

Constitution of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Adopted March 5, 2021

ARTICLE I -- NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION A. The name of the organization shall be the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

SECTION B. The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (also known as HARC and hereinafter referred to as "the Club") shall be a "NOT FOR PROFIT" corporate entity with no authority to issue stock. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION C. The purpose of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc. shall be to provide education in the hobby and public service of amateur radio. Education may include training classes for initial or upgraded amateur radio licenses, continuing education, mentoring for licensed operators, and opportunities for practice of the hobby.

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. There shall be two classes of membership.

1. Regular Members must possess an FCC amateur radio license and be approved for membership in the Club as specified in the Bylaws.
2. Honorary Members shall have demonstrated exceptionally outstanding service to the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and shall be selected as specified in the Bylaws.

SECTION B. All Regular Members shall pay annual dues as specified in the Bylaws. For purposes of assessing dues, the class of Regular Members may be divided into subclasses as specified in the Bylaws.

SECTION C. Both Regular and Honorary Members may vote and hold office in the club.

SECTION D. Members whose actions are detrimental to the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc. may be expelled from the membership as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION A. Types, frequency, and methods of meetings shall be as specified in the Bylaws, but shall happen no less often than annually. Methods of notice of meetings shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers of the Club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Officer-at-Large, of which there shall be three (3).

SECTION B. All officers shall be members of the Club and shall perform the duties prescribed in the Bylaws.

SECTION C. All officers shall serve a term of one (1) year.

SECTION D. Vacancies occurring in any of the above offices shall be filled as provided for in the Bylaws.

SECTION E. Election procedures shall be as contained in the Bylaws.

SECTION F. The Club may have appointed managers for various purposes, as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Officers-at-Large,

SECTION B. The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility for the affairs of the Club between business meetings, make recommendations to the Club, and perform such other duties as are specified in the Bylaws of the Club. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Club and none of its acts shall conflict with any action taken by the Club.

SECTION C. Any four (4) Board members shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business.

ARTICLE VI -- BYLAWS

SECTION A. The rules contained in the Bylaws shall govern the Club.

SECTION B. Nothing in the Bylaws shall negate the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment(s) to this constitution must be read to, and discussed with, the membership at two successive meetings. A written copy of the proposed amendment(s) must be made available to the membership at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken. Voting shall take place at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. The amendment(s) shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified members present when the vote is taken.

ARTICLE VIII -- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all Procedural matters not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION A. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

SECTION B. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

SECTION C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION D. The fiscal year of the Club shall be May 1 – April 30.

SECTION E. If any part of this Constitution is unenforceable, void, or prohibited by law, it shall be ineffective to the extent of the unenforceability or prohibition without invalidating the remaining provisions thereof.

ARTICLE X -- DISSOLUTION OF HUNTSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Upon the dissolution of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc., assets shall be distributed as specified in the Bylaws, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

SIGNATURES

We, the duly elected officers of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc, do certify that March 5, 2021.

William Gold, KM4BGF, President

Jared Messervy, W4XXX, Vice President

Anita Vibbert, KD2KAG, Secretary

Lisa Shier, N3WQL, Treasurer

Richard Christiansen, W1TV, Officer at Large

Thomas Hatter, K4AKC, Officer at Large

Paul Nix, KE4EOW, Officer at Large