

FBOM International Constitution

Preamble:

The name of this organization is FBOM International or FBOM. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community. An important objective of FBOM is to extend community knowledge of all digital modes across all bands and to appeal to non retirement age operators.

Article I. Membership

Membership shall be open to any person who actively supports FBOM's purpose as set forth in this document. We reserve the right to decline membership to anyone the board deems to not represent the goals and mission of this organization.

Article II. Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be Keeper of the Gavel, Keeper of the Logs, Keeper of the Dogecoin, Keeper of the Cyber Domain.

Sec 2. The positions of Keeper of the Gavel, if permanently vacated, shall be filled through a nomination and vote of the membership.

Sec 3. The Keeper of the Dogecoin shall be appointed by the Keeper of the Gavel.

Sec 4. A member shall be designated as the Keeper of the License (Amateur Radio License Trustee). The Trustee shall establish and maintain an Amateur Radio Club Station for the use of the licensed members of FBOM and other licensed radio amateurs, and shall carry out the duties designated by the Federal Communication Commission for the trustee of this station. In the event that the trustee can no longer perform the duties of Keeper of the License, he shall designate another club member who holds an amateur license to apply to the FCC to succeed him as trustee. The Keeper of the Gavel shall concur in the selection of this new Trustee.

Section 5. The Keeper of the Cyber Domain shall be appointed by the Keeper of the Gavel.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. The Keeper of the Gavel shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of The Keeper of the Gavel.

Sec. 2. The Keeper of the Logs shall assume all the duties of the Keeper of the Gavel in his/her absence. Meeting minutes of FBOM are maintained by the Keeper of the Logs at his/her discretion.

Sec. 3. The Keeper of the Dogecoin shall account for all monies paid to the club.

Sec. 4. The Keeper of the Cyber Domain shall keep the website and other electronic communication mediums updated with club information in a timely matter.

Article IV. Meetings

All meetings of FBOM shall be informal and may be called at the discretion of at least two officers. Such meetings may take place in person, over amateur radio or through other electronic communication means. Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

Article V. Dues

FBOM shall not collect dues unless deemed absolutely necessary by the officers for ongoing expenses required for the operation of the organization.

Article VII. Amendments

The constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified at least one month in advance by mail or email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Constitution adopted November 14, 2014

FBOM International By-Laws

- 1. Organization.** The name of this organization is FBOM International (FBOM). It is organized as a non-profit amateur radio club within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(7)) and section 5 of part 97 of the FCC Regulations supporting the Communications Act of 1934 (47 C.F.R. 97.5(d)(2)). However, no filing before the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status shall be necessary as long as the organization does not maintain a treasury of its own.
- 2. Membership.** Full membership is open to licensed amateurs in good standing as well as to those with an interest in Amateur Radio. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.
- 3. Governing Board.** The organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors. This Board shall be comprised of the club's FCC callsign trustee, any and all equipment trustees, and a sufficient number of elected directors, of equal number or one less, but not less than 3, to maintain an odd count of directorships. Each position on the Board shall have one vote. Should a person hold more than one position, that person shall have that respective number of votes on the Board. A member cannot be elected to more than one position. The trusteeship positions are not elected positions. Each trustee may select his/her successor. However, with the acquisition of organization-owned equipment, or should a trusteeship become vacant without a successor named, the Board may appoint any member of the organization to that trusteeship position.
- 4. Election Procedure.** Periodic elections are not required, but may be requested by at least one existing member. Only members of the organization shall be eligible to vote. Each member shall be able to cast as many votes as there are elected positions to fill. Election to the Board shall occur for the candidate receiving the largest plurality of votes and continue to the next largest plurality until all positions are filled. Should there be a tie vote for any position where there are more candidates than elected positions remaining, the membership will vote again, considering only those candidates and with each member casting a number of votes equal to the number of positions remaining. Should there be an equal or lesser number of candidates seeking election to the Board, they shall be considered elected without an election having taken place. There are no term limits imposed on any elected position.
- 5. Dues.** The Board of Directors may set the necessary [annual] membership dues, which may not be increased by more than 25% of its current level without consent of two-thirds of the membership. The initial dues amount shall be zero, and any dues shall be collected in U.S. dollars or dogecoin.
- 6. Equipment and Property.** Unless purchased with funds from the organization's treasury, all equipment used by the organization remains the property of the respective trustee. No rights shall affix to the equipment by virtue of its use by

the organization or its members nor shall the ownership rights of the trustee be diminished. All equipment purchased by the organization itself, from its treasury, remain property of the organization and likewise, no right of ownership attaches to such by the appointed trustee (or his successors).

- 7. Ratification.** The constitution and bylaws are hereby ratified on 14 November 2014, with the initial directors of the organization being:

Frank P Precissi, KG6EYC, Keeper of the Gavel, Elected Director

Daniel Harris, N3BBQ, Keeper of the License, Elected Director

Edward Harris, KG5EQI, Keeper of the Logs

William Hyatt, AE5CP, Keeper of the Dogecoin, Elected Director

B.R. Isla, N7AMD, Elected Director

Anthony Chastain, K5BLX, Elected Director

Jean Morgan, KG7NJQ, Elected Director

T.C. Timothy Li, KG7NON, Keeper of The Cyber Domain, Elected Director

Drew A J Blackie, MOWQK, International Ambassador

FBOM International Minutes of First Meeting November 14, 2014

Meeting Attendees: Frank Precissi-KG6EYC; Daniel Harris-N3BBQ; Edward Harris-KG5EQI; William Hyatt-AE5CP; B R Isla-N7AMD; Anthony Chastain-K5BLX; Jean Morgan-KG7NJQ; T.C. Timothy Li-KG7NON; Drew Blackie-M0WQK

I. Announcements

None

II. Old Business

None

III. New Business

- Constitution, Bylaws and board members were approved by unanimous vote.
- Trustee Daniel Harris will file application for club call sign.

IV. Next Meeting

Communication via email and IRC will continue, and the next meeting will be scheduled if any Board member requests it.