

# **SOUTH CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS), a non-profit organization hereinafter referred to as SCARS.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The primary purposes of SCARS are to:

1. To promote the purposes of amateur radio as defined in Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission Regulations.
2. To foster fraternal relations among amateur radio operators.
3. To encourage, educate, and assist members of the public who are interested in becoming amateur radio operators.
4. To provide useful services for members and their families.
5. To serve the community and the nation.

SCARS is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in SCARS is set forth as follows:

Any person is eligible for FULL MEMBERSHIP provided that:

- a. They hold a valid Amateur Radio Operator/Station license
- b. They indicate a desire to become a member of SCARS.

Any person who was included in the original organization of this club will be considered as a CHARTER MEMBER.

SECTION 2. To become a member of SCARS, a person who is eligible must furnish their name, address, call sign, telephone number (if any), and annual dues to the Treasurer.

SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be bestowed on any eligible person by majority vote of members present at any regular or special meeting. Honorary membership shall be for not more than one year duration. Honorary membership will not have voting privileges.

SECTION 4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Eligibility for Associate Membership in SCARS is set forth as follows. Any person is eligible for Associate Membership provided that:

- a. They indicate a desire to become a licensed amateur radio operator.
- b. They shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of SCARS except the right to vote and/or hold office.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP may be bestowed on any person meeting full membership requirements by approval of the executive committee.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE**

Each member shall pledge themselves to adhere to the best of their ability to:

- a. All applicable FCC rules and regulations.
- b. The requirements of this Constitution.
- c. The By-Laws
- d. The code of ethics and Conflict of Interest statements adopted by SCARS.

#### **ARTICLE V – VOTING PRIVILEGES**

All full members and charter members shall have full voting privileges providing they are not delinquent in their dues.

#### **ARTICLE VI – EXPULSION**

Members of SCARS may be expelled in accordance with such procedure as may be established in the bylaws for violation of this Constitution, violation of the code of ethics of SCARS, or for other conduct tending to cause discredit to fall upon SCARS or upon amateur radio as a whole.

#### **ARTICLE VII – RESIGNATIONS**

Any member has the prerogative of resignation from membership in SCARS and any resignation will be recognized and accepted when submitted to the Secretary in writing.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – GOVERNANCE**

The governance of SCARS shall be vested in the Executive Committee comprised of the officers and Trustees of SCARS who shall be nominated and elected in such a manner as may be prescribed in the bylaws. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Trustee and Alternate Trustee positions shall be filled as prescribed in the bylaws. In addition, the Executive Committee will include three persons appointed by the President and approved by the membership.

#### **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall be held at the place, and on the date, and at the time as determined in the manner prescribed in the bylaws, and shall be presided over

by the President or succeeding officers. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the paid-up membership.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called for any purpose by an officer of SCARS who shall preside over the meeting. A Quorum shall consist of 20% of the paid-up membership.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended in the following manner:

- a. Any proposed amendment shall be first presented at any regular or special meeting for approval.
- b. If approved by a majority vote of the members present, at two consecutive meetings

## **ARTICLE XI – SCARS OWNERSHIP RIGHTS**

SCARS shall have the privilege of owning property both real and personal and the right to buy and sell said property according to the provisions of the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XII – SCARS STATION RIGHTS**

SCARS shall have the expressed right to establish and maintain a club station and establish procedures within the privileges granted by the FCC

DATE ACCEPTED: (Date unrecorded on file copy)

SIGNED:

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| President      | (File copy not signed) |
| Vice-President | (File copy not signed) |
| Secretary      | (File copy not signed) |
| Treasurer      | (File copy not signed) |
| Witness        | (File copy not signed) |
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This constitution retyped from file copy in April 1985 under the direction of Davis M. Egle, President, 1985.

This constitution was retyped again from the April 1985 file copy by Douglas Forsyth, April 2010.

**AMENDED:** July 10, 2010 after being approved by a majority of the members present at regular meetings on June 19, 2010 and July 10, 2010.