

Chris Steeves VE9CS

Gilles Gaudet VE9NW

Gordon Skiffington VE1AJF

Mike Sallows VE9MK

Pat Robichaud VE1JPR

Peter Gould VE9PJ

Stephen Conrad VE9SC

Steve Mallory VE9SHM

Steve Frost VE9SF