

# CONSTITUTION OF THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF RICHMOND COUNTY

## PREAMBLE

The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (the Club) exists to promote and expand the use of amateur radio in Richmond County, North Carolina and the surrounding areas through education, demonstrations, public service, and fraternity. The Club shall endeavor to provide education to the general public and particularly the youth of the community on the theory and practice of radio communication. It shall create and maintain teams of Volunteer Examiners under the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and the Volunteer Examiner Coordinators to provide the general public an opportunity to take examinations for amateur radio licenses. Public service is one of the core functions of amateur radio and the Club shall actively coordinate with county and state emergency coordinators, emergency management officials, and appropriate non-governmental agencies to provide emergency communications during times of need. The Club shall endeavor to provide training to members in emergency communication and provide exercises to practice such skills. The Club will provide demonstrations to the general public and the amateur radio community of the practices of amateur radio communications and its benefits to the community as a whole.

## ORGANIZATION

### Membership:

All persons interested in amateur radio are eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election as the Club shall provide in its By-Laws.

### Officers:

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An individual may hold no more than one office at a time, except that the By-Laws may provide that the offices of Treasurer and Secretary may be held by one person.

### Election:

The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot

of the members present, provided there is a quorum present, at the annual meeting designated in the By-Laws.

**Term Limits:**

An individual may not hold the same office for more than two (2) terms.

*Amendment 10/2016: The maximum number of terms an individual may hold in any office shall be limited to two (2) terms. (Amendment adopted by a vote of the membership. (Amendment adopted by a vote of the membership.)*

**Vacancies:**

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the regular meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

**Eligibility:**

All office holders must be Club members in good standing and holders of a valid amateur radio license.

**Resignation:**

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club in the custody of that person shall be turned over to the President or Vice-President.

**Removal of Officers:**

Officers may be removed from office for cause upon the written petition of three (3) or more members presented to the President or Vice-President. All members shall be notified of the petition via email or regular mail at least 10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting, where it shall be formally presented to the membership and voted on. Removal will require a three-quarters vote of the full membership.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**President:**

The President shall preside at all meetings, conducting them according to the rules adopted, decide all questions of order, sign all documents adopted by the Club, and perform other duties pertaining to the office.

**Vice-President:**

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of President in the absence of that officer. In addition the Vice-President shall perform all other duties assigned by the President and shall be a member of any Club committee.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceeding of all meetings, keep a roll of the members, maintain a master email index of all members and use the same to notify all members of petitions to remove officers and any other information he deems appropriate, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. At the end of his term, he shall turnover all records in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the Club, keep accurate accounts of all monies received and expended, pay no bill or make any contribution without proper authorization by the Club or a duly constituted business committee. At the end of each quarter the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his term, he shall turnover all records in his possession belonging to the Club to his successor.

No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons except that the club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in these articles of incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the club shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the club shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

## MEETINGS

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

## DUES

The Club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed

necessary for the business of the Club. Non-payment of dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

#### CLUB CALL SIGN

The Club call sign, as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, is K4RNC. The trusteeship of the call sign shall be appointed by a majority vote of those attending a regular meeting. The Trustee must be a member of the Club in good standing, who meets Federal Communications Commission requirements, and not had his amateur radio licensed revoked or sanctioned. The Trustee shall not hold the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, but shall a permanent Vice-Secretary and the Registered Agent with the North Carolina Secretary of State while acting as Trustee.

#### DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

A motion for dissolution of the Club must be presented at a regular meeting and no vote may be taken on that motion until the next scheduled regular meeting. Special meetings may not be called to consider a motion for dissolution. The motion for dissolution must receive more than two-thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Upon the passage of a motion for dissolution, the Club shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the club, dispose of all of the assets of the club exclusively in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code as the officers shall determine, or to federal, state, or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, such as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or to such governments for such purposes.

AMMENDMENTS

This Constitution or the By-Laws created there under may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the full membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting, provided that all members have been notified by email or regular mail of the intent to amend the Constitution or By-Laws at said meeting.

Presented to the membership this the Fourteenth day of April 2012.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Adopted Not Adopted by a vote of the membership this the \_\_\_\_ day of May 2012.

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Secretary-Treasurer

## AMMENDMENTS

As the constitution states on amendments, Amendments section below, I would like to propose the term limit of the Secretary/Treasurer be amended to read that the office can be held by the same individual as long as the membership votes for them to remain. All other offices will remain the same, two consecutive terms.

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10-8-2016

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Amended by a vote of the membership 11/5/2016

Allan Brown  
Secretary/Treasurer