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BYLAWS OF THE MERCURY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (ALBERTA) (Alberta Corporate Access Number: 5014438864)

CHAPTER AND CLUB STRUCTURE

- A1. Pursuant to Bylaws 5. and 6. Mercury Alberta will be the coordinating organization for Chapters and Affiliated Clubs in Alberta.
- A. Local organizations may connect with Mercury Alberta by either of two organizational means: Mercury Alberta Chapter, or Affiliated Club.
 - B. Affiliated Clubs are those organizations which have their own set of bylaws, officers, elections, treasuries, and equipment/insurance programs (if desired). An affiliated club makes its own organizational rules and affiliates with Mercury Alberta for the purpose of participating in area nets, training programs, or use of network infrastructure owned by Mercury Alberta. Affiliates designate a representative to be the liaison with Mercury Alberta as a non-voting member of the Executive Board, but govern themselves with their own slate of officers.
 - C. Mercury Alberta Chapters are those entities established and authorized by the Mercury Alberta Executive Board to use the Mercury Alberta name, logo, website, and other resources as a part of an area-wide organization governed by the Mercury Alberta Bylaws and Executive Board. Mercury Alberta Chapter members have direct access to Mercury Alberta resources, voting rights, insurance programs, and other benefits.
- A2. Following are the minimum criteria to become and remain a recognized Mercury Alberta Chapter:
- A. Have at least five Voting Members.
 - B. Operate or directly participate in a local net on amateur radio at least once each month and report net activity to the Mercury Alberta Nets Manager. Local net structures need not coincide exactly with Chapter boundaries, or be led by Mercury Alberta members to qualify. For example, a local Mercury Alberta Chapter may utilize an independent net with a philosophy consistent with Mercury Alberta objectives as its communication tool, reporting check-ins to that net to meet this requirement. It is permissible for two or more Mercury Alberta Chapters to consider the same local net as meeting this requirement.
 - C. Have a designated liaison representative check into the prescribed Mercury Alberta nets at least once each month. If authorized by resolution of the Mercury Alberta Board, check-in by internet may be substituted.
 - D. Provide quarterly reports of Chapter activity to Mercury Alberta via e-mail or formal amateur radio message to the Networks Manager.

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- E. The Voting Members within the Chapter shall elect one of its Voting Members to be the Chapter Representative to the Board. The Board shall have the power to appoint a Chapter member to serve as Chapter Representative should the need arise. The Chapter Representative shall participate as a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
- F. Provide an annual petition to the Mercury Alberta Executive Board documenting that they meet the criteria outlined above and in the following Chapter Structure.

A3. **Chapter Structure:**

- A. A new Chapter may be created from an existing Chapter by a two-thirds majority vote of Voting Members in the proposed new Chapter boundaries. At least five Voting Members must remain in the previously existing Chapter before a new Chapter can be formed.
- B. Anyone who chooses to participate in Chapter activities is considered a participating Member. A Voting Member is a Participating Member who is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and is current in their dues to Mercury Alberta. All Mercury Alberta Officers and Chapter leadership must be Voting Members.
- C. Only Voting Members have voting rights regarding issues that may affect the operation of Mercury Alberta including (but not limited to) the election of the Chapter Representative or ratification / modification of Bylaws, or approval of major budgets or initiatives as referred for member vote by the Executive Board.
- D. The Chapter organization will be determined by its Voting Members, provided that one member is designated the Chapter Representative. The Chapter Representative (to Mercury Alberta) does not necessarily have to be the highest leadership position in the operation of the Chapter.
- E. The primary objective of the Chapter will be to meet often to provide training and opportunities for fellowship between its members.
- F. Up to one half of the dues paid to Mercury Alberta, by a Chapter member, will be made available to that Chapter for local use. The Mercury Alberta Treasurer will disburse the funds upon receipt of a voucher signed by the Chapter representative. Chapters may raise additional funds from donations or fund-raising events, but may not assess additional dues as a requirement of membership.
- G. All Chapter funds are to be kept in the Mercury Alberta account. The Mercury Alberta Treasurer will maintain individual ledger accounts for each Chapter.