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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 foster 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 people 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 and Directors

Section - 1 - Officers are members of the Board of Directors of the Radio Club
The Officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members of legal age and members in good standing. Officers will be considered as the Board of Directors. The Directors shall consist of not more than nine members but must be at least an odd number of members. They may create one or more committees by resolution adopted by the majority of the Directors. The Officers may delegate their authority to manage the affairs and property of the club to such committees. 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, 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.

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 an investigation on the motion, it shall be voted on by the membership only after the action shall carry over two meetings. These meetings can be regularly scheduled meetings, a special meeting, or virtual meeting.

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.

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 organizing 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

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, 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 shall also coordinate and keeps correspondence with partner agencies such as the US Department of Agriculture (Fire Tower Permit processes), United States Forest Service, and The University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information (CERI).

The Secretary's duties shall be to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the club 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 shall be responsible for the library of the club including all books, papers, track all entries, transfers and other recorded reports of the club and related transactions.

Section - 4 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall handle the monetary and tax related correspondence in conjunction with the Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club. Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep a roll of members, track membership, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay only bills with 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, the Treasurer shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Section – 5 - At large Directors

The At-Large Board members may serve for one-year terms. At-Large Board members will be appointed by a majority vote of the officers. At-Large Board members may chair any of a number of committees that may be created, formed or developed by the board in the course of the board's ongoing work but it is not a requirement. These committees can include but are not limited to the following: Events committee, Web/social media, Marketing, Education, Promotion, Membership, Fundraising, Asset equipment / Tower/ repeater committee. No Family members are allowed to serve as officers during the same time frame.

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 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 termination of the membership.

Article VI 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 Board shall nominate and make a recommendation so that an officer of the club can assign the trustee. That person will hold the trusteeship of the club call sign.

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/rules-regulations-title-47>

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, maintains 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 VII 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 VIII Club Regulations

The Board of Directors 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 IX Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 50 percent plus 1 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: _____

President: _____

Vice President _____

Secretary/Treasury: _____