

Suggested changes to current By-Laws
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Article 4
Sub Part:Dues.

Proposed Change:

Membership Dues are required to be paid at each September Meeting. Any member who has not paid his/her dues by the October Membership Meeting shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Reason: At the present time no-one seems to know just when the renewal date is, and the bylaws, while stating the membership meetings shall be from sept to june, do not specify when to renew either.

Specifying Sept as renewal is only logical since it is the first meeting of our Club Season. The October cutoff will allow the club to save money in postage by cutting off the mailing of the feedline to members late in renewing. This also gives the tardy member an incentive to renew.

Article 6 Elections
Paragraph 2

Proposed Added Paragraph:

The newly elected Executive shall not be given responsibility for the functioning of the Club until July 1, and in the time between the elections and July 1 there shall be held a joint Executive Meeting between both the new and old Executive Members. This meeting shall be held to transfer the operation and responsibilities of the current Club business to the new Executive.

Reason:

It became evident in the beginning of my term that there was a flaw in the way the operation of this Club was transferred to the new Executive.

Shortly after the Elections I was called on to represent the Club as it's President, with no knowledge, warning, or preparation for the Job. This incident caused great embarrassment, to me and reflected badly on the Club as well. The incident also caused bad feelings between me and the past president.

This could have been avoided if the changing over of control was determined at a specific time and after a meeting where the new executive was told what was going on in the Club.

Article 9 Meeting of Members

I would like to see a change in the order of business. However I don't know of the required procedures, under our charter.

The problem with the old order is that most members will show up for the presentation and leave afterwards. The reduced number of members has impacted on the ability to properly take care of club business.

As an experiment I have bypassed the order of business and tried to do all club business before the presentation. The club business is put forward more as announcements than any formal order. After the Club business is finished we break for a coffee break and then have the presentation.

The new order of business that I have been using is as follows:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Introductions and inquiry of new Licensees or upgrades
- 3) General Announcements, First from the Exec then from
the Floor
- 4) Minutes of past meeting
- 5) Financial Report
- 6) Business, Old then New
- 7) Coffee Break
- 8) Presentation

We try to take care of business in the first 45 then break for coffee for 15 minutes, then return to finish any other business and view the presentation.

This order seems to work and is accepted by the members, in my opinion. The only time I would change the order is if we had a visitor come in to do the presentation, in this case I would let him do the presentation first and then go on with the meeting.

Article 11 Expenditures

Proposed : a complete rewrite of this article.

1A:

At the September Membership Meeting, the Treasurer shall present to the membership an Operating Budget designed to meet the financial requirements of the Club for the next Fiscal Club Year.

This Budget would be based on the previous years Proven Expenses and will pertain to the everyday operation of and financing of the Club's Commitments.

1B:

The repair and maintenance of the Club's Assets will be considered the responsibility of the executive, and monies will be drawn from a specially designated Fund, set aside for this purpose.

A report shall be made to the members at the next membership meeting whenever money is drawn from this fund

1C:

After the Executive has submitted their Proposed Operating Budget it will be voted on by the Members Present, and if accepted will become the Operating Funds for that year.

1D:

If required, to offset increased Costs, Emergency Expenditures or acquisition of new Assets, the budget may be modified at a normal Membership Meeting by a motion and majority acceptance.

Reasons:

The whole Idea of dictating how much money the executive is allowed to spend to run this club is ridiculous.

I can go to the membership and ask for \$460 to buy 1000 ft of coax but I have to modify the By-Laws to spend an extra \$20 on stamps for the Feedline.

If the executive cannot be trusted to handle the money of this club then don't vote them in!

In the above By-law change a budget or financial forecast will detail what money is needed in each area of spending and what the money will be spent on. This will allow the executive to take care of Club expenses without having to run to the membership every time they need a couple of dollars to pay a new bill.

New Bylaws:

I would like to see the addition of 4 more offices in the executive list.

All three positions will be appointed positions, the people being appointed by the executive. If however there is any controversy involved in the person holding these offices, the person may be removed by a non-confidence vote of the members.

The person may hold office for up to 2 years, but must win a no confidence vote each year to remain.

If after 2 years no one can be found to fill the office then the person may stay on in that position for another 2 years.

1) Public Service Co-Ordinator:

This position is an appointed position by the current Executive. The holder of this office is responsible for organizing and maintaining a group of people to the care of communications for Parades, and other public services as dictated by the executive.

2) Special Event Co-Ordinator:

This position is also filled by a person appointed by the Current executive.

This person in this position is responsible for the operation and activation of all special events involving the club. This person will be asked to obtain all special prefixes and handle any QSL duties resulting from a special event.

3) Program Co-Ordinator:

This position is not currently in operation.

The Program Co-Ordinator would be responsible for the obtaining of people and material to put on presentations and demonstrations at the membership meetings.

4) Repeater Custodian:

This person would also be appointed by the executive, based on knowledge and ability to maintain the repeaters of the club. The custodial would be able to designate up to two assistants to aid in the maintenance of the equipment.

5)Custodian of the Club Callsign:

This person would be responsible for the maintaining of all log books and qsl requirements for the club call. The Custodian would also maintain that the callsign is used in accordance of DOC Regulations, and may remove permission to use the callsign by anyone not operating in accordance of the regulations. However the Custodian does not Own the Callsign and will therefore also be subject to the Executive of the Club and will allow the use of the callsign at the executive's discretion.

Requirements of the Custodian, must be a member in good standing, must be an advanced amateur.