

The Constitution of The Southgate Amateur Radio Club.

1. Title.

The Club shall be known as “The Southgate Amateur Radio Club“ hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

2. Aims.

The purpose of the Club shall be to hold meetings, bringing together persons interested in Amateur Radio, or Electronics in any respect, and to foster the Spirit of Amateur Radio.

3. Membership.

- a) Each member shall have a genuine interest in Amateur Radio or electronics in any respect.
- b) Each prospective member shall be required to complete an application form.
- c) Visitors may attend for any three months in SIX (6); thereafter they shall apply for membership of the Club.
- d) The Chairman or the nominated deputy shall have the power to refuse entry to any meeting. The Committee shall have the power to refuse membership, decided by a majority vote of THREE (3) at a Committee meeting.
- e) The Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of a member who violates the Club’s constitution or the Wireless Telegraphy Acts in any way, decided by a majority vote of THREE (3); the said member being notified within seven days of the Committee’s decision. The said member shall have the right to appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club that will be held within THREE (3) months of the notice of termination of membership.
- f) The spouses of members shall be permitted to attend meetings without charge, but do not have the right to vote unless members in their own right. The foregoing shall not apply to spouses who themselves hold transmitting licenses.

4. Committee.

- a) The Club shall be governed by a Committee formed of its members.
- b) The Committee shall consist of the following honorary positions: Chairman, Secretary/Secretaries, Treasurer, Editor(s), and a MAXIMUM of FOUR (4) ordinary members.
- c) The Committee will have the power to co-opt further members for specific purposes, the members to be notified of the reason for their co-option.
- d) All candidates for election to the Committee shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club.

- e) The Committee shall be elected by the Club members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), by a simple majority vote, determined by a show of hands.
- f) Committee members shall serve their term of office for a period of one year, commencing from the time of the AGM at which they were elected.
- g) The Chairman shall conduct all meetings. In the Chairman's absence the chair shall be taken by another Committee member, as elected by the attending Committee members.
- h) The Secretary shall compile the minutes at every committee meeting, AGM and EGM, and deal with the Club's correspondence.
- i) The Treasurer shall deal with, and keep account of, the Club's moneys.
- j) The Editor(s) shall compile the Club's publications.
- k) The Committee shall make public the Club's meetings and events.

5. Finance.

- a) The subscription rates for the coming year shall be determined annually by the Committee and presented to the AGM for approval.
- b) A subscription shall be payable on or before the first day of MARCH by each member of 18 years or over. Members under 18 years or over the age of 65 years on that day shall may be entitled to pay a reduced subscription.
- c) Persons becoming members before August 31st shall be liable to pay a full year's subscription, which shall qualify them for membership for the rest of the Club's membership year. Persons becoming members on or after September 1st shall be liable to pay a sum equivalent to half of the appropriate subscription, which will qualify them for membership for the rest of the Clubs membership year.
- d) Club members of one family may be entitled to pay a reduced subscription if a single copy of the Club's publication is sent to the household. The subscription rate shall be one full adult membership plus one half-rate subscription for each person wishing to be considered as a family member.
- e) If a past member requires a regular copy of the Club's publication, half of the full subscription shall be payable before the first day of March.
- f) The Club shall have an account or accounts, with such institutions as the Committee deems fit and all excess moneys shall be paid into these accounts as decided by the Treasurer.
- g) No member shall have the power to spend the Club's moneys without the prior permission of the Committee.
- h) The accounts of the Club shall be audited by two competent persons before the AGM each year and their report presented at the AGM.

- i) The auditors shall be chosen and notification of this event to be printed in the Club's September publication. The Club's financial year shall begin on October 1st each year.

6. Meetings.

- a) Ordinary Club meetings shall be held on the second Thursday (or any designated day) of each month unless otherwise publicised.
- b) Annual General Meetings shall be held at the December Club meeting, notification of the said meeting being given in the Club's November publication. At an AGM the Treasurer shall submit his/her report and audited balance sheet.
- c) The Committee or a minimum of SIX (6) members, who shall make application to the Club Secretary in writing, can call an Extraordinary General Meeting. One month's notice shall be given to all members of the said meeting.
- d) At all Club meetings the quorum shall be 10% of the Club members or a MINIMUM of 3 members either LIVE or by remote participation (ZOOM et al).
- e) At all Committee meetings, the quorum shall be four Committee members.
- f) At any meeting where a vote is undecided, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

7. Publications.

- a) A regular publication shall be produced. A copy of this shall be sent to members and to all past members who subscribe to it and to those nominated by the Committee.
- b) All publications shall be dated.

8. Contests.

Only Club members may operate the Club station.

9. Amendments.

The Constitution may only be amended after a majority decision of the members at an AGM or EGM, the amendment being published with the notice of the said meeting.

10. Winding up.

If there is insufficient attendance at three consecutive meetings, an EGM shall be called to decide the Club's future. If it is decided to wind up the Club, its monies and assets shall be kept in a fund to finance and maintain the three Enfield repeaters GB3NL, GB3LV and GB3EN. The fund should be administered by the current license holder plus at least two others will be responsible for the repeaters.

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For and on behalf of The Southgate Amateur Radio Club.

Section 10 amended