

EAST PASCO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Adopted 9/15/1990

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of persons interested in amateur radio operation in the public service, and recognizing the necessity and benefits of group action in this endeavor, do hereby constitute ourselves the East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, and enact this Constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to provide a means whereby individual amateurs (and others interested in radio communication between amateur stations without pecuniary public interest) can more effectively provide communication in the public service. In the time of emergency , and as otherwise appropriate , this public service shall be rendered through the Pasco County Office of Disaster Preparedness and R.A.C.E.S.(Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service). The organization shall operate and maintain one or more amateur radio repeater stations, on such amateur bands and employing such modes of operation as deemed advisable by the Board of Directors of this organization for the purpose of facilitating public service and general amateur communications.

ARTICLE II

Membership

In order to best serve the needs of the general amateur community of Dade City and surrounding area, the following classes of membership are established:

1)Voting Member – Any licensed individual holding a valid amateur radio operator license. Has full voting privileges; may be elected to office and be appointed to committee. Shall pay annual dues at rate established by the board of directors.

2)Associate Member – Any individual interested in radio communication between amateur stations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest, Entitled to all privileges of the association except voting, election to office or appointment to committee. Shall pay annual dues at a rate established by the board of directors.

ARTICLE II

Directors Qualifications

In addition to being a dues paid voting member, a director must have been a member of this organization for a minimum of one year and be a full time resident of the state of Florida. All directors must be available throughout the year in order for this organization to fulfill its public service obligations, particularly during Florida's hurricane season which begins June 1st.

ARTICLE IV

Directors

The affairs of this organization shall be managed by the board of directors, numbering five (5) directors. The term of the office shall begin July 1st following election, and be for a period of two years. These shall be staggered terms so that in one year three (3) directors are elected, and the next two (2) directors are elected. The Board of Directors shall elect the officers from among their numbers at their Board of Directors meeting after election. The Board of Directors shall have complete authority in all matters concerned with the operation and administration of this organization. A director can be recalled for cause by a majority vote of the members at a meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE V

Officers

1)The officers of this organization shall be: **Board Chairman. Secretary/Treasurer.**

2)The officers of this organization shall be elected for a term of office of one (1) year by ballot of the Board of Directors, from among their number, at their first Board of Directors meeting after election to office.

3)Vacancies occurring between election must be filled by special election at the first regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors following the withdrawal, resignation, or removal.

4)An officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

The **Chairman of the Board** shall preside at all meetings of this association, and shall conduct same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that adopted by the association, and none other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office.

The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors, keep a roll of members and their class of membership, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, notify members of meetings, receive and request for all monies paid to the association, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Board of Directors. At the end of each calendar quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors. He shall, at the expiration of his term turn over all items and records belonging to the association to his successor.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors. Notice of time and place of meetings shall be announced to all members eligible to vote at such meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. This announcement may take the form of announcement on local nets and by posting on area websites. An annual meeting of the members for the purpose of electing directors to take office the following July 1st shall be held on the Sunday in June which immediately precedes the ARRL Field Day. Twenty percent (20%) of the members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet not less than once during each calendar quarter. The time and place shall be communicated to each board member not less than one week in advance. The Chairman can call a special board at any time with adequate notice to all board members. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

The Board of Directors shall levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the functioning of the organization within its objects as set forth in the preamble. Dues shall become due and payable on January 1st of each year. Dues that remain unpaid by February 1st shall be considered delinquent, and such member shall be terminated.

ARTICLE X

Proxies

Proxy votes are not permitted. Only those members present at a meeting are permitted to vote.

ARTICLE XI

Disposition of Assets

If , for any reason it becomes necessary to abandon the activities of this association, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors and officers to call a special meeting of all voting members in good standing, who, at such meeting shall determine the reasonable and expeditious means to bring to an end the association's existence. Any monies or assets remaining after payment of debts and obligations of this association shall be donated to an organization which meet the requirements of the United States income tax laws and regulations then in effect as an organization eligible to receive the assets in dissolution of this organization, based upon the income tax exemption status of this organization at such time. In no event, shall any member, individual, or group of members profit from or receive any such assets of this association except as provided within this article for an exempt organization.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voting members present at a meeting called for that purpose. Proposals for amendments must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board of Directors must then schedule a membership meeting to decide the proposed amendment not later than the next annual meeting, except for proposals submitted within forty five (45) days of the annual meeting, which must be voted on no later than the following annual meeting. After consideration by the board of directors a written copy of the proposed amendments shall be made available to all voting members not less than 30 days prior to the meeting where such amendment is to be voted upon. No amendment to this constitution shall be made which will in any manner effect any exemption from Federal income taxes under the income tax laws of the United States then in effect.

ARTICLE XIII

Adoption

This constitution was adopted by the voting paid members of the East Pasco Amateur Radio Society present at a meeting called for the purpose of adopting this constitution on the 15th of September, 1990. Seventeen (17) individuals were dues paid members at such time. Nine (9) such eligible individuals were present at the adoption meeting. This constitution was adopted by unanimous vote.