



Reading and District Amateur Radio Club

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Club Constitution

This is the revised Constitution, as amended by the AGM held on the 9th December 2021.

1. Name

The Club shall be known as the Reading and District Amateur Radio Club. (RADARC)

2. Aims

The aims of the Club shall be to further the interests of its members in all aspects of amateur radio and directly associated activities.

3. Membership

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the committee, to all persons interested in the aims of the Club.

Members will pay the full subscription unless they are unwaged entitling them to a 50% reduction or under 16 in which case membership is free.

Life Membership may be obtained by any person who pays a one-off fee of 12½ times the then-prevailing full subscription. On receipt of this payment, the person will be treated as if they had paid the full membership fee for the remainder of their life in respect of all voting rights and privileges.

Honorary Life Membership may be granted to any person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered outstanding service to the Club, either directly or indirectly. Such membership shall carry the rights of full membership but shall be free from subscriptions.

The committee may award complimentary membership to candidates who pass any examination organised by the Club. This complimentary membership shall cease after the next AGM. Complimentary members shall not have voting rights.

Members may invite guests to meeting free of charge. No guest may attend more than three meetings in each year.

All members shall abide by the Constitution of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to refuse the membership renewal of any person whose conduct, in the opinion of at least two thirds of the full Committee, renders them unfit to be a member of the Club.

4. Subscriptions.

The annual subscriptions for membership shall be set by the Committee and agreed by the AGM.

All subscriptions shall be due and payable at the beginning of the financial year. Members in arrears have no voting rights.

The financial year shall run from the 1st of January to 31st of December each year.

The Committee shall have the power to waive or reduce the subscription in special circumstances for a period not exceeding one year at a time.

The committee shall have the powers to extend membership for a limited period into a new financial year in extraordinary circumstances. This period will not exceed two calendar months and such powers if invoked will apply universally to all members.

5. Finance

The Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary shall control the Club's bank accounts.

The Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary may setup electronic banking services, including facilities to make and receive electronic payments.

All money received by the Club, except petty cash required for activities such as taking membership and operating junk sales, shall be promptly deposited in the Club's bank account.

5.1 The G3AKF Fund

The Club also manages the RADARC G3AKF FUND. This Fund was generated by the sale of equipment from a bequest by the late Bryan Taylor, G3AKF, in December 2008. The operating rules for this fund are as follows:

- i. The fund shall be called, The RADARC G3AKF Fund.
- ii. The purpose of the fund is to support RADARC and, at the discretion of the RADARC Committee and with agreement of the membership, to support Amateur Radio in the widest possible sense.
- iii. The Fund is specifically not to be used for the day to day running of the Club for which there are substantial other funds maintained by member's subscriptions and many Club activities.
- iv. The fund is initially set up with £4000 derived from the G3AKF bequest.
- v. The sum of money within the fund is ring fenced for uses as defined by the Fund's purpose in 2 above.
- vi. Money can be added to the Fund in the future or it can be wound up on completion of expenditure.

5.2 Charitable Donations

- i. RADARC recognises that charitable organisations rely heavily on donations and RADARC wishes to donate to those that are pertinent to the interests of the radio Club.
- ii. RADARC will not contribute to religious or political groups.
- iii. The committee of RADARC are able, at their discretion and without having to get approval from the membership, to make such donations to the total value of £100 per annum in excess of those approved at the AGM or an EGM.
- iv. Charitable donation(s) by the committee may be made to any charitable organisations that meet the requirements specified in i) and ii) of this section.
- v. Any donation to a charitable organisation that does not meet the requirements i) and ii) of this section it must be approved by the membership at an AGM or an EGM.

6. Committee Membership

The Club's affairs shall be administered by a Committee elected at the AGM. The members will elect individuals to specific offices. The Committee, in whom the Club's property shall be vested, shall consist of:

A Chairman who will preside at all meetings at which he is present.

A Secretary who will be responsible for:

- i) Arranging all meetings of the Club throughout the year.
- ii) Ensure all correspondence is correctly handled.
- iii) Keep the minutes of all Committee meetings of the Club.
- iv) Acting as the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
- v) Publicising the Club meetings in the amateur radio press and media
- vi) Keeping the RSGB services such as RadCom, GB2RS etc informed of all Club activities
- vii) Arranging local publicity

viii) Entering candidates to sit the RCE or NRCE at appropriate examination centres.

A Treasurer who will be responsible for:

i) keeping the Club's accounts including the RADARC G3AKF Fund.

ii) advising the Committee on all financial matters.

iii) preparing the accounts, having the accounts reviewed independently and presenting them at the AGM.

iv) maintaining a list of members.

A minimum of one and a maximum of three Ordinary Members, the number of who shall be decided at or before the AGM, and whose duties shall be determined from time to time.

The committee shall have the powers to delegate any of their duties to other members of the Club with the agreement of that member, for example production of the newsletter, RCE/NRCE entries and librarian. Such delegation will terminate at the end of each year at which time it may be renewed by the incoming committee.

The Committee, at its discretion, may co-opt members to the committee. If these members are additional to the normal Committee strength they will have no Committee voting rights.

If a full committee member resigns, or leaves the Committee within the second half of the year, the Committee may co-opt a member to fill the post without calling and EGM or an election. In this case the co-opted member will have full voting rights.

7. Committee Standing Orders

The quorum for the Committee shall be four people, or if the committee is comprised of only four people, then the quorum shall be three people. In the absence of a quorum business may be dealt with, but any decisions taken only become valid after ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum exists.

Committee meeting may be called by the Chairman or any three members of the committee.

The Chairman may vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman has a second casting vote.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held at the first Club meeting in December each year. At least 21 Days notice shall be given to members in writing. If the AGM cannot be held during December it shall be held in the following January, and the Committee shall have the powers to extend the membership and voting rights to include the AGM.

The quorum for the AGM shall be 20% of the membership.

The agenda of the meeting shall be:

i) Apologies for absence.

ii) Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM.

iii) Chairman's report.

iv) Secretary's report.

v) Treasurer's report and adoption of the accounts.

vi) Election of the new Committee

vii) Any Other Business.

Items i to v on the agenda shall be chaired by the retiring Chairman, item vi by an acting chairman who is not standing for election to office, the remaining business by the newly elected Chairman.

A member is eligible for election to Committee if nominated by two members, and agreed in writing by the nominee, prior to the closing date for nominations. If there are Committee posts for which eligible nominations have not been received, nominations and agreements in writing may be requested at the AGM.

Agenda items to be raised by members under Any Other Business must be notified in writing not less than 7 days before the AGM.

9. Extraordinary General Meeting

An EGM may be called by the Committee or by not less than 10 members of the Club. The committee shall call an EGM within 28 days of receiving a valid request. NO other business may be transacted at the EGM.

The quorum for an EGM shall be one third of the membership.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members who were not party to the EGM being called. This notice shall be given in writing.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution may only be amended at an EGM called for that purpose.

11. Winding up of the Club

The decision to wind up the Club may only be taken at and EGM or AGM.

In the absence of a quorum at such a meeting a motion signed by 10 members shall constitute the same decision.

The funds of the Club shall, after the sale of assets and the payment of all outstanding debts, be disposed of as directed by the members at the final EGM, or as agreed by the members present when the motion in this section was signed.