



Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society
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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: The name of this Association shall be The Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society. The primary purpose of this Society shall be to provide emergency communication services to the community, city, state, and individuals by means of amateur radio in the event of emergency or natural disaster and to engage in social interests to the benefit of the Society's members.

DEFINITIONS

General meeting: A meeting of the total membership including guests held each month for the purpose of a business meeting and a program of special interest.

Special meeting: A meeting convened to conduct business or present a program of special interest at a time or place different from the monthly General meeting.

Board of Directors meeting: A meeting held each month between the officers and the members of the board at large for the purpose of conducting the business of the association.

Member: An active member or a member in good standing is one who has paid their dues or assessment for the current year. An active member has full voting rights at all General or Special meetings.

ARTICLE

I

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the By-Laws provide.

ARTICLE

II

Section 1: The officers of this society shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person simultaneously. This is the only dual office constituted.

Section 3: The officers of this society shall be elected for a term of one year. The election shall be by ballot of the members present at the November **General** meeting each year, provided there be a quorum, unless an office is uncontested, then the Secretary will cast one vote for the candidate on the slate.

Section 4: Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Officers or directors may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the total paid membership at a General or Special meeting. A proposal for a vote of removal shall be submitted in writing at a General meeting and shall be voted on at the next following General meeting. The Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposal to each member so that by ordinary postal delivery it arrives before the next scheduled meeting at which the proposal is to be voted upon. A proxy ballot shall be included with this mailing and shall constitute a valid vote when presented or mailed to the Secretary or any member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

The By-Laws shall provide for General and Special meetings. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the paid membership. Signed proxies shall count toward a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

The duties of the officers of this Society shall be as outlined in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of a total of nine (9) members composed of the current officers, the immediate past President (who does not carry over in the event of a reelection of the President) and four members elected at large from the membership. To provide continuity, two board members at large are to be elected on alternate years for a term of two years. In the event that a board member at large is a replacement, he or she shall serve only for the unexpired term of the replaced member. At any time that the combination of duly elected officers and board members do not total nine (9), replacement board members shall be

recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to bring the total to nine (9). Replacement board members will serve the remaining term of the former incumbent member or until new officer elections are held.

Section 2: Election of the board members at large shall take place at the same time as the annual election of officers.

Section 3: When the membership elects a Secretary-Treasurer, that individual has only one vote in the board decisions.

Section 4: The Chairpersons of all standing committees shall act as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members and these meetings are to offer proposals and or suggestions valid to the business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: From time to time, as the Board of Directors designates, the Society may purchase, borrow, sell, maintain and otherwise dispose of amateur radio equipment, test equipment, tools, other types of equipment and property (real and other if related to amateur radio) which the Society members shall deem necessary. All members in good standing shall have access to any equipment or station owned or sponsored by the Society in accordance with its rules and FCC regulations, and to the extent of the member's license privileges.

Section 2: In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, distribute all assets of the corporation exclusively to such organizations or entities organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law) or such government entities as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE VII

The Society may levy dues or assessments upon the general membership. The dues or assessments must be deemed necessary for the business of the Society, which is defined by the objects stated in the preamble. These dues or assessments are enacted by majority vote of those present at any General meeting, providing there is a quorum. The Membership Chairperson or Treasurer shall remove from membership any member whose dues are in

arrears by three months.

ARTICLE VIII

This Society shall assist to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members. The Society shall assist in resolving any cases of interference to other radio services were reported as caused by any amateur station operation in its area of interest (Seminole County and contiguous areas.) The Society, through designated committees, shall provide advice to members concerning equipment design and operation with the goals of clean signals and uniform operating practices. It shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

ARTICLE IX

This Society shall maintain an active training and education program with the purpose of enabling interested parties to obtain an amateur radio license and presently licensed amateur radio operators to upgrade their class of license. Licensing classes, technical seminars and programs and any other educational facilities that the Society deems advisable shall be utilized to achieve these ends.

ARTICLE X

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a one-third vote of the total paid membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a General meeting and shall be voted on at the next following General meeting. The Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposed changes to each member so that by ordinary postal delivery they arrive before the next scheduled meeting at which the changes are to be voted upon. A proxy ballot shall be included with this mailing and shall constitute a valid vote when presented or mailed to the Secretary or any member of the Board of Directors.

Signed: _____ President
David H. Jordan AA4KN

Signed: _____ Board Member
Shawn W Grage K4SWG

Date Amended: December 29, 2016