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# OHM TOWN NEWS

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Presidents Message

Wow! Has this summer gone by fast or what! Time for Back-to-School fever and all that sort of stuff. If your summer has been like mine then you have been very, very busy. It has been quite awhile since we last met as a group. I hope we haven't forgotten that we still have a club. I know the Board hasn't. We have been very, very, busy with the Club.

I would like to remind everyone of our 'End-of-Summer' pot-luck dinner Club Meeting. And once again this year it will be held at Merlin Olsen Park at 7:00 P.M. September 10, 1998, which is the 2nd Thursday of September. We have had a summer very full of HAM Radio activities. I would like to thank all those people who have so generously given of their time and talents to attend and make these activities successful. There is still some outstanding activities left before summer ends, which are Jamboree on the air (JOTA), Logan to Jackson Bike Race (LOTOGA), and a Balloon Launch planned at the end of September. We are looking forward to those activities with much excitement.

Like I mentioned earlier, this has been a very, very busy year for the Board and Repeater Committee. The Board has discussed, planned, and worked on many ideas and issues that I hope will make put the club in a better position to serve its members better.

Those ideas and possible solutions are found in another section of this newsletter. The issues they deal with are very important to the continuity and operation of the Club. Please,

carefully consider the proposals and come prepared to discuss them in our Club meeting. I think it's positive step to what we would like our Club to continue to be.

In closing let me say this, I regret that I will not be able to attend our next Club meeting in September. Reason being, my wife and I will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary in Hawaii. We will be returning on the plane that same day. Actually, it will only be our 20th wedding anniversary, but we wanted to celebrate our 50th early, while we were still young enough to be able to make it a good celebration.

Many, many thanks to all of you who have supported me as your Club President this year. Without the help of such wonderful members as yourselves, the Club would not be as successful as it is. We have a Great Club, one of the best in my opinion. It can be kept that way with your continued support. See ya'll when we get back.

And remember, reach for the stars but keep your feet on the ground.

73's

Farrell Garr KC7CWX  
President

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Important information about proposed changes in the bylaws

Club Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Merlin Olsen Park in Logan. Potluck Dinner.

**BYLAWS (As proposed September 1998)**  
**BRIDGERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

**Article I - NAME**

*Section 1.* The name of this organization shall be Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

**Article II - PURPOSE**

*Section 1.* The purpose of this organization shall be to unite radio amateurs in fellowship, to aid those not licensed in learning code and theory, and to provide service to the community, especially in times of emergency.

**Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1.* All persons having bonafide interest in amateur radio, whether licensed or not, shall be eligible for membership.

*Section 2.* Applications for membership shall be submitted to a club Officer. A member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of this Club may be expelled by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members if the Board of Directors (Board) has found the charges are sustained by its investigations. An expelled member may not reapply for membership unless approved by the Board.

*Section 3.* A member shall be defined as one who has submitted an application for membership and paid the appropriate dues.

**Article IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD**

*Section 1.* There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the Officers, the immediate past President, one (1) at large Board Member, and the Repeater Chairman.

*Section 2.* The Officers of the club shall be President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

*Section 3.* All Officers and Board members shall be members of the Club in good standing.

*Section 4.* Any person holding the office of President shall have served at least one year as an Officer or Board member of the Club, whether before or after incorporation.

*Section 5.* The immediate past President shall serve the subsequent year as a member of the Board of Directors.

*Section 6.* The President-elect shall serve the subsequent year as President.

*Section 7.* Committee chairpersons of the various committees as required shall be appointed by the Board. Additional members of said committees shall be appointed by the committee chairperson.

**Article V - ELECTIONS**

*Section 1.* The officers and Board members of the Club, except for the President- elect, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and until such time as their successors shall have been elected and take office. Newly elected Officers and Board members shall take office the first day of January of the next year.

*Section 2.* The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board. They will present their list of nominations by notification as specified in Article XII, Section 6.

*Section 3.* Election of Officers and Board Members shall be held at the November meeting of the Club. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Those receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

*Section 4.* Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at a general meeting, after which the withdrawal or resignation is made known. Nominations for replacement shall be made by the Board. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor. Voting shall be conducted per Article XII and the person receiving the largest number of votes will be the new Officer. The newly elected Officer shall take office immediately.

*Section 5.* Officers and Board members may be removed by a petition signed by at least (10) members and upheld by a ¾ majority vote.

**Article VI - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD**

*Section 1.* The Board shall be the governing body of the Club and as such shall formulate and be responsible for all matters of policy. Decisions of the Board shall be reached upon majority vote; and thereupon the President shall execute the decisions so made or the policies so formed.

*Section 2.* The President shall call an organizational meeting of the old and new Officers and Board members within 30 days of the election meeting.

*Section 3.* The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club; shall enforce due observance of the by-laws; shall decide all questions of order; shall sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club; and shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

*Section 4.* The President-elect shall possess all the powers and assume all duties of the President in the event of the absence, disability, refusal, or failure to act, of the President. The President-elect shall, further, assist the President in all functions of that office and shall perform such other duties as are properly assigned by the Board.

**Section 5.** The Secretary shall countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the corporation; shall keep a record of all proceedings of all meetings; keep a roll of members and current status of those members; shall keep a roll of members present at meetings; accept applications for membership, keep a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws present at all meetings; carry on all correspondence; read communications received at each regular meeting; and give notice of all meetings.

**Section 6.** The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all club funds, including dues from members; shall keep an accurate record of all such transactions; and shall give a financial report to the Board and members upon request.

**Section 7.** The Repeater Chairman shall be responsible for all repeater associated activities; shall form a committee of technically competent personnel to manage and maintain the physical property of the repeater system; shall call meetings as appropriate to transact committee business; and shall submit requests as required to the Board for funds to meet expenses to be incurred in consequence of repeater operation and maintenance.

**Section 8.** The at large board member and the immediate past president board member shall perform such Club duties and assignments as determined by the President and Board.

#### **Article VII - MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** There shall be a general club meeting held monthly. This meeting schedule may be changed subject to a decision by the Board.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, provided the entire club membership is notified in writing of such special meeting ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Notification may be done per Article XII, Section 6. The President shall be required to call a special meeting upon receipt of written request signed by ten (10) or more members.

**Section 3.** The Board shall meet in general or special meeting in order to transact business. The board shall normally meet once a month. All meeting of the Board shall require (10) days notice to the Board members.

**Section 4.** All meetings of the Board shall be open to all club members.

#### **Article VIII - DUES**

**Section 1.** The annual dues will be recommended by the Board and approved by the members. The dues year shall be January 1 to December 31. Pro-rated dues will apply only to new licensees or those new to the area. The Board has the authority to accept dues paid from any valuable consideration.

#### **Article IX - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a general meeting, provided that members shall have been notified per Article XII, Section 6. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing to a Club Officer.

#### **Article X - RULES**

**Section 1.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this Club.

#### **Article XI - BUDGETS AND REPORTING**

**Section 1.** The Board shall give an annual report to the members on the activities of the Club with a financial report including the receipt and disbursement of club funds. The Board shall present an annual budget after receiving input from committee members and members at large. The members shall vote upon said budget and then the Board shall have authority to conduct Club business within the guidelines of said budget. A vote of the members will not have to be given again unless the budget is changed materially or exceeded in total.

#### **Article XII - VOTING**

**Section 1.** Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

**Section 2.** All voting shall be by majority vote of the members present, unless specifically stated otherwise in these articles.

**Section 3.** Voting for the election of the Board and Officers; expulsion of a member, Board member or Officer; adoption or amendments of the By-laws; approval of the annual budget and dues; and other issues as determined by the board shall be conducted as stated below in Sections 4 through 6.

**Section 4.** Voting on matters specified in section 3 of this Article shall be by secret ballot of members in attendance and by members Proxies.

**Section 5.** A proxy shall be included with the notification as specified in section 6 below. Proxies may be given to a Club Officer or any other member by mail or in person. Proxies may be specific or general. The form of the proxies, ballots and balloting procedures shall be determined by the Board.

**Section 6.** Notification to members of the subject matter of any vote to be taken shall be by publication in the Ohm Town News the issue prior to the meeting in which the voting is to be done. The notification shall include the time, date and place of the meeting in which the vote will be taken. This notification shall be mailed no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Dear Club Member,

As your Officers and Board of Directors we have really enjoyed this year in serving you and trying to make our Club grow both in numbers and enjoyment. However, we have identified a couple of areas of concern. To address those concerns we would like to propose the following changes.

*For the Dues structure of the club:*

We wish to respectfully propose the following changes in the dues structure of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club. We have carefully studied the demographics of the club and feel that this change will produce very little, if any further financial burden on more than 95% of the Club members now on the roster. One of the biggest driving forces for this change is the difficulty we have in fixing responsibility for voting on issues in the club. Because we have been essentially two different groups, supporting fundamentally two different causes, we have had real difficulty in providing voting input for those who only support through their payments the repeater side of the club. Further, by the by-laws, a club member can vote on repeater issues whether he has contributed to the repeater fund or not.

We propose a \$10 one-time initiation fee for any new member applying to the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club. For this initiation fee, with the payment of regular club dues, the new member will receive, but will not be limited to, the following: Repeater codes and privileges now given only to those joining the repeater group, a club directory, and such other valuable consideration still to be determined by the board. Additionally we propose that the annual dues be \$25 per member with \$3 per additional member living in the same household. These dues will give the club member full privileges for all club sponsored facilities or activities. Of course, as usual, anyone wishing to make additional funds available to the club for its use may do so, and also specify the intended use of such funds, if desired.

While the Repeater Committee will remain intact and function exactly as in the past, the "repeater group" as such, would be eliminated.

*For the organizational structure, the following by-law changes are proposed::*

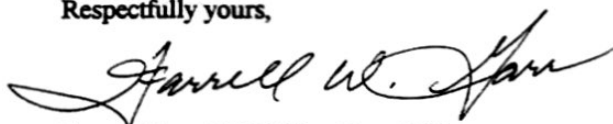
Most, if not all, of the service groups such as Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. use the following organization; and we feel that because of the leadership rotation it gives, we will receive the same benefits as they have done for many years.

The present office of Vice-President would be replaced with a President-elect. This person serves the subsequent year as club President and the year after that as a member of the Board of Directors. This is a three-year commitment and will require extra dedication to the club of the person elected to this office. That is one more year than is currently required of the President. Except for this first year, a President will no longer be elected each year.

The second change would be to make the position of Repeater Chairman an elected position. This person will serve as a voting member of the Board. The work of the Repeater Chairman will be essentially the same as it is now in the repeater group. We feel this will provide a much closer tie between the repeater activities of the club, the Board, and the Club members at large.

We hope that you sense the hopes we have to return to a truly unified club by these actions.

Respectfully yours,



Farrell Garr, BARC President 1998  
for The Officers and Board of Directors

