



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

(Affiliated to the Radio Society of Great Britain)

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Rules of the Surrey Radio Contact Club

- 1 The Club shall be called the Surrey Radio Contact Club.
- 2 The Club shall be affiliated to the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).
- 3 All persons with a genuine interest in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.
- 4 The Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee of eight, inclusive of the Secretary, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary to be separately nominated and elected. In the event of a Committee member resigning a replacement member may be elected in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 9 at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The closing date for nominations shall be as determined by the Committee.
- 5 A person desirous of joining the Club shall submit his name in writing to the Secretary or Membership Secretary for consideration by the Committee together with the name of a Club member who will act as the sponsor. The committee reserves the right to withhold membership from an applicant.
- 6 An applicant having received a favourable reply from the Committee shall forward the annual subscription and will be deemed a Club member as from the date of the receipt, and receive a copy of the Club Rules.
- 7 A person shall cease to be a Club member when his subscription is more than three months overdue unless a reasonable explanation can be furnished to the Committee. A notice shall be sent to all members as their subscription becomes due and a final warning shall be sent on the expiry of the three month's period.
- 8 The committee reserves the right to withdraw any person, who in the opinion of the Committee fails to observe the spirit of Rule 3. Such a person will be entitled to state his case before the Committee, whose decision shall be binding. The circumstances of the withdrawal of membership shall be promulgated.
- 9 Only Club members who have been a Club Member for a minimum of one year shall be eligible for nomination for the Committee and names put forward shall be sponsored by another Club member, who shall obtain the nominee's agreement in writing. The closing date for such nominations shall be in advance of the Annual General Meeting as determined by the Committee. Only Club members who have been elected a Committee Member in a previous year and served that year shall be eligible for election as an Officer.
- 10 At the Annual General Meeting the Club members shall elect from amongst the elected Committee, a Chairman, Vice-chairman and Treasurer. The committee shall elect any other Officers it may deem necessary from time to time.
- 11 The election of the Committee, Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary shall be by secret ballot, a simple majority being sufficient for election. At least two scrutineers shall be appointed, these to be volunteers from the Club members who are not nominees or nominators. If the nominees agree, the secret ballot may be replaced by a simple majority of hands. In such case, the nominees will not be present during the vote.
- 12 The committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than two members. Such co-opted members shall not possess voting powers.
- 13 Committee meetings shall be called monthly by the chairman on dates and times agreed by committee.
- 14 At a Committee meeting four members, excluding the Chairman, shall constitute a quorum.
- 15 When the voting is equal at a Committee meeting, the chairman shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote.
- 16 The Treasurer shall have control of normal expenditure in connection with Club activities, subject to restrictions determined by the Committee.
- 17a The Club's financial year shall run from February 1st to January 31st
- 17b The Club Accounts shall be scrutinized annually prior to the A.G.M. by one or more Independent Examiner(s).

- 17c The Independent Examiner(s) (who should not be a committee member but may be an ordinary member of the Club) shall be appointed for the following year by the Club members at the A.G.M.
- 18 The subscription amount shall be determined at a General Meeting and is due on the 1st May each Year.
- 18a The subscription amount for the second and subsequent members of a family at the same address shall be determined at a General Meeting and is due on the 1st May each year.
- 19 The Club shall meet as determined by the Committee.
- 20 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall take place in April each year.
- 21 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and may also be called on the demand in writing of not less than one-tenth of the Club members on application to the Committee.
- 22 At meetings defined by Rules 20 and 21, all Club members present shall be entitled to vote and the Chairman may exercise a casting vote in the event of equal voting.
- 23 At meetings defined by Rules 20 and 21 one-sixth of the Club membership shall constitute a quorum. If one sixth of the Club membership is not present a further Meeting shall be held within one calendar month and that Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- 24 At least seven day's notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to the Club members of any General Meeting defined by Rules 20 and 21.
- 25 The committee shall have the right to elect Honorary Members of the Club, subject to the approval of the Club members.
- 26 The Rules of the club shall be amended by a vote for the motion of at least two-thirds of the Club members present at a Meeting of the Club members called under Rules 20 and 21. Notice in writing to the Secretary shall be given of any proposed amendment to the Rules at least 21 days before the date of the General Meeting.
- 27a A decision to wind up the Club can only be taken at a meeting of the Club members called under Rule 21. The meeting; will decide what shall be done with the assets after the period mentioned in Rule 27b has passed.
- 27b The funds of the Club shall, after the payment of all debts, be held for a period of two years, by a number of trustees elected at that general Meeting. Those trustees have the power to hold or sell any assets, depending upon circumstances, the proceeds of which would be added to the Club funds.
- 27c After the period of two years, if the Club has not been revived, the trustees will carry out the instructions as to the disposal of the assets, as was decided at the General Meeting described under Rule 27a.

NOTE:

The Club, mindful of its responsibility for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, supports the RSGB Child Protection Guidelines. (See <http://rsgb.org/main/clubs/events-pack/child-protection>)

History: Rule 28a-c accepted @ AGM dated 2nd April 1990 (changed to 27a-c 16th Feb 2009)
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