

**UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Union County Amateur Radio Society (hereafter referred to as "the Club").
- Section 2. The objective of this organization shall be:
- a. to promote general knowledge of, interest in and welfare of amateur radio in Union County through Club programs and activities;
 - b. to promote the exchange of technical and other pertinent information about all aspects of amateur radio between members;
 - c. to improve individual radio operator efficiency;
 - d. to serve the community during times of disaster by providing emergency communications capabilities;
 - e. to participate in community projects that offer amateur radio possibilities; and
 - f. to secure the pleasure and benefits of an association of persons commonly Interested in amateur radio.

ARTICLE II

Membership

- Section 1. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in amateur radio communications (as defined and controlled by the Federal. Communications Commission)
- Section 2. Charter members are those members listed below who made a contribution toward the purchase of the club's first repeater and whose checks or contributions arrived in the hands of the treasurer on or before _____ 19 __:

Bill Dunlap	WA4FKY	Abby Mount-Burke	N2BVY
Ron Durie	WB400A	Ray Petty	WA400C

Bob Ealy	N/A	Gordon Plyler	KD4UC
Gerry Gardner	WA4BPA	Bill Poole	K4JCK
Ardine Gordon	KA40WF	Bill Riffle	WA4LBJ
Ken Handy	KB4GFC	Bill Sasnett	K4DNO
Robert Hunnicutt	WB4YOH	Bill Simpson	KB4ETO
Dave Immel	KE4EW	Jack Stegall	N4EOF
Patsy .Immel	KA4EYX	Lane Tarlton	KC4CD
Ron Hearne	WB4KJC	Mike Williams	N4ILK
Johnny Knight	KB4FFD	Ernie Zellmer	WB4RSL
Jim Moncrief	WD4LTB		

Section 3 Membership shall be by application and payment of dues. There are 3 classes of membership:

Full Voting Member: An individual FCC licensed amateur radio operator. (See also, Family Member)

Family Member: Any non-licensed persons of the immediate family of a full voting member. Such non-licensed persons shall have no voting privileges but may have a voice in club discussions. Licensed persons of the immediate family of a full voting member shall have all the privileges of a full voting member.

Associate Member: Anon-licensed individual having an interest in amateur radio communications. Such individual shall have no voting privileges, but may have a voice in club discussions.

Section 4 Election to life or honorary membership shall be by vote of a quorum of the membership at a regularly publicized meeting.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The Club shall have five officers who will also function as the Board of Directors of the Club. Officers must be full voting members and be 18 years of age. The officers of the Club shall be: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer and (5) Activities Manager. Election of officers shall be held annually.

A Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, shall make its recommendations for a slate of officers at the September meeting.

Officers shall be elected to a one-year term by a vote of a quorum of the members present at the October meeting. The newly elected officers shall

assume the full responsibilities of their respective offices immediately after election. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special elections at the first regularly scheduled meeting following such occurrence.

Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 2. Duties of the President: The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct same according to the rules adopted by the Club, have power to appoint all committees, call special meetings, sign all official documents adopted by the Club, enforce due observance of this Constitution, decide all questions of order and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in his or her absence. The Vice President shall also coordinate the publishing of a periodic newsletter/meeting notices to the Club's members.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, maintain roll of members, handle correspondence, and, in coordination with the Vice- President, be responsible for mailing the newsletter/written meeting notices to members and guests.

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the Club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; be the custodian of the Club's checking account; pay all authorized bills; submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements on a quarterly basis; serve from time to time as chairman of a committee appointed by the President to set membership fees; and, at the expiration of his term of office, turn over all treasury records to his successor.

The Activities Manager shall organize activities as approved by the members, plan and recommend contests for operating practice and benefit, in conjunction with the President plan periodic club programs designed to improve the operating skill of the members, and promote the good image and reputation of the Club and amateur radio in the community.

ARTICLE IV

Finances

Section 1. Annual membership fees shall be set by committee, with the Treasurer as the chairman thereof. The purpose of the committee will be to determine the current operating expenses and recommend the amount of dues needed to cover such expenses. Two members shall be appointed by the President to serve with the Treasurer. The Club, by vote of a quorum of the membership must approve any changes in dues assessed. This committee shall report its recommendations at the May meeting. The Club, by vote of a quorum of the

membership may levy on the general membership such other fees and assessments as shall be necessary for the transaction of business of the organization deemed to be within the scope of the objectives as set forth in Article I above. All monies raised and/or assessed by the Club shall be used to promote the objectives of the Club.

Section 2. All expenditures of the Club monies or any sale of Club-owned equipment must have the approval of a vote of a quorum of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the third Thursday of each calendar month at such place and time as the President shall order.

Section 2. The members present at any regularly publicized meeting shall constitute a quorum. The vote of this quorum shall signify the approval of the entire membership.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President upon written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to all members concerning such special meetings and shall include a description of the business to be transacted. Only such business as designed shall be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting time.

ARTICLE VI

Dissolution

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the Club, all monies and properties of the Club, or monies received from the sale of said properties, shall be donated to a non-profit, educational organization to be selected by a vote of a quorum of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. This Article established the authority for the subsequent addition of by-laws or other rules and regulations which the Club may establish; as well as amendments to the Constitution as stated above. Such proposals shall be

submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the Constitution or add by-laws, rules, or regulations at said meeting. Such amendments must have the vote of a quorum of the membership.

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