

DETARC Bylaws — Inline Suggested Revisions

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Note: This is a governance and drafting review, not legal advice. Items affecting nonprofit status, dissolution, discipline, or Texas nonprofit law should be compared with DETARC's Articles of Incorporation and reviewed by an appropriate professional if needed.

DETARC

Deep East Texas Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

ARRL Affiliated Club

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 19 (Medium): Verify current ARRL Affiliated Club status	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The title page identifies DETARC as an “ARRL Affiliated Club.” The bylaws packet should not continue to represent an affiliation unless the Club has confirmed that the affiliation is still active and in good standing.
Suggested revision	Add a review note near the title page or Club-information section: “ARRL Affiliated Club status should be verified before publication or adoption of this bylaws packet. If DETARC’s ARRL affiliation is active, the Club should retain the designation and note the date verified. If the affiliation is inactive, lapsed, or uncertain, the designation should be removed or changed to ‘ARRL affiliation status under review’ until confirmed.”
Rationale / justification	Affiliation status is an external fact that may change independently of the bylaws. Verifying it avoids publishing inaccurate organizational information and gives the Club an opportunity to renew or update its ARRL records if needed.
Notes for discussion	Suggested action: check ARRL club records or contact ARRL Field Services/club-affiliation support and record the verification date in Club records.

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DEEP EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

As Revised

October 26, 2017

Club Repeater 146.940 MHz, 141.3 Tone W5IRP Club Repeater 444.975 MHz, 107.2 Tone

Winlink Node 145.050 MHz, 1200 Baud

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 14 (Low): Separate operational details from bylaws	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The cover page lists repeater frequencies, tones, callsign, and Winlink node details. These operational facts can change more often than bylaws and may make the document appear stale even if governance provisions remain valid.
Suggested revision	Move repeater/Winlink details to a separate “Club Information” page, appendix, website, or standing policy document. If kept in the bylaws packet, label them clearly as “Club information, not part of the bylaws.”
Rationale / justification	Bylaws should be relatively stable governance rules. Operational information is useful but easier to maintain outside the bylaws.

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PREAMBLE

The DEEP EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions and services to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 1 (High): Add required/strongly advisable 501(c)(3) dissolution language

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws state that DETARC is organized for 501(c)(3) purposes, but they do not appear to contain a dissolution clause directing remaining assets to another 501(c)(3), governmental unit, or other qualifying exempt purpose.
Suggested revision	Add a new article, preferably before the amendment article: ARTICLE XI — DISSOLUTION Upon dissolution of the Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Club is then located, exclusively for such exempt purposes. Renumber the current Article XI, Amendments, as Article XII.
Rationale / justification	This is standard nonprofit language and is commonly expected for organizations holding or seeking 501(c)(3) status. Because DETARC owns equipment and may receive donations, dissolution language helps avoid uncertainty over Club assets.
Notes for discussion	Verify whether the Articles of Incorporation already contain dissolution language.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 2 (High): Modernize Internal Revenue Code reference

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The preamble refers to the “Internal Revenue Code of 1954.” Current usage normally refers to the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

Suggested revision	Replace: “Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)” With: “Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax law.”
Rationale / justification	This is a cleanup and modernization change. It preserves the intended charitable/educational/scientific purpose while avoiding outdated code nomenclature and inconsistent spacing.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. This Club shall be known by the name, style and title of Deep East Texas

Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (DETARC) and shall be referred to herein as

the Club.

Section 2. The location of the Club shall be in the City of Lufkin, the County of

Angelina and the State of Texas.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the DEEP EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB,

INC., to promote the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to

promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operation efficiency and to

conduct club programs and activities to advance the general interest of Amateur Radio

and Public Service within the community.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 15 (Low): Consider replacing “fraternalism” with clearer wording	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	Article II uses the term “fraternalism.” It is understandable historically, but some readers may find “fellowship,” “camaraderie,” or “mutual assistance” clearer and more inclusive.

Suggested revision	Replace “to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operation efficiency” with: “to promote radio knowledge, fellowship, mutual assistance, and individual operating efficiency”
Rationale / justification	This is a style and clarity update, not a substantive governance change.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The elected officers of the Club shall be:

- A. President,
- B. Vice President,
- C. Secretary and
- D. Treasurer,

and referred to herein as the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee and such authority as may be delegated to committees and members of the Club.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to each General Membership meeting to establish an agenda, decide any policy issues for the Club, decide on any future projects or events, and approve requests for expenditures of less than \$150. Expenditures that exceed \$150 must be voted on by the General Membership.

Three (3) Executive Committee members shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of Executive Committee business. The President or Vice President must be present.

Reports to the General Membership, such as the monthly Secretary reading of minutes and financial report from the Treasurer should be discussed and finalized at this meeting. Any Special Committee reports should be presented at this meeting. General Membership meeting programs and presentations should be finalized at this meeting.

In December, the outgoing Executive Committee will approve the Treasurer's End of Year Report and Inventory of Club Assets. The Report will be entered into the next General Membership meeting minutes.

Executive Committee decisions shall be read into the minutes at the next General Membership meeting by the Secretary.

Section 4. The previous year's President will be included as a member of the incoming Executive Committee to provide continuity of operations.

Section 5. The Trustee will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee, except he or she will vote on decisions affecting the Club License, Club Station or repeater systems. The Trustee will be appointed by majority vote of the Executive Committee and will serve continuously until replaced by the Executive Committee.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 3 (High): Clarify who is on the Executive Committee and who votes	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	Article III first says the elected officers are "referred to herein as the Executive Committee," but later adds the previous President and Trustee to the Executive Committee. The quorum rule does not clearly say whether the previous President counts toward quorum or whether the Trustee counts except on license/station/repeater matters.
Suggested revision	Revise Article III to define the Executive Committee in one place: "The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and the Club Trustee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate past President shall be voting members of the Executive Committee. The Club Trustee shall be a non-voting member except on matters directly affecting the Club license, Club station, or repeater systems." Then revise quorum language: "Three voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that either the President or Vice President is present. For matters on which the Trustee is entitled to vote, the Trustee may be counted for quorum for that matter."

Rationale / justification	This avoids confusion during Executive Committee actions, especially on spending, repeater/license decisions, and transition years. It also prevents later disputes about whether a decision was validly made.
Notes for discussion	The Club may prefer the immediate past President to serve as advisory/non-voting rather than voting; if so, adjust the wording.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 12 (Medium): Add conflict-of-interest policy reference	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws do not mention conflicts of interest, related-party transactions, or private benefit concerns.
Suggested revision	Add: “No officer, committee member, or member shall use Club position or assets for private inurement or improper personal benefit. Any officer or member with a financial or personal interest in a proposed transaction shall disclose the interest before action is taken and shall abstain from voting unless the disinterested decision-makers determine that participation is appropriate. The Club may adopt a separate written conflict-of-interest policy.”
Rationale / justification	This is good nonprofit governance and especially relevant for 501(c)(3) organizations. It helps protect the Club if it buys equipment, rents tower/site space, reimburses expenses, or transacts with members.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all Club meetings, conduct the business and

affairs of the Club and appoint chairmen of committees charged with
specific responsibilities.

The President should consider appointing Chairpersons for the following Standing Committees: Membership, Training, Public Service, Programs/Activities Manager, Field Day, Communications Room/Station Manager and other Temporary Committees as necessary to meet the needs of the Club.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence

of the President and such other duties as may be delegated by the

President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep and maintain Club records, carry on necessary

correspondence and be the custodian of the Bylaws.

The Secretary will generate and maintain a Roster of Active Members, based upon input of paid members from the Treasurer. The Roster will be available to all active members.

The Secretary will publish the minutes of each General Membership meeting in the next available Club Newsletter.

The Secretary will maintain and update as necessary records for the Club's Non-Profit status, Tax Exempt status, and ARRL Affiliation.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive dues, maintain necessary financial records and

prepare a financial report for monthly meetings.

The Treasurer may purchase supply items for the Club without further approval by the Executive Committee with a limit of \$30."

The Treasurer will prepare an End of Year Financial Report by the December Executive Committee meeting, listing the Assets and Liabilities of the Club. This Report by the Treasurer, with assistance from the Trustee, will include an inventory of all Club assets. The outgoing Executive Committee will approve the End of Year Report and Inventory of Club Assets. The Report will be entered into the next General Membership meeting minutes.

Section 5. Officers shall duly transmit all official Club records and Club property to their successors.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 6 (Medium): Update financial authorization and reimbursement controls	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws contain a \$30 supply-purchase authority for the Treasurer and a \$150 Executive Committee approval threshold. These amounts may be outdated, and the bylaws do not specify reimbursement documentation, check/debit controls, or recurring expenses.
Suggested revision	Replace or supplement the current language with: "The Treasurer may pay ordinary recurring expenses and approved budgeted expenses of the Club. Reimbursements shall require receipts or other reasonable documentation. The Executive Committee may authorize unbudgeted expenditures

	up to \$____. Unbudgeted expenditures above \$____ shall require approval of the General Membership. The Treasurer shall report all receipts, disbursements, and account balances at regular meetings.” Optional: “The Executive Committee may establish written financial procedures, including debit card use, dual approval for large payments, and custody of financial records.”
Rationale / justification	This keeps day-to-day expenses manageable while preserving member oversight of significant spending. It also reduces ambiguity about reimbursements, online payments, debit cards, subscriptions, and repeater/site expenses.
Notes for discussion	The Club should choose current dollar thresholds that fit its normal budget.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 7 (Medium): Add annual financial review or audit provision

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The Treasurer prepares an end-of-year report and inventory, but the bylaws do not provide for an independent review by members who are not signers on the accounts.
Suggested revision	Add: “Following the close of each fiscal year, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Financial Review Committee of at least two members who are not authorized signers on Club accounts to review the Treasurer’s annual report, bank statements, and supporting records. The committee shall report its findings to the membership.”
Rationale / justification	For a volunteer nonprofit, an annual review is usually more practical than a formal audit. It protects the Treasurer, gives members confidence, and helps maintain continuity when officers change.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 8 (Medium): Define the Trustee’s duties more fully

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws mention the Trustee as a non-voting Executive Committee member with voting rights on license, station, or repeater matters, but they do not define duties, qualifications, reporting, or coordination with FCC licensing requirements.
Suggested revision	Add under Article IV: “The Trustee shall hold and administer the Club station license on behalf of the Club, maintain required license records, coordinate with the Executive Committee concerning Club station and repeater operations, and ensure that Club station operations are conducted in accordance with applicable FCC rules. The Trustee shall provide reports to the Executive Committee or membership as requested.”
Rationale / justification	For an amateur radio club, the Trustee role is legally and operationally important. Defining the role helps separate Club governance from station-control responsibilities.
Notes for discussion	Confirm that this language matches the current FCC license trustee arrangement and any repeater coordination requirements.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 16 (Low): Correct stray punctuation in Treasurer supply-purchase sentence

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The sentence “The Treasurer may purchase supply items for the Club without further approval by the Executive Committee with a limit of \$30.” appears to end with an extra closing quotation mark.
Suggested revision	Remove the stray closing quotation mark. If the financial-controls proposal above is adopted, this sentence may be replaced entirely.

Rationale / justification	This is a simple proofreading correction.
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ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Club shall consist of persons who have an interest

in amateur radio, its welfare and growth and its posture among the services in the science of radio communication.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

A. Full Membership and all rights and privileges of the Club shall be accorded to members of the Club who hold valid amateur radio licenses.

B. Associate Membership shall be accorded to unlicensed members of the Club. Associate Members shall not be eligible for an elective office nor committee chairmanship but shall be eligible to vote in elections and to participate in the affairs and other activities of the Club.

Section 3. Members shall become delinquent if not paid up after the second monthly meeting after the July renewal date. Delinquent members will be removed from the Roster of Members and will not be eligible to vote on Club matters.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 4 (High): Clarify voting rights of Full and Associate Members	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	Article V grants Associate Members voting rights, but Article VI defines quorum by "20% of the Full Members," and Article XI requires a 2/3 positive vote by "Full Members" present. It is therefore unclear whether Associate Members may vote on ordinary business, elections, dues, officer vacancies, and bylaw amendments.
Suggested revision	Add in Article V or VI: "Members in good standing may vote on ordinary Club business and elections,

	except where these bylaws expressly limit voting to Full Members. Only Full Members in good standing may vote on amendments to these bylaws, dissolution, disposition of major Club assets, and other matters required by law or these bylaws to be decided by Full Members.” Alternatively, if the Club intends Associate Members to vote on all matters, amend the quorum and amendment articles accordingly.
Rationale / justification	The present wording can lead to a contested vote. The Club should decide intentionally whether license-holding Full Members alone vote on governance amendments, or whether all members in good standing vote.
Notes for discussion	This is a policy choice and should be discussed carefully.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 11 (Medium): Add member discipline, resignation, and reinstatement procedures

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws address delinquent dues but not voluntary resignation, reinstatement, conduct issues, or removal of members for cause.
Suggested revision	Add: “A member may resign by notice to the Secretary or Treasurer. A delinquent member may be reinstated upon payment of dues as determined by the Executive Committee. A member may be suspended or removed for conduct materially harmful to the Club by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, subject to notice and an opportunity for the member to respond, and subject to appeal to the membership if requested.”
Rationale / justification	This gives the Club a fair process for unusual but potentially difficult situations. It is better to have a procedure before a conflict arises.
Notes for discussion	Because member-removal provisions can be sensitive, consider review by someone familiar with Texas nonprofit law.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 13 (Medium): Add privacy/custody rules for the membership roster

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The Secretary maintains a roster available to all active members, but the bylaws do not address what information is included or whether it may be used outside Club purposes.
Suggested revision	Revise Article IV §3 to add: “The roster shall contain such contact and membership-status information as the Executive Committee determines necessary for Club purposes. The roster shall be used only for Club business and shall not be sold, published publicly, or used for commercial or political solicitation.”
Rationale / justification	This protects members’ addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses while still allowing the Club to function.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Club shall meet monthly at a place and time approved by the Club.

Section 2. A quorum must be present to transact business and shall exist when the

President or Vice President, one additional officer and 20% of the Full Members are present.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 5 (High): Permit electronic notice, meetings, and voting where appropriate	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws assume in-person monthly meetings, newsletter notice, and possibly an “email reflector.” They do not address email notices, website posting, video meetings, hybrid meetings, absentee ballots, or emergency circumstances.
Suggested revision	Add under Article VI: “Meetings may be conducted in person, electronically, or in hybrid form when approved by the President or Executive Committee, provided that members are given reasonable notice and all participating members can hear or otherwise meaningfully participate in the proceedings. Notices required by these bylaws may be provided by email, Club website posting, newsletter, regular mail, or announcement at a prior regular meeting, as determined by the Executive Committee.” Optional: “Electronic voting may be used for elections or other matters when approved by the Executive Committee, provided reasonable steps are taken to preserve eligibility, ballot integrity, and a record of the result.”
Rationale / justification	This makes the bylaws resilient for emergencies, venue changes, weather events, and modern Club practice.
Notes for discussion	Electronic voting rules should be kept simple unless the Club expects to use them regularly.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. The nomination for and the election of officers shall be conducted during
the November monthly meeting.

Section 2. The President shall appoint an ad hoc Nominating Committee no later than
the October meeting to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the
November meeting.

Section 3. Nominations for office shall be open to the floor.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected by receiving a majority vote of the members
present and voting.

Section 5. Officers shall serve for a period of one year beginning January 1 or until
duly succeeded.

Section 6. An officer may be reelected for an additional term or terms of office.

Section 7. In the event an office becomes vacant, nomination and election to fill the
vacancy shall be held at the next regular meeting.

Section 8. Should there be a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, a
Secretary or Treasurer pro tempore may be appointed by the President
until the vacancy can be filled by election.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 9 (Medium): Add consent, eligibility, tie-vote, and ballot procedures for elections

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The election article provides timing and majority vote, but not whether nominees must consent, whether candidates must be Full Members, how ballots are taken, or what happens if no candidate receives a majority.
Suggested revision	Add: “No person shall be nominated without that person’s consent. Officers must be Full Members in good standing. Elections may be conducted by voice vote when there is only one nominee for an office, but shall be conducted by written or electronic ballot if there is more than one nominee or if requested by any member. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, a runoff shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.”
Rationale / justification	This avoids awkward or contested elections and aligns officer eligibility with Article V’s statement that Associate Members are not eligible for elective office.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 10 (Medium): Add resignation and removal provisions for officers

Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The bylaws address vacancies but not resignation, removal for failure to perform duties, loss of membership standing, or serious misconduct.
Suggested revision	Add: “An officer may resign by written notice to the Executive Committee. An officer may

	be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Full Members present and voting at a regular or special meeting, provided that notice of the proposed removal is given at least ____ days before the meeting and the officer is given an opportunity to be heard.”
Rationale / justification	Even if rarely used, removal language protects due process and gives the Club a lawful mechanism to address abandonment of office or serious problems.
Notes for discussion	Choose a notice period, such as 10, 14, or 30 days.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

Section 1. Annual membership dues shall become payable on July 1 of each year.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 20 (Medium): Flexible Annual Dues Date	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	Article VIII, Section 1 currently states that annual membership dues become payable on a fixed date. The Club has recently voted to change the due date from July 1 to January 1. If the bylaws continue to specify a particular calendar date, any future change to the dues date would require another bylaw amendment, even though the date itself is more administrative than constitutional in nature
Suggested revision	Current wording: “Annual membership dues shall become payable on July 1 of each year.” Recommended wording: “Annual membership dues shall become payable annually on a date established by the Club membership, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise established by the Club membership, annual dues shall become payable on January 1 of each year.”
Rationale / justification	This revision preserves the Club’s recent decision to move the annual dues date to January 1 while also preventing the bylaws from becoming unnecessarily rigid. The exact dues date is an administrative matter that may need to change over time as the Club’s fiscal year, budgeting process, membership cycle, or operational needs change. At the same time, the proposed wording does not leave the date entirely open-ended or subject to informal change by individual officers. It requires the date to be established by the Club membership, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. This maintains transparency, member oversight, and orderly governance while reducing the likelihood that the bylaws will need to be amended again merely to adjust the dues schedule.
Notes for discussion	At a minimum, Bylaws need to be updated to reflect Jan 1 dues date.

Section 2. The Club shall set the amount of dues for Full Members and Associate

Members for the ensuing year at the May meeting after considering a
recommendation from the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee

shall carefully evaluate the financial condition of the Club and its needs in making its recommendation.

Section 3. The Executive Committee with regard to special situations may waive all or
part of the annual dues.

Section 4. Persons who become members during a year shall have their dues prorated
from the nearest first of the month through the remainder of the year.

Section 5. Associate members who become eligible for full membership during a year
shall not be assessed additional dues for that year.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all meetings of the Club and committees.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 17 (Low): Specify the edition fallback for Robert's Rules	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	Article IX refers to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, but does not specify whether the current edition is intended.
Suggested revision	Revise to: "The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern parliamentary procedure in all cases not inconsistent with these bylaws or applicable law."
Rationale / justification	This avoids locking the Club to a past edition and clarifies that the bylaws control if there is a conflict.

ARTICLE X

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations incurred by the Club shall be solely Club obligations and no personal liability whatever shall be attached to, or incurred by, any officer or member because of any such Club obligation.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Changes to the Bylaws require a 2/3's positive vote by those Full Members present at a previously announced meeting. Official notice of proposed changes to the Bylaws may include a notice in the Newsletter, Club email reflector and announcement at a previous Club meeting.

INLINE REVIEW PROPOSAL 18 (Low): Clarify amendment notice period and distribution of amendment text	
Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Reject ☐ Modify ☐ Discuss
Issue / concern	The amendment article says notice may include newsletter, email reflector, and prior meeting announcement, but it does not specify how far in advance notice must be given or whether the exact text must be provided.
Suggested revision	Revise to: "Proposed amendments shall be provided to the membership in writing at least ____ days before the meeting at which they will be considered. Notice may be given by email, Club newsletter, Club website posting, regular mail, or announcement at a prior regular meeting. Adoption requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of Full Members in good standing present and voting at a meeting for which proper notice has been given."
Rationale / justification	Members should be able to read the actual proposed text before voting. Clear notice rules help prevent procedural challenges.
Notes for discussion	Choose a notice period such as 14 or 30 days.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Club October 26, 2017

Attest: _____

James S. Capp, KG5ODZ, President

Attest: _____

Roy M. Blake III, K5AGE, Secretary

End-of-review verification checklist

- ☐ Compare proposed changes against DETARC's Articles of Incorporation and IRS determination records.
- ☐ Confirm current Texas nonprofit filing status and registered agent information.
- ☐ Confirm the current FCC Club station trustee, callsign/license details, and repeater coordination obligations.
- ☐ Decide whether Associate Members should vote on ordinary business, elections, and/or amendments.
- ☐ Choose updated dollar thresholds for Treasurer and Executive Committee spending authority.
- ☐ Choose notice periods for bylaw amendments, officer removal, and any member discipline process.