BY-LAWS

NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club

- 1. The President shall act as chairperson of all meetings of the Club and shall see that the meetings are run in a business-like manner. The President's vote shall be the deciding vote in all tie votes. The President shall be empowered to call meetings for any legitimate purpose. The President shall always act in a manner befitting the office and, upon completion of duties, shall turn over all the official paraphernalia of the office to any successor. The President may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members at any scheduled meeting of the Club.
- 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all ways and shall perform the official functions of the President whenever the President is absent or unable to serve. The Vice-President shall always act in a manner befitting the office and, upon completion of duties, shall turn over all the official paraphernalia of the office to any successor. The Vice-President may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members at any scheduled meeting of the Club.
- 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the official scribe of the Club. Duties shall include:
 - Receiving all correspondence and answering whenever necessary or when directed by the Board.
 - Receiving all dues and deposit all monies promptly in an account in the Club's name in a local bank.
 - Preparing and submitting to the Board a monthly report of all receipts, disbursements, and balance of all funds.
 - Writing and keeping all minutes of meetings and causing them to be entered into the official log of the Club.
 - Paying all bills of the Club as directed by the Board from money owned by the Club, striving to see that all bills are paid promptly.

Either the Secretary-Treasurer or the President shall be authorized to sign any check not in excess of \$100.00. Any expenditure in excess of \$100.00 shall require the signatures of any two of the elected officers: the President, the Vice-President, or the Secretary/Treasurer.

- 4. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to act in the best interest of the Club and shall meet when called by the President to conduct business of the Club between meetings of the Club. The minutes of the Board Meetings will be made available on the Club web site. The regular meeting of the Club will be held on the evening of the first Tuesday in each month at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The voting members who are present at any regular meeting shall make a quorum.
- 5. The Board shall make an inventory of Club equipment annually in January and the Vice-President shall be responsible for maintaining the inventory and reporting any discrepancies to the Club. Purchases of equipment in excess of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall be approved by the Board and reported to voting members present at the next regular meeting.
- 6. The Board shall appoint the Trustee of the Club license (W5EA). The person in whose name the license is issued must be a member of the Club and shall serve until the Board recommends and elects a replacement or until such person requests to be replaced, at which time the Board will bring its recommendation to the Club. The President shall have the authority to govern the actual operation of any Club station and shall be responsible for legal operations of all Club operating activities.
- 7. Any member in good standing may operate any Club station to the extent of the license held by the control operator. Such member shall be responsible for due care and the condition of the equipment while operating the station. At all times when any Club HF station is being operated, a member holding a General license or

higher must be present and serve as control operator. The Board will be responsible for developing policies to govern the operations of any Club station and shall have full authority in all matters.

8. The dues of the Club shall be collected annually by the Secretary-Treasurer. The dues, until changed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at a regular meeting, shall be as follows:

Regular Membership \$20 Annually

Family Membership \$30 Annually

Student Membership \$10 Annually

A family membership shall be available to any family that has more than one valid licensed ham in the family unit living at home. This membership is available only to licensed, voting members.

Any newly licensed operator can become a member with dues waived for the remainder of the year in which they were licensed. In the following year, if they have been licensed less than three months, their dues will be waived.

Membership runs January through December of each year with all memberships expiring on December 31 of each year.

- 9. A student membership shall be available only to full time students in any public or private school system. If the student is a member of an active school amateur radio club, the dues will be waived.
- 10. The Club may be dissolved as outlined in the Articles of Organization and under this by-law all assets owned by the Club at the time of dissolution will be held by the Board of Directors for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days, and if a new local club is duly organized with a proper Articles of Organization and By-laws, all assets owned by this Club will be turned over to such new local club at the direction of the Board. If no new local club shall qualify in the one hundred and twenty (120) day period, all assets of the Club will be transferred to another amateur radio club properly organized and operated for the same purpose as this Club as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will continue to serve until all Club business has been consummated.
- 11. A member shall be removed from the Club rolls by virtue of lack of dues payment. Once a member is removed from the rolls due to delinquency, they can only be reinstated by paying the full annual dues for the current year. There shall be no pro-rata reduction in such case.

Only paid members will be eligible to vote on Club business.

A member also can be removed for actions determined to be detrimental to Club integrity when deemed necessary by the Board.

Any person holding a valid amateur license issued by the FCC will be considered eligible for membership and if accepted shall have all rights and privileges as any other member, including voting. Any person not holding a valid amateur license may become a non-voting member upon the payment of the Club dues as set out in By-law number 8.

12. All Club officers shall hold office for one (1) year unless removed by Club action before the expiration of their term and any officer may be re-elected. Any vacancies will be filled by a person recommended by the Board and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at any regular meeting of the Club.

The President at the October meeting shall appoint a nominating committee. This committee shall bring its recommendations to the Club at its regular Club meeting in November each year and shall hold the election

of officers. The President will chair the election. The new officers will take office effective January 1 of each year and their term will run through December 31 of that year. This will be the Club fiscal year.

These bylaws were duly adopted as amended by the NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club at its meeting held the Sixth day of June 2017.

President

Secretary/Treasure

Revised at the meeting on February 5, 2019