# **SCARS BY-LAWS**

### SECTION I

## Meetings:

Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as determined by majority vote of the membership.

Special meetings may be called by the President when deemed necessary or upon the written request of five members. Notices shall be communicated to members concerning the business transacted, and no other business will be considered. Notification to members will be made at least forty eight hours prior to the special meeting.

### **SECTION II**

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES:

Application for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer by the most convenient means, in person, Email, telephone or regular mail. A majority vote of the members present is required for approval.

An Honorary Membership may be awarded to anyone at no cost by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent.

Annual dues of \$20.00 are due and payable each year in January. Annual dues 4 months in arrears will be cause for removal from the membership rolls.

### **SECTION III**

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life membership shall be available to members for a fee of 10 (ten) times the annual rate, or \$200.00

#### **SECTION IV**

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Special assessments above regular membership dues shall be made on an as needed basis. Proposals for assessments will be voted upon at a regular meeting, following notification to all members that the special assessment will be on the meeting agenda. Approval by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting is necessary for a levy of a special assessment.

#### SECTION V

#### **COMMITTEES:**

The President shall appoint Committee Chairpersons, and may additionally appoint members of various committees to carry out the functions and responsibilities of SCARS in an efficient and orderly manner. Appointments to committees will normally be made in January and in all cases, the membership will be notified of committee appointments.

Standing committees to which a Chairperson must be appointed each January are as follows:

Membership Committee Audit Committee Publicity Committee Repeater Committee

Duties and responsibilities of Standing Committee Chairperson will be as delineated by the President, in coordination with other officers of SCARS, with the following exception: The Audit Chairperson shall be responsible to conduct a complete audit of all funds, records and property belonging to SCARS in December of each year. A written report of his findings will presented to the membership at the December meeting. In addition, the Audit Chairperson will make periodic reviews of financial records to assist the Secretary/Treasurer in proper records maintenance.

Other committee appointments, in addition to the standing committees, will normally be made for the following activities or functions: Two Meter Net Manager, Field Day Chairperson, Facilities Chairperson (responsible for SCARS property), and Emergency Training Coordinator.

#### **SECTION VI**

#### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

A budget will be established annually to authorize and control disbursement of funds for a 12 month period beginning in January of each year.

A proposed budget will be prepared by the President-elect and presented for approval of the general membership of SCARS at the December meeting. This document as amended and approved by the membership will become the official budget. This document will authorize the elected officers to obligate and disperse SCARS funds within the limit imposed for each budgeted item provided sufficient un-obligated funds are in SCARS treasury at the time that the new obligation is executed.

The budget may be amended to meet obligations by a majority vote of the membership.

A petty cash fund may be established for the Secretary/Treasurer out of the Secretary/Treasurer budget item. The level of expenditure of petty cash fund will not exceed \$50.00 per month.

All disbursements made by the Secretary/Treasurer from the General Fund will be signed by not less than two elected officers.

### **SECTION VII**

AMENDMENTS: These By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of SCARS, provided; that proposed amendments have been submitted in writing at a prior regular meeting, all members have been notified of intent to vote on an amendment or change, and members have been informed of the date on which the vote will be taken.

### **SECTION VII**

In the event of dissolution of SCARS, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organization with similar purposes or to one or more organization which is exempt as described in Section 501C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (as amended) in effect on the date on which the dissolution vote is taken.

Notes: Effective date of adoption, 14 March 2009, by unanimous vote of the 20 members present. Time 10:15 AM Place: Piggly-Wiggly, US 701 Bus., Clinton, NC 28328

Further amendments: 4/12/2014 and 12/13/2014, same meeting venue.