

# **MOTHER LODE DX/CONTEST CLUB BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSES**

### **Section 1:**

The organization shall be known as the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club.

### **Section 2:**

This club is organized to bring together radio amateurs interested in contesting and DXing and to compete as a club in such activities.

## **ARTICLE II: OFFICES**

### **Section 1:**

The principal office of the organization in the State of California shall be located in the Town of Pine Grove, County of Amador.

### **Section 2:**

The organization may have such other offices as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

## **ARTICLE III: QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

### **Section 1:**

**A.** The Club shall be comprised of members that possess a valid amateur radio operator's license. Members shall agree to abide by the By-laws of the club.

**B.** In accordance with the rules of certain contests, the club area is defined as the California Counties along or adjacent to State Highway 49, and any other area within a 175-mile radius of the club center. Contest scores from members residing outside the designated area will not be accepted for those contests requiring residence within the 175 mile radius unless allowed under the rules of a particular contest, such as the California QSO Party.

**C.** In order to maintain membership in good standing, members must participate in at least one "club event" per year and pay annual dues when required. A "club event" is considered member participation in a MLDXCC focus contest, a monthly MLDXCC general membership meeting, a MLDXCC sanctioned regional meeting, or an annual upload to Club Log contributing to the Club DX League on behalf of MLDXCC.

### **Section 2:**

Any person desirous of becoming a member shall be nominated by no fewer than two members. Said nominee shall file their application through the Club Secretary with nominating signatures affixed.

### **Section 3:**

The President shall read, or cause to be read, the application, including call letters, to the membership. An affirmative vote of the majority of those members present at a monthly

meeting shall constitute acceptance of the applicant. The Secretary shall advise the applicant of the results of the ballot and shall see that the accepted applicant is furnished with a copy of the Club By-laws and a current roster.

**Section 4:**

An application received by the secretary in accordance with Section 2 between monthly meetings will be voted upon by the MLDXCC Board via the MLDXCC Board reflector. An affirmative vote by the majority of the board will indicate acceptance, conditional to the application being voted upon in accordance with Section 3.

**Section 5:**

A conditional member who submits contest points on behalf of MLDXCC and who is then denied membership by the general membership voting will have his/her membership application retained on file for a period of two years.

**Section 6:**

This section provides for the election of honorary, non-voting members. An honorary member can be proposed by any paid-up member of the club. A two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present will be required to elect an honorary member.

**ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

**Section 1:**

The Primary Officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President/ Activity Chairman, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Board of Directors containing a minimum of two Directors. Vice-President/Activity Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer duties may be split.

**Section 2:**

All said officers shall be elected annually by a ballot and by those members in attendance at the regular November meeting. They shall hold office for a term of no less than twelve months, commencing with the meeting at which elected. No person shall serve more than three consecutive terms in any office.

**Section 3:**

In the event that an officer becomes unable to fulfill his/her term of office, the President shall appoint a replacement and obtain the simple majority of the Primary Officers. In the event the President becomes unable to fulfill his/her term of office, the Vice-President shall become the President.

**Section 4:**

The club may include secondary officers as approved by a simple majority of the Primary Officers of the club. The officers of the club may hold an election to poll the club membership prior to the officer's vote. Secondary officers may include, but are not limited to, an Editor of the Nugget, Webmaster and QSL Manager.

**ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

**Section 1:**

The club shall meet at least bi-monthly at a time and place designated by the club President. The membership shall be advised at least one week in advance of the meeting, by the Secretary, as to the time and place selected. Meetings may be closed to visitors as the occasion requires. This advice may be sent by electronic means either through e-mail or through publication in the Nugget newsletter, or by other means approved by the Primary Officers.

**Section 2:**

Meetings shall consist of the necessary business, conforming to Robert's Rules of Order, followed by an appropriate program of interest to the members.

**Section 3:**

It is anticipated that an April meeting will be held on an informal schedule at the Visalia DX Convention, and that no meeting will be held in the month of December. It is anticipated that a joint meeting with the Northern California Contest Club will be held in June. Details regarding these, and any other, meetings may be changed upon publication in the Nugget per the conditions in Section 1.

**ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

**Section 1:**

All proposed amendments to the By-laws shall require a written petition to the Secretary and have the signatures of a current officer or at least five members. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting membership, responding to a vote request by a member of the Board, whether at a regularly scheduled meeting or by electronic messaging to the full membership, shall be required for acceptance of the amendment.

**ARTICLE VII: FEES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1:**

Members shall pay annual dues or assessments as set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:**

Any member delinquent in dues or assessments payable for twelve months shall be automatically dropped from membership.

**Section 3:**

The dues/assessment period shall be concurrent with the MLDXCC fiscal year which is January 1st through December 31st.