

Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Bylaws

3 August 2023

1. Membership

Applications for Regular or Lifetime membership shall be accompanied by dues and be made to the Treasurer of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club. Membership applications require approval by a majority vote of members in good standing. Applications received prior to or during the regular monthly business meeting shall be recognized at the meeting and voted upon. Membership shall be for one year from January 1 through December 31 and subject to proration as established by a vote of the membership. Lifetime Members shall be assessed a one-time fee.

2. Voting

Voting by members in good standing at regular meetings shall be by voice or show of hands or secret ballot at the discretion of the President and in accordance with the Constitution. To be eligible for election to any office, a member must be in good standing and receive a majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, there shall be a runoff between/among the tied nominees. Election of officers or adoption of motions shall be by a majority of votes cast by members in good standing.

3. Membership Dues

The amounts of yearly dues for Regular Members and one-time assessments for Lifetime Members shall be as set by a vote of members in good standing at any regular or special meeting. Dues for Regular Members shall be due on January 1st of each year. A proration schedule established by a vote of the membership as required shall govern dues that are not paid on 1 January of the year by new members joining after that date. Reduced Regular Membership dues for students and families shall be available and as set by a vote of the membership.

4. Election of Officers

After closing of nominations for each office, election of that officer shall commence. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for an office. In which case, that nominee may be voted in by voice vote or show of hands. Any necessary runoffs shall be held immediately.

5. Election of Trustees

If the number of eligible nominees equals the number of positions open for election, the election by secret ballot may be replaced with a voice vote or show of hands for the slate of nominees as a whole. If the number of eligible nominees is greater than the number of positions open for election, the election of Board members shall be by secret ballot. A runoff will result in the event of a tie between two or more nominees. All elected positions for the Board shall be determined by a majority of the qualified votes cast.

6. Duties of Officers and Trustees

Section A – President

The President shall preside over all regular, and special meetings of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club and Board of Directors. The President is an *ex-officio* member of all committees and coordinates interaction among committees where their areas of responsibility overlap.

Section B – Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the president, preside over all meetings. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating programs to be presented at regular meetings and assisting committees.

Section C - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, conduct correspondence, read communications, and transmit appropriate notices of information to members. Further, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain the articles of incorporation, the Constitution, and Bylaws of the club. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by the members on request.

Section D – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club, the collection of dues, and the deposit of all funds. Except for such expenditures necessary to carry out the functions of the office, the Treasurer shall expend no funds unless previously authorized by either the Board of Trustees or the General Membership. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain a membership roll, showing the status, names, calls, phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses of members. The Treasurer shall have a written financial statement at each meeting containing a record of all receipts and disbursements. When and if necessary, the president may form a Special Committee to audit the books.

Section E – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, which consists of current and immediate past club officers and elected Trustees, subject to the limitations herein imposed and reserved to the General Membership by the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be responsible for the policies, goals, programs, and operation of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club. The Board has the power to make such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the Constitution, as they deem necessary. The Board of Directors shall elect a Club Station Trustee from their membership in accordance with the Constitution.

1. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the 2-meter Emergency Training and Club Net and all other nets, making such rules and qualifications for membership in such nets, as they deem necessary.
2. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all MARC equipment. Each December, Board members holding club equipment shall provide an inventory list noting serial numbers and other details to the Treasurer.
3. The Board of Directors shall act as a liaison group between the Club and Emergency Management authorities and other groups asking for cooperation or assistance from the club.
4. Expenditures in excess of \$250.00 require prior approval of the Board of Directors and subsequent adoption by a majority vote of the general membership present at a regularly scheduled general meeting or a special meeting. The Board may authorize expenditures under \$250.00 without a vote by the membership

5. The Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings and additional meetings as necessary for the discharge of its functions. Five members shall constitute a quorum at Board meetings.
6. The immediate past President, as a member of the Board of Directors as set forth in the Constitution, shall, in the absence of both the current President and Vice President, preside over meetings where the President or Vice President would normally preside.

7. Committees

The President may appoint committees as necessary. Special committees shall be for specific purposes and for a definite period. Standing committees shall be established for an indefinite period. Committee members shall serve until they resign or are replaced. Membership on a committee may be increased, decreased, or changed at the discretion of the President.

8. Repealing, Replacing, Altering, or Amending, Bylaws

These Bylaws may be repealed, replaced, altered or amended by a majority vote of members in good standing at any regular or special meeting provided the proposal to alter, amend, repeal, or replace has been submitted to the membership at the previous regular meeting and the membership has been notified in writing or by electronic means at their last known address 30 days prior to the proposed amendment, repeal, or replacement of these Bylaws.

*These Bylaws replace those of 2013, and were adopted on **3 August 2023**.*