

BEARGREASE AMATEUR RADIO COALITION

By-Laws

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Beargrease Amateur Radio Coalition, referred to hereinafter as B.A.R.C.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

B.A.R.C. was formed as a nonprofit coalition of ham radio operators and other communication personnel who volunteer their time providing communications for the safety, health and welfare of the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon participants and volunteers, and for any other purpose as may be determined by the members from time to time.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBER

A member in good standing shall be defined as any person who abides by the purposes of this coalition and pays the annual dues.

SECTION 2. DUES

Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall cover membership for one fiscal year.

SECTION 3. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall start at the conclusion of the critique meeting following the end of the Beargrease Race and run until the end of the next critique meeting.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS

The following officers shall be elected by the members for a term of one year:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY (MAY BE COMBINED WITH THE OFFICE OF TREASURER)

TREASURER (MAY BE COMBINED WITH THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY)

The following chairpersons shall be elected by the members:

NET CONTROL CHAIR

CHECKPOINT CHAIR

ROAD CROSSING CHAIR

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers and chairpersons shall constitute the Board of Directors of this organization.

PRESIDENT. The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall preside over all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall help with any duties needed by any chairperson and any other help that may be directed by the President.

SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the regular and special meetings and shall prepare and mail notices.

TREASURER. The Treasurer shall keep books and records of the moneys received and expended, maintain membership lists, and provide reports to the members.

NET CONTROL CHAIR. The Net Control Chair shall be responsible for the setup and operation of Net Control.

CHECKPOINT CHAIR. The Checkpoint Chair shall be responsible for scheduling hams at checkpoints during the race.

ROAD CROSSING CHAIR. The Road Crossing Chair shall be responsible for scheduling of hams at road crossings.

In the event of a position having more than one person as chair, only the person listed first on the ballot shall be considered the member of the board of directors unless the chair is absent in which case the co-chair will be considered the member of the board of directors.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES

In the event that the duties of a position cannot be fulfilled because of resignation or any other reason, the position shall be appointed by the President with Board approval by simple majority vote.

ARTICLE V: VOTING/ELECTIONS

Any member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for positions will open the meeting prior to the pre-race meeting. Voting for officers and elected chairpersons shall be by secret paper ballot or by acclamation if only one person is proposed for the position. The election of officers and chairpersons shall be held at the pre-race meeting and the duties shall begin at the close of the critique meeting for a term of one year.

In the event that the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon is canceled, then no pre-race meeting will take place. The following will occur to ensure the Election of Officers:

- * The BARC President will determine a date, if different, for the Critique Meeting. Allow for ample time so that members may send in their dues.
- * The BARC President will continue to take nominations via USPS mail and email.
- * The BARC President will close nominations two weeks prior to the Critique Meeting.
- * The BARC Secretary will distribute a ballot via email to the membership immediately after nominations close. Those requiring a ballot via USPS will need to contact the BARC Secretary.
- * For those BARC members unable to attend the Critique Meeting, the BARC Secretary will collect votes via USPS or email.
- * The Election of Officers will then proceed as above, but at the Critique Meeting instead.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

A proposal to amend the By-Laws must be voted on by at least fifty one (51) percent of the members. For an amendment to pass, a two thirds (2/3) favorable vote is required. A vote by the members may be in person, written or by email proxy. Notice of an amendment proposal must be given by announcement at the previous meeting and in writing by mail/email to the previous and current years' members not in attendance when the announcement is made.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

A proposal to amend the Communications Plan shall be passed by simple majority vote at any regular membership meeting.

SECTION 4. VOTING

Any member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Voting will normally occur at board meetings and general membership meetings except in cases which the president or vice president deems a meeting is not feasible, in which case a vote by written or email proxy is acceptable.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. All meetings shall be presided over by either the President or Vice President. Five sevenths (5/7) of the Board must be present for all meetings to be held.

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held a minimum of twice (2) a year as set by the President. The place and time of the meetings shall be announced on local nets.

SECTION 2. BOARD MEETINGS

The President shall convene such meetings as s/he deems necessary after notice to all Board members.

ARTICLE VII: NETS

A net shall be held weekly on a frequency and at a day and time to be determined by the President. The B.A.R.C. Net shall commence eight weeks prior to the Beargrease Race and the person in charge of the net shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII: INSURANCE

The need for insurance shall be evaluated by members on an ongoing basis.