

MORENO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association (MVARA), hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.

Article II – Purpose

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, enact this constitution as our governing law. It is our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote technical radio knowledge and operating efficiency, and to conduct club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article III – Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application upon such terms as the Club shall provide in its Bylaws.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and March Field Air Museum (MFAM) Liaison. These officers shall be known as the Executive Board.

Section 2. Appointed Committees and/or Chairs Officers

The Executive Board may appoint additional committees and/or chairs, as provided for in the Club Bylaws.

Section 3. Eligibility

In order to hold an officer, committee and/or a chair position, an individual must be a Full Member in good standing as defined in the Bylaws and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 4. Election

The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by a majority of the Full members in good standing and present, provided there is a quorum, at the November annual meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special election at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation subject to requirements provided in the Bylaws.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the Club in his/her possession shall be turned over to the President or Vice-President.

Section 7. Removal

Removal of an officer requires an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the total current Full members in good standing and present at the scheduled meeting. Voting shall be by written ballot.

Article V – Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings, and conduct them as provided for in the Club Bylaws;
- Enforce due observance of the Club Constitution and Bylaws;
- Decide all questions of order and resolve questions of dispute;
- Sign all official documents adopted by the Club;
- Be one of two signers on all Club checks.
- Actively manage and direct the Club in its long-range objectives; and
- Review Club accomplishments of the previous year.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall:

- Assume all duties of the President in his/her absence, including the authority to sign checks;
- Assist in planning Club activities and events; and
- Maintain close affiliation with the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL).

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings;
- Keep a roll of members;
- Carry on all correspondence;
- Read communications at each meeting; and
- Control the Club stationary, forms, and the signed originals of the MVARA Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain the Club bank account;
- Receive and provide a receipt for all monies paid to the Club;
- Keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended;
- Pay all expenses authorized by the Club;
- Be one of two signers on all Club checks;
- Collect all dues and assessments from Club members;
- Submit a proposed budget for the coming year for approval at the annual meeting; and
- Quarterly submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at the regular meeting.

Section 5. March Field Air Museum Liaison

The March Field Air Museum Liaison shall:

- Oversee day to day activities directly related to the operation of the MFAM's Radio Room;
- Carry out the direction set forth by the Executive Board;
- Provide periodic status reports to the Executive Board on the operation of the Radio Room;
- Provide monthly status reports to the membership;
- Maintain a working relationship with the MFAM's Director, Collections, Exhibits and Restoration or designee;
- Maintain the Memo of Understanding between the Club and MFAM.

Section 6. All Officers

All Club officers shall perform such other duties as may be provided for in the Club Bylaws.

At the expiration of the term, each officer shall turn over all items belonging to the Club to his/her successor.

Article VI – Meetings

The Bylaws shall provide for regular membership meetings and board meetings, and shall establish requirements for constitution of a quorum to conduct Club business.

Article VII – Dues

The Club shall levy upon members such dues or assessments as deemed necessary for the business and operation of the Club. Non-payment of such dues shall result in termination of membership in the Club, subject to requirements provided for in the Bylaws.

Article VIII – Club Call Sign and Trustee

The Club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. The President shall assign Trusteeship of the Club call sign.

The Trustee shall be a Full Member of the Club in good standing; meet FCC requirements; have not had his/her Radio Amateur license revoked or sanctioned at any time. Preferably hold or working toward an Amateur Extra License.

Article IX - Dissolution of the Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Executive Board votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two-thirds affirmative vote of the total Full members in good standing and present at the scheduled meeting to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Executive Board shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the Club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from disbursement of the Club's assets. All equipment shall be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash shall be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article X – Amendments

The Constitution of the Club may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total current Full members in good standing and present at the scheduled meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted by the Executive Board in writing at a regular meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified at least 28 days in advance, by mail or e-mail, of the Club's intent to modify the Constitution at said meeting.

Amended and approved by the Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association membership at the general membership meeting held on June 3rd at the March Field Air Museum Radio Room.

President W7DTH Steve DeLong _____

Vice-President KK6CXA Rich Palmer _____

Treasurer N6DJB David Bell _____

Secretary KI6HVG John Bender _____