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Constitution for the Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club of Greeneville Tennessee and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members and promote fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, to acquaint the members and the general public to promote radio knowledge, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community. Additionally, work to fostering of education in the field of electronic communication; the dissemination of technical, educational and scientific information relating to electronic communication and to be prepared to provide electronic communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies.

Article I Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article II Officers

Section. 1. Officers

The Officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary /Treasurer. Officers must of members of legal age and members in good standing. Officers will be considered as the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may create one or more committees by resolution adopted by the majority of the directors. The Board of Directors may delegate its authority to manage the affairs and property of the club to such committees. The President shall serve as the chairman. The Board of Directors shall act upon all such matters that demand immediate attention, provided such acts are in the best interest of the club.

Section. 2. Election

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by plurality vote of the members present, provided there be a quorum, as defined by the by-laws, and take office at the first annual meeting of each year.

Section 3. Term limits

There shall be no limit to the number of times that a member may hold a particular office. An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section. 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 6. Resignation

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

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon a motion by members presented to the President or Vice President. After investigation the motion, it shall be voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

Article III Duties of Officers

Section. 1. President

The President 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 President. The President shall act as chairman of the Educational Committee.

Section. 2. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall be responsible for scheduling all housekeeping details. These may include organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. This may include maintaining a close liaison with the local ARRL's local ARES ® Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ®

Section. 3. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, track membership, handle all tax related correspondence in conjunction with the board of directors, read communications if there are any at each meeting, and provide meeting notices to members through acceptable methods unless delegated. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or the officers constituting a business committee, or with the President). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term, shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

The Secretary-Treasurer duties shall be to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with them at every regular and special meeting. They shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be voted on and shall permit the same to be consulted by member upon request. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the library of the club including all books, papers, make all entries, transfers and other recorded reports of the club and related transactions.

Article IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, the presence of the majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A meeting may be adjourned despite absence of a quorum. A vote of a majority of the directors attending a meeting at which a quorum is present shall decide an issue and constitute an act of the board unless a different vote is required by the constitution, the By-Laws or the laws of the state of Tennessee.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V 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 organization as defined in the By-Laws. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

Article VII Club Call Sign

The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. Current club call sign is: W4WC.

The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign.

The trustee shall:

Be a member of the club in good standing.

Not had his/her Radio Amateur license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Educate club leadership and members on the rules governing the use of the club call sign during events, maintain an Acceptable User Policy, and alert the club to issues related to changes or violations of FCC rules when operating under authority of the club license.

Article VIII Dissolution of The Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Directors votes that the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club.

No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets.

All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization.

All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX
Club Regulations

The Board of Directions shall, from time to time, adopt regulations concerning the use of club property and equipment and the conduct of members while on club property.

Article X
Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and endorsed by three members at a regular meeting and shall not be voted on until the next regular meeting.

Approved: Dec 3, 2019

President: [Signature]

Vice President: [Signature]

Secretary/Treasury: [Signature]