

BYLAWS OF THE SILVER SPRINGS RADIO CLUB, INC.

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1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of the organization is **SILVER SPRINGS RADIO CLUB, INC.**

2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 To promote and develop the use, enjoyment and benefits of Amateur Radio.

2.2 To maintain emergency communication equipment, and provide communication services for the support of local, state, and federal governments in the event of disaster or dire need.

2.3 To provide social and fellowship opportunities for members and their families, and generally to do any and all things which may increase public interest in, and knowledge of amateur radio and communications equipment.

2.4 To acquire by purchase or otherwise own, hold, buy, sell, convey, lease, mortgage or encumber all kinds of real and personal property.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP *(A7)

Membership in this organization shall include those persons holding valid amateur radio licenses and those privileged to operate under a reciprocal agreement as provided under rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, who have been approved for membership by a majority vote of eligible members at a monthly general membership meeting. Only those persons holding valid amateur radio licenses and otherwise eligible for

membership shall be entitled to voting privileges.

3.1 MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS *(A8)

A. Charter Members are licensed subscribers to the original Articles of Incorporation of Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc.

B. Honorary and/or Lifetime Members are licensed membership conferred by vote of members of Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc.

C. Regular/ Family/ Student Members are dues paying licensed amateur radio operator.

D. Associate Member are generally unlicensed individual having an interest in amateur radio, or a relative, by blood or marriage, to a regular member.

3.2 QUALIFICATIONS/PRIVILEGES

A. Charter Members are perpetually exempt from payment of dues.

B. Honorary and/or Lifetime Members.

(i) Honorary Membership is a dues-exempt membership, extended on an annual basis by majority vote of eligible members at a monthly general membership meeting to individuals making significant contribution to the club.

(ii) Lifetime Membership may be extended to individuals making major contribution to the Club. Such membership requires approval by a majority vote of eligible members at a monthly general membership meeting. Lifetime Members are perpetually exempt from payment of dues.

C. Regular Members/Family Members/ Student Members

This membership class is comprised of those holding valid amateur radio licenses. This class includes regular single membership, family membership and student membership (a member attending school on a full-time basis). Family membership may also include a non-voting (unlicensed) "associate member". Membership shall be revoked should any amateur's license expire, be suspended or revoked.

D. Associate Members are individuals not holding valid amateur radio licenses who are interested in amateur radio, including but not limited to, relatives (by blood or marriage) of regular members. Associate members have the right to attend all meetings, programs, social events or any other Club function, and receive all club mailings. However, associate members shall not:

- (i) Act as a committee chairperson (except those committees not requiring knowledge of amateur operations, technical ability or representation of amateur radio or Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc. to the public;
- (ii) Have a voice in floor debate, Or
- (iii) Participate in other official business of the Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc., unless invited on a temporary basis by the chairperson in a membership or Board meeting.

3.3 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS *(A9/ A19)

All membership applications, together with appropriate dues and a copy of amateur radio license shall be submitted to the Membership Chairman, and shall be presented for review at the next monthly

Board of Directors meeting. Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, the applications shall be submitted for approval by the membership at the next regular general membership meeting. All membership applications must be approved by a two-thirds vote of eligible members present at a monthly general membership meeting.

3.4 Every applicant for membership in Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc. must express a willingness to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

4.0 QUORUM /MEETINGS

4.1 QUORUM

A. A quorum at a monthly or special membership meeting shall be a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the membership eligible to vote, plus a minimum of four (4) Board Members, which must include either the president or vice president.

B. A quorum required to transact business at any Board of Directors meeting shall be a minimum of a majority of elected Board Members, which must include either the president or vice president.

C. No business may be transacted at any general membership meeting, special membership meeting or Board of Directors meeting unless a quorum is present.

4.2 MEETINGS *(A10)

A. Membership Meetings shall be held monthly at such place and time as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board shall arrange as to time and place, should unforeseen circumstances require a

temporary change, and shall attempt to advise all members in writing or email prior to the changed meeting. A permanent change *in time* or place shall be approved by a majority vote of eligible members present at a monthly membership meeting. The members shall be advised in writing or by email before any permanent change in meeting time or place.

B. Special Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors upon written petition from any five members of the Club acting *in concert*. Notices shall be sent to all members informing them of special meetings and the business to be transacted.

C. Notices for special meetings shall be mailed or emailed a reasonable number of days prior to meeting insure all members are given no less than 24 hours before the time set for the meeting. If notice by mail or email cannot be given at least 24 hours in advance of the special meeting, telephone notice may be given for notice of less than 24 hours.

D. Conduct at all meetings and events shall be non-detrimental. Any person, member or not, causing a violation of the by-laws, articles of incorporation, or causing any disruption to the meetings or events may be removed from such meeting or event.

E. In the event that we are not able to meet in person; the meetings will be held via the internet or other generally available electronic means. Voting will be conducted using the same meeting means or other means that have been mutually agreed upon by the SSRC Board.

4.3 NET MEETINGS

On-the-air meetings will be held weekly for the purpose of training *in* emergency

preparedness, discussing matters of Club interest and business, but without voting procedure, and to list for sale, trade or want, items of amateur-related equipment.

5.0 DUES/FISCAL YEAR

5.1 DUES: *(A11)

A. Annual Dues shall be assessed each member for the purpose of providing funds for the operating expenses of the Club. Notices that dues are payable shall be published in the November and December issues of the newsletter.

B. Dues shall be payable each year no later than January 31, and shall be considered delinquent after that date.

C. Dues may be paid semi-annually by individual members indicating such a preference to the Treasurer in writing prior to the January Board of Directors meeting. Semiannual payments shall be paid in two equal installments, one-half paid on or before January 31, and the *remaining* one-half shall be paid no later than July 31. Dues paid in semi-annual payments shall be considered delinquent after July 31.

D. Any new member is entitled to have his/her dues prorated when the individual is approved for membership between July 1 and December 31. Prorated dues shall be assessed in the amount of one-half of the annual dues assessed of that individual's membership class.

E. Members delinquent in the payment of dues will be dropped from Club membership. A delinquent member may be reinstated with full privileges at the discretion of the Board.

F. The Board may consider dues changes annually. Proposed changes shall be

submitted to the membership at a general membership meeting, giving thirty (30) days' notice. A majority vote of eligible members present shall be required to approve any changes. Dues changes, if any, shall be published in the January issue of the newsletter.

5.2 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of Silver Springs Radio Club, Inc. shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

6.0 OFFICERS

6.1 The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as may hereinafter be provided by these bylaws.

6.2 Officers shall be nominated in October. The officers shall be elected for the term of one year, by written ballot, by a majority of the votes cast by eligible members, at the November membership meeting. New officers will assume their duties on January 1.

6.3 VACANCIES *(A12)

A. Vacancies occurring between elections due to withdrawal, removal, resignation or death of any officer shall be filled by special appointment by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the unexpired term of such officer being replaced.

B. The Board may at its discretion declare a vacancy in any office, if that officer fails to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings.

6.4 Officers may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes

cast by eligible members present at a monthly membership meeting.

6.5 Resignation of any officer or director shall be in writing and delivered to either the President or the Secretary, stating the effective dates.

6.6 To ensure a steady flow of new ideas through the membership, elected officers may succeed themselves in the same office for one additional term. After one year's absence, those members may be re-elected, to the same office.

7.0 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

7.1 PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all general membership meetings and all Board of Directors meetings, and shall conduct them according to the rules hereinafter adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of the Articles of incorporation and bylaws, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of the President. The President may appoint a sergeant-at-arms, whose duties shall be to keep order at all membership meetings and at all Board meetings.

7.2 VICE PRESIDENT *(A13)

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice President shall coordinate policy, direct committees, and oversee the implementation of Club programs, educational activities and public relations.

7.3 THE SECRETARY *(A14)

The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings;
- B. Keep a roll of all members;
- C. Carry on all correspondence;
- D. Read any communications at each meeting;
- E. Mail written notices;
- F. Maintain a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and of the bylaws, (both with all amendments noted thereon), have these copies at every meeting, and have them available for inspection by members upon request;
- G. At the expiration of the term of office, turn over to the successor all Club records including minutes of the general membership and Board of Directors.

7.4 The Treasurer *(A15)

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive and receipt of monies paid to the Club;
- B. Keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended;
- C. Submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at the end of each month, to be read at the next monthly membership meeting.
- D. Keep a fund not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as petty cash;

E. Deposit all monies in a checking account in the Club's name except as provided elsewhere in the bylaws;

F. Obtain proper authorization for expenditures from the checking and savings account by a majority of the votes cast, provided there be a quorum by the Board of Directors at a Board meeting;

G. In the event of illness or death of a member, may expend an amount not to exceed the-petty cash allowance set by the Board of Directors and shall make a detailed report at the next monthly membership meeting;

H. All expenditures exceeding the amount of petty cash funds-shall be made by bank check or Debit Card.

I. At the expiration of the term of office, turn over to the successor all records concerning financial matters;

J. Maintain a record of all equipment, its location and current replacement cost,
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8.0 TRUSTEE *(A16)

8.1 The Trustee of the Club's Amateur radio license K4GSO shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The appointment of the Trustee shall be confirmed by a vote of confidence at the next monthly general membership meeting. A majority of the votes cast by eligible members present shall confirm appointment of the Trustee. The Trustee shall serve thereafter until resigning or failing a vote of confidence by a majority vote of eligible members present at a monthly or special membership meeting. Following appointment, the Trustee shall be

confirmed and installed at the first monthly membership meeting following such appointment.

8.2 The Trustee is responsible for the Club's radio license. Any use of the Club's call sign or license shall be authorized by the Trustee. The Trustee is the custodian of the Club operating logs, records and is empowered to provide all necessary and prudent means to insure the safe and legal operation of Club radio equipment in operation.

8.3 The Trustee shall serve as an adjunct member of the Board of Directors, but shall have the right to vote only in matters concerning operation and maintenance of the Club radio equipment that is being used or in operation. Trustee may appoint other Club member(s) to act as deputy trustee(s), any one of which may act in his absence.

8.4 The Trustee shall hold no less than an advanced class license, unless such class license holder is not available in the Club.

8.5 The Trustee shall appoint, and serve as chair of a technical committee, which shall be responsible for the maintenance of all Club radio equipment in operation.

8.6 The Trustee shall be a member of the Silver Spring Radio Club in good standing at all time.

8.7 The Trustee shall be present at all board meetings to provide a report of condition of the repeaters, antennas, etc., club licenses, and all radios in operations.

9.0 DIRECTORS *(A17) *(A20)

9.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Club. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), and by last person to serve in the position of Presidency who is not currently an active member of the Board and an additional number of Directors to make a total of eight (8). The additional Directors shall be elected at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as the other officers. The Trustee shall be appointed as described in Paragraph 8.1 of the bylaws.

9.2 The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club and shall meet, formulate policy and make recommendations requiring action and vote of members eligible to vote. After consultation with the Board, the President shall determine the time and place of the Board meetings, and provide prior notice to its members.

9.3 The President has the right to vote on all issues before the board. If the President votes to make the issue a tie vote, the President cannot then vote again to untie the vote. **All tie votes are losing proposals.**

9.4 The Board shall prepare a budget of expected and proposed expenditures for the current fiscal year for presentation to, and approval by, the membership at the February general membership meeting.

9.5 The Board of Directors shall have the right to approve the payment of unbudgeted bills and operating expenses not to exceed \$200.00. Expenditures in excess of that amount shall be approved by the vote of eligible members present at a general membership meeting. The Board of Directors shall also have the right and authority to expend Club funds for emergency repairs required to maintain

operation of the Club repeater. Expenditures made on an emergency basis shall be ratified by majority vote of eligible members present at the next general membership meeting.

9.6 Directors may be removed from office following the identical procedure outlined under paragraph 6.4 A for officers.

9.7 Vacancies on, or removal from, the Board of Directors shall follow the procedures outlined in Paragraphs 6.3 B for officers, considering the facts that Officers are automatically members of the Board.

9.8 One director, appointed by the president, shall be responsible for insurance coverage and inventory.

10.0 ELECTIONS

10.1 At the September membership meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. The Committee should attempt to secure more than one candidate for each position.

10.2 The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for Officers and Directors. Consent must be obtained from the nominees prior to their being nominated. The slate will be announced at the October general membership meeting.

10.3 Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the October general membership meeting only, provided the consent of the nominee shall have first been obtained.

10.4 The election of the officers, and Directors and Trustee(s) shall take place during the November meeting of the membership. Election ballots shall be retained by the Secretary for a period of

thirty (30) days and then shredded. A majority shall elect.

10.5 Newly elected officers and directors shall be installed at the next regular membership meeting and shall assume their duties on January 1 of the year for which they were elected.

11. COMMITTEES *(A18)

11.1 The President may appoint special or standing committees for the purpose of planning and conducting special events, entertainment, Club projects, public service exercises, publicity, or any worthy objective needing committee coordination. The President shall determine the number and duration of these committees, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees concerned with public relations, Club programs and education.

11.2 THE INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE shall be a standing committee existing to assist members and affected parties in the remedy of interference caused by or to amateur radio operation. It will conduct that assistance within the RFI guidelines promulgated by ARRL. Such committee shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the President.

11.3 AUDIT COMMITTEE. At the November membership meeting, the President shall appoint an Audit Committee of three qualified members to audit all financial reports of the Club and to present a full accounting to the members at the January general membership meeting of income and expenses reconciliation and balance sheet data, as may be appropriately required for Internal Revenue Service reports. The accounting shall

include description and cash value of all Club property and equipment, together with statements designating equipment location, condition and custodian thereof.

12.0 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 All Club-owned communications assets [station and repeater(s)] shall be made available to support amateur emergency communications.

12.2 Priority for use of Club-owned equipment shall be granted to the organization that supports the local civil preparedness/emergency management authority having jurisdiction in Marion County, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

13.0 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

13.1 The President may appoint a Parliamentarian.

13.2 The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the meeting procedures where applicable, and in which the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is not inconsistent with these bylaws.

14.0 FINANCES

14.1 A separate fund, to be utilized solely for the purpose of repair and replacement of existing equipment, or the acquisition of new equipment shall be entitled the Equipment Fund. Not less than 25 percent (25%) of all dues revenues collected by the Club shall be deposited in this fund.

14.2 All monies not deposited in the Equipment Fund shall be deposited in the General Operating Fund, unless designated by a donor or the Board for a specific purpose.

14.3 The Board shall maintain a savings account in the minimum amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to be designated as a repeater(s) last resort Repair Fund. This Fund is to be expended only if there is insufficient money available from the Equipment Fund for necessary repeater repairs. Interest from the account shall be retained in the savings account.

15.0 AMENDMENTS

15.1 These bylaws may be amended as per paragraph IX of the Articles of Incorporation.

15.2 Any provision contained in these bylaws, except those provisions requiring a quorum or notice, or a suspension of which serves to deny or dilute the members' voting rights, may be suspended upon a two-thirds vote of eligible members present at a monthly general membership meeting.

Certificate of President

These bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors on January 7, 2014 and amended as listed.

President, Silver Springs Radio Club



**Adam Parker, President
December 3, 2024**

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS:

- *(A1) Section 4.3 was amended 3/2007.
- *(A2) Section 5.1 was amended 4/2008.
- *(A3) Sections 5.1; 8.3; 9.1; 9.3; 10.4; 10.5; and 15.1 were amended January 6, 2009.
- *(A4) Section 3.1 was amended January 5, 2010.
- *(AS) Section 4.2, Paragraph D., was added. Section 7.4, Paragraph J was re-written, Section 9.8 was added. Annual Meeting 01/02/2013.
- *(A6) General rewrite of the bylaws for spelling and grammar.
- *(A7) Section 3.0 was amended January 7,2014
- *(AS) Section 3.1, A,B,C,D was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A9) Section 3.3 was amended January 7,2014
- *(A10) Section 4.2, A,C was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A11) Section 5.1, A,F was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A12) Section 6.6 was amended January 7,2014
- *(A13)Section 7.2 was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A14) Section 7.3 was amended January 7,2014
- *(A15)Section 7.4, G,H was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A16) Sections 8.1,8.2,8.3,8.5,8.6,8.7,8.8 was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A17) Sections 9.1,9.2,9.3 was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A18)Section 11.2 was amended January 7, 2014
- *(A19) Section 4.2E was added July 20, 2021
- *(A20) Section 9.1 was amended Dec. 3, 2024