

# CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of a SOCIETY of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the CHEROKEE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. (C.A.R.S.), hereafter to be referred to as SOCIETY and to be written in all capital letters, and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency and to so conduct SOCIETY programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio. Our SOCIETY will use the VHF/UHF amateur radio repeater KG4VUB on Oglethorp Mountain, with consent from the Repeater Owner trustee. Our SOCIETY will provide communications for the American Red Cross Chapters and the Cherokee County Emergency Management Agency.

## MEMBERSHIP:

### Article I

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the SOCIETY shall provide in its By-Laws.

## OFFICERS:

### Article II

Sec. 1. The officers of this SOCIETY shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The officers of this SOCIETY shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership present at said meeting.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

### Article III

Sec. 1. 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 SOCIETY, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator of Cherokee County to further SOCIETY participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

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Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize SOCIETY activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance SOCIETY interest and activity as approved by the SOCIETY.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his / her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the SOCIETY to his/her successor.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt of all monies paid to the SOCIETY; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the SOCIETY or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his / her possession belonging to the SOCIETY to his/her successor.

### MEETINGS:

#### Article IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular meetings and special meetings. A quorum is defined by one of the following conditions:

1. Three elected officers present, including the President or Vice-president, and the attendance of one-third of the membership
2. Two elected officers, an agenda approved by at least one of the officers who are not present, and the attendance of one-third of the membership. The aforementioned approval must be in the form of a signature on the agenda (actual or scanned) or a confirmation via the officer's email address of record. This method of quorum must be approved at the beginning of the meeting by a simple majority of the members present. Only items appearing on the approved agenda may be voted upon. Any additional business that arises during the meeting that requires a vote must be tabled until the following meeting.

### DUES:

#### Article V

The SOCIETY, 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. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the SOCIETY within the discretion of the membership.

### MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:

#### Article VI

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The SOCIETY, through designated interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation's from SOCIETY member-stations. The SOCIETY shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

### AMENDMENTS:

#### Article VII

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members in attendance following proper notice given to the membership concerning amendment changes. Proposals for amendment changes shall be submitted in writing at a regular monthly meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular monthly meeting provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the constitution and/or the by-laws.

Official notice may be considered given prior to the next regular monthly meeting by one of the following methods:

(1) U.S. Mail

(2) E-Mail

(3) Three Consecutive Net Announcements prior to the next regular monthly meeting that proposed changes are to be made.

Unless otherwise provided, net announcements will supersede U.S. Mail and/or email notification.