

Constitution and Bylaws of the Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Inc of Murphy North Carolina.

Established 2024

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Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Inc., located in MURPHY, CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina as a non-profit corporation. It shall be hereinafter referred to by its full name or as the "Club". The Club will maintain a physical address within the State of North Carolina as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice shall be given to the membership at least thirty days prior to any change.

ARTICLE 2. MISSION/PURPOSE

The Club is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code. No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Club is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational, scientific and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Bylaws. All activities of the Club shall conform without exception to this purpose.

The purposes for which this Club is organized are the following:

- 1.** To promote the knowledge and appreciation of amateur radio to the general public through activities and educational programs, and to further the hobby of amateur radio;

2. To educate members and future members at all levels of licensure on the scientific background, proper operating procedures, and revisions in rules or regulations associated with amateur radio by means of classes, mentoring, and exchange of technical information and assistance;
3. To promote programs that develop and improve the skills of licensed amateur radio operators;
4. to promote the development of new technology and scientific discoveries by supporting and encouraging research and technological innovation in application of amateur radio.
5. To Promote community assistance and community awareness regarding our communications capabilities during community events and/or disasters.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS.

Section 1. Full Member: Any person who holds a valid FCC Amateur Operator/Station License of any Class and indicates a desire to become a member to further their interest in the purposes of the Club is eligible for a full Membership with full voting rights. The full Member is eligible to hold office or serve on committees after 6 months of membership.

Section 2. Family Membership: Any person/s who holds a valid FCC Amateur Operator/Station License of any Class and indicates a desire to become a member to further their interest in the purposes of the Club is eligible for a family Membership with TWO full voting rights per family membership. A Member of the family is eligible to hold office or serve on committees after 6 months of membership. Only one family member will be allowed to serve on the BOD and one family member will be allowed to serve on a committee at the same time for a total of two members. A family membership must consist of at least 2 family members residing in the same residence.

Section 3. Associate Membership: Any person who indicates a desire to become a member but has not obtained an FCC Amateur license, and desires to further the interests of the Club is eligible for Associate Membership. Associate Members shall not have the right to a vote on Club business. They shall not have the right to hold office or serve as a committee chairperson or serve on committees. In the event an associate member obtains an Amateur Operator/Station license, then he or she is automatically upgraded to a full Member. He or she will be required to pay the difference in dues between full membership and Associate membership at that time.

Section 4. Student Membership: Any full-time student at an accredited college or university under the age of twenty-five (25) years, shall be eligible for student Membership with a 50% reduction in the annual dues for the respective class of Full membership. Student Members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to hold office or serve as committee chairpersons. Student Members shall not have the

right to a vote on Club business, hold office or serve as a committee chairperson but may serve on committees.

Section 5. Lifetime Membership: shall be given by written recommendation only (by postal mail or electronic mail) to any board member. The board of directors will be responsible for evaluating the request and voting on its merits in private and at a location or place other than a regular meeting. This vote may also be by electronic means (phone or email). If the request is passed by the board of directors by a 2/3 vote, At the next meeting the president will present the nominee and the nominee's achievements to the members present and a floor vote will be taken and must be passed by 2/3 vote. A lifetime membership should not be taken lightly and should be only judged on his/her extraordinary accomplishments to Amateur Radio and the club. A lifetime membership will have full voting rights and may hold office or serve on committees.

Section 6. Honorary Membership: May be bestowed to any person on a as needed basis by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular meeting by a motion from the floor or a special meeting, or by the board of directors. Honorary members shall not have any voting privileges and shall not pay any annual dues. They may serve on committees in an advisory capacity without voting power. Honorary Memberships will be reevaluated and updated on a year-to-year basis.

ARTICLE 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP AND RESIGNATION

Section 1. Members shall be admitted to the Club under the following procedures: An applicant must complete an application either on the web site or on paper with his or her name, call sign (if applicable), address, telephone number, and email address. The applicant must agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Club, sign the application and submit the application to any member of the Board of Directors. If approved the member will pay the first year's dues in full if they join between January and June. If the member is approved between July and December the member will pay 50% of the membership classification.

Section 2. Any member may resign from this Club provided that all of such member's indebtedness to the Club has been paid. Verbal resignations may be accepted. There shall be no refund of dues. All Club property that the member may possess must be returned to a Board Member within one week.

ARTICLE 5. DUES/DISCIPLINE

Section 1. All members will be notified by email/website/Ham Club online/Facebook in early December that their dues come due and are payable by January 1st of each year. Any member who is ninety (90) days in arrears in the payment of dues shall be dropped from the roll. Members who are in arrears of payment of dues for a period of less than one (1) year may be reinstated upon payment of all funds due. Any person who has been dropped from the membership for non-payment of dues after one (1) year shall be required to reapply for membership if ineligible for reinstatement. Club dues may be made by postal mail, electronic means (when Available) or in person.

Section 2. Any member who alleges that another member of the club has conducted himself or herself inappropriately, not representing the purpose of the Club in the functions of the Club may bring the issue to the President or Board of Directors. They shall hear all sides of the issue from all parties. If the charges are sustained the member who does not represent the purpose of the club may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any person whose membership in this Club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all ownership interest in any funds or other property belonging to the Club, and all rights to use of Club name, equipment and services, except those made available to all duly licensed hams.

Section 4. Dues may be paid by check, cash or electronic means when it becomes available. Dues may be paid in person by postal Mail or online.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

Section 2. Each officer shall be a Full Member in good standing. No offices other than those of The secretary and Treasurer shall be combined in one person and no person shall simultaneously serve as a Director at Large and an Officer.

Section 3. All officers shall enter upon their official duties on January 1 of each calendar year and shall serve a term of one (1) year or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. If no other candidates are elected the current officers may serve as many terms as necessary for the orderly running of the club.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

(a) The President shall be the executive officer of this Club, shall preside over all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain the office of the President. The President shall sign all official documents adopted by the Club and shall enforce due observance of the Bylaws of the Club. In the event that the president cannot sign the official documents, The Vice-President shall assume that role.

(b) The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all Meetings of this Club and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

(c) The Treasurer shall keep records of membership fees and dues and shall receive all funds

paid to this Club and shall deposit the funds in the official depositories and shall disburse funds either by electronic means (Debit Card) a check or petty cash.

- Petty cash Items will not require approval so long as the amount is \$50 dollars or less
- The Treasurer will submit and obtain approval for any/all expenditures from \$51 dollars to \$200 dollars to the President. Approval may be made by phone or other electronic means.
- For items over \$201 up to \$500 dollars the Treasurer will submit the invoice/bill to the full board of directors either by verbal or electronic means or by phone for approval. Approval will require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- For items exceeding \$501 dollars or more, a membership vote of attending members present at the next meeting will take place and must pass my majority vote.
- If the items needed exceed \$501 dollars or more, and waiting till a full meeting vote would cause undue delay to the clubs function (E.g. Special Events, equipment service, etc. etc.), voting will be conducted by electronic voting not to exceed 48 hours in length and will be administered by the President and Vice-President. The President will be required to inform the members present at the next regular meeting of the circumstances and the amount spent.

The treasurer will maintain a log of ALL monies paid and received along with all receipts and/or invoices. All accounts and books of the Treasurer shall at all times be open to inspection by the President, the Board of Directors, and any authorized auditors or active members. The Treasurer shall make a report at the December annual meeting of the board of Directors and a draft of the budget along with any needed dues increases, if needed, for the following fiscal year to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in December. The Treasurer during his or her term shall timely file all reports necessary to the State of North Carolina and the United States to maintain the Club's tax exempt, charitable status.

(d) The Secretary shall keep the records of membership, attendance, and minutes of, any and all meetings of this Club and shall cause to be published no later than 14 calendar days the minutes of each meeting, to the Ham Club On-Line website. The Secretary may provide the membership with an agenda for the next meeting as soon as possible by email. The Secretary shall submit a report at the December annual meeting of the Board of Directors detailing membership and attendance for the year. The Secretary shall send out correspondence on behalf of the Club as directed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep a copy of the Bylaws at all board meetings, regular meetings, of the Club and make same available to all members.

(e) In the event the Secretary or Treasurer needs additional assistance to complete their respective duties, he or she may solicit the Board of Directors for assistance. The Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote may approve an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer to assist with the duties. The current Secretary or Treasurer continues to remain responsible for the duties performed by the Assistant. The Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer shall be a non-voting member on the Board. In the event that the Secretary or Treasurer are unable to continue with the duties of the office the assistant can take over and finish the term of office.

Section 5. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in any other Office, the office shall be filled by a vote of the membership at the next regular or special meeting of the Club. A member elected to fill a vacancy shall take office immediately upon election and shall serve the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The property, affairs, activities and concerns of the Club as specified in these Bylaws shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of seven Directors: The four officers of the Club as defined in Article VI (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and three Directors-at-Large. The three directors will consist of the Quartermaster and two volunteer members. The 3 Directors-at-large shall serve for a period of one years. All executive power shall be vested in the Board of Directors, and the Board shall have the authority to exercise those powers for all appropriate purposes to devise and carry into execution such other measures as it deems proper and expedient to promote the objectives of the Club and to best protect the interests and welfare of the members. Provided, however, that nothing in the foregoing shall empower the Board of Directors to undertake any action in contravention of the provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or which does not in fact benefit or support the purposes of the Club identified in Article II of these Bylaws. A director at large has the same voting rights as all other directors but without the extra duties associated with being an officer, with the exception of the quartermaster who must maintain an inventory of items belonging to the club.

Section 2. Meetings of Board. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as needed. The President may, when he deems necessary, or the Secretary shall, at the request of a majority of the Board, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. All Board meetings are open for members to attend if desired, unless the board deemed it sensitive to matters concerning a member/s. At these special meeting their will be no discussion from the members other than the board of Directors. The agenda should be focused on a single subject if possible.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors (4) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Board business. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the quorum present may choose a Chairperson for the meeting. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a date certain.

Section 4. Quartermaster. The Quartermaster's responsibility will be to keep an accurate record of any and all items that belong exclusively to the club. The Quartermaster will keep this record/log updated as items are bought, donated or disposed of and report to the general membership as needed. The Quartermaster records/log will be open to inspection by any member in good standing along with government officials for auditing purposes. The log will also be published on the website (HCO). The Quartermaster, if needed can solicit any member to assist in his/her duties. If the Quartermaster does require an assistant, he will inform the club President and Vice-President by electronic means.

Section 5. Directors at Large. The 3 Directors at Large (Quartermaster and 2 active members) should be volunteers and will serve a one-year term. In the event that no one volunteers, The Officers will solicit members at the regular meetings until the position is filled. The Directors at large responsibility is to provide oversight to the officers regarding the bylaws and orderly running of the club.

Section 6. Tie Breaker votes. In the event that the Board of Directors having an even number of votes for any matter concerning any Board of Directors business that require a vote, the President shall abstain from voting on the matter and will serve as the tie breaker vote.

ARTICLE 8. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the officers and Board of Directors will be held in December at a location and time at the discretion of the officers and Board of Directors. This meeting will be for the current board and any new board members that were elected in November. This meeting will be to discuss the past years financial status, the upcoming years financial requirements and anticipated income. This meeting will prepare a tentative budget for the following year to include expenses, cash flow and income. The new officers and Board of directors will present the budget and recommend to its membership for their approval at the January meeting and the amount of dues required to sustain the organization for the coming year if any. The meeting can be held in person or by electronic means. The membership will be advised of the meeting at least 5 days prior to the meeting by electronic means. The membership will be allowed to attend, but only as observers. No other club business will take place. Any dues increase more than 15% will be deferred until the January meeting for a membership vote.

ARTICLE 9. CLUB STATION LICENSE TRUSTEE

Section 1. The Club shall hold a club station license that allows operation of its repeater station under a club FCC call sign. The license is granted only to a trustee appointed by the club. The license trustee shall be responsible for the compliance of the repeater system with the current FCC regulations.

Section 2. The Board of Directors or the President shall appoint the License Trustee. The License Trustee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board without term limits. The license trustee must hold a current valid FCC amateur radio operator's license of at least a general class although an extra class license would be preferred.

Section 3. The License Trustee is ultimately responsible for construction and maintenance of all Club Stations; shall see that all equipment is operating properly and in accordance with good amateur practice, and shall be responsible for keeping all associated reference materials (schematic diagrams, instruction manuals, etc.) current and up to date, and provide any other needed data to other Committee members upon need.

Section 4. The License Trustee shall perform the following duties:

- Disseminate information concerning the means of system control.
- Provide this information to all control operators and to other individuals, as he or she deems necessary.
- Selects the control operators and provide them with guidance concerning the day-to-day operation of the repeater system.

- Meet with the control operators at regular intervals to discuss any problems they may have encountered and review the latest FCC regulations.

Section 5. The license trustee may be removed from office by a majority vote of the members of the board. Should the license trustee resign or be removed from office, a new license trustee must be appointed by the board within thirty (60) days. In the interim, the president shall serve as the license trustee.

ARTICLE 10. MEETINGS

Section 1. This Club shall hold a monthly meeting on such day and at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. It may hold such other meetings as the Board of Directors or the membership may desire. The Club may suspend no more than two (2) monthly meetings per calendar year upon a vote of the members.

Section 2. 20% of the Active voting Membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting Club business.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President at any time. The President shall call a Special meeting upon the request of any three (3) members of the Board of Directors, or upon petition by ten (10) percent of the total Active Members. Special meetings shall be called for a specific item of business, and all Active Members shall receive electronic notice of the date, time and place of the Special Meeting along with a description of the specific item of business to be considered no less than 7 calendar days prior to any such scheduled meeting. No other business may be undertaken at a Special Meeting.

ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES

The following standing committees will serve the Club as described. In addition, other ad hoc committees may be formed by the President or Board to timely address any other issues within the Club's Mission.

Section 1. Repeater Committee. The Repeater Committee and none other shall be responsible for and shall have authority over any and all Club stations or Repeaters. It shall set proper policies and procedures for usage of such Club stations by members and other operators. The Repeater Committee will consist of the Vice-President, and one or more members approved by the Board of Directors or, the President, or by the general membership at a general membership meeting. The Repeater Committee will be chaired by the Vice President. The Committee will be responsible for proper installation, maintenance, and operation of Club repeaters, stations, antennas, and other hardware. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors and inform the general membership of its activities at general membership meetings as needed.

Section 2. Field Day. The Field Day Committee will be chaired by a full member approved by the Board of Directors or, at the discretion of the President, or by the general membership at a general membership meeting. All other members will be selected by the Committee chair. The Committee will be responsible for planning and executing the annual summer and/or winter field day activities. The committee chair will keep the general membership advised as needed concerning any issues that may arise or any needed assistance.

Section 3. Website and IT Committee. The Website and IT Committee will be chaired by a full member approved by the Board of Directors or, at the discretion of the President, or by the general membership at a general membership meeting. All other members will be selected by the Committee chair. The Committee will be responsible for creating and maintaining the Club website. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors and inform the general membership of its activities by electronic means or at a general membership meeting.

Section 6. Bylaws committee. The Bylaws Committee will be chaired by an Active Member approved by the Board of Directors or, at the discretion of the President, or by the general membership at a general membership meeting. All other members will be selected by the Committee chair. The Committee shall regularly examine the Bylaws of the Club, and recommend such Amendments as may be necessary to comply with Federal or State law, the Articles of Incorporation, the regular practices of the Club.

Section 7. Communications liaison. The liaison will communicate and respond to any and all communications relating to the press, newspapers, television, and radio to provide factual information relating to the clubs activities and events. This committee may be on an as needed basis or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Other committees. The Board may establish other committees as needed on an ad hoc basis. No ad hoc committee should exist for more than one year. Additional standing committees may be created by amending this section of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 12. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting in November.

Section 2. In each September the Board of Directors shall appoint the Nominating Committee. This committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Secretary and two (2) other members. The President shall designate the Chairman of this committee who will not be either the Treasurer or the Secretary. The duties of this committee shall be to make nominations, obtain the consent of those nominated, determine which members are in good standing to vote in the election, prepare the ballot for the election of such officers, and report the results to the Board.

Section 3. At the regular meeting of this Club in each October, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the membership a list of nominees for each office to be filled and a list of nominees for directors.

Section 4. At the November meeting the Nominating Committee will offers the slate of candidates, the President shall ask the membership for further nominations from the floor for each office. Nominations must be made and seconded by members entitled to vote in accordance with Article III of these Bylaws.

Section 5. In the event that there is only one candidate for each office and there are no further nominations from the floor, then the President may entertain a motion to declare the slate of candidates elected by acclamation.

Section 6. In the event that there are multiple candidates for any office, then voting shall be by paper ballot.

Section 7. At the November meeting the President shall appoint two (2) Tellers. The duties of the Tellers shall be to distribute, collect, and count the ballots and report the results to the President, who shall announce the same to the Club.

Section 8. A member who is in good standing who informs a Nominating Committee member or any board member that he or she is unable to attend the November meeting may vote absentee by email. A Nominating Committee Member shall give that member/s by email the list of candidates for each office 3 calendar days prior to the November meeting. The member shall cast his or her vote, email back his or her ballot, and the Nominating Committee Member shall print the vote to be presented to a Teller at the November meeting. No new votes will be counted if they arrive after the November meeting.

Section 9. Other than the procedure described in the previous section of this Article, no voting by proxy shall be permitted on any vote.

Section 10. A 2/3 majority vote cast by eligible members shall be necessary to determine the choice of any officer to be elected. In the event any ballot does not show a majority for any nominee for any particular office, the President shall call for a second vote. Prior to the second ballot, the nominee having the lowest vote on the first ballot shall be dropped and in each succeeding ballot the same procedure shall be followed until one (1) nominee receives a majority of all votes cast.

Article 13. Electronic Voting

Section 1. Voting for the election of club officers, Bylaw Amendments, financial expenditures or other matters of the club may be conducted through electronic means as it becomes available and approved by the Board of Directors. Such electronic voting methods may include, but are not limited to, email, secure online platforms, video conferencing, or other technological solutions deemed suitable for the purpose by the Board.

Section 2. The Board shall establish guidelines and procedures for electronic voting to ensure its transparency, security, and fairness. All members eligible to vote shall be provided with the necessary information and instructions to participate in electronic voting, and such votes shall be considered valid and binding, subject to compliance with the established procedures.

Section 3. The use of electronic voting shall be in accordance with any applicable laws and regulations governing non-profit organizations and shall be consistently applied to all eligible members.

Section 4. Surveys, polls and online voting will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors when and if it becomes necessary and available.

ARTICLE 14. PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The Club shall take no action on any question, proposed legislation, or recommendation until that question or proposed legislation or recommendation has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The Club will limit any statements or recommendations on legislation or regulations to those that directly impact or effect the practice and enjoyment of amateur radio for its members and the general population of licensed amateur radio operators.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Club is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 3. No person shall use the name, marks, or any relationship with the Club for the purposes of endorsing, supporting, or promoting any candidate for political office.

ARTICLE 15. FINANCE

Section 1. The Club shall operate on a fiscal year basis. The fiscal year shall coincide with the calendar year and encompass the period from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall approve the plan of activities and the budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year no later than by their regular meeting in February.

Section 3. This Club's books of account shall be reconciled at least once a year, and the Board of Directors shall appoint an audit committee of at least (3) members to review the books or the Board of Directors may hire an independent CPA/Tax Preparer who is not affiliated with the club who may at the Board of Directors discretion file the necessary paperwork with the State of North Carolina and the IRS. This audit shall be conducted and finished as soon as possible and as close as possible to the beginning of the fiscal year and shall be finalized by the March club meeting.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall determine the official depository or depositories, and

signatory authority for all accounts.

ARTICLE 16: RULES OF ORDER

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all procedures pertaining to any meeting of the Club or the Board of Directors not specifically covered by these Bylaws. If the occasion arises due to exigent circumstances as determined by the complete board of directors by unanimous vote, The rules of order can be suspended until the emergency has passed.

ARTICLE 17. AMENDMENTS To Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made upon the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee. Amendments may be also be proposed to the Bylaws Committee by the Board of Directors, or by any 3 Active Members. Amendment changes must be in written form. (hard copy or email)

Section 2: These Bylaws may be amended provided due notice of the proposed amendment shall have been posted on the Club website and disseminated via email at least 10 days before a regular or special scheduled meeting of the Club at which such proposed amendment is to be voted upon. The amendment requires a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a regular or special meeting, provided a quorum as defined in the Bylaws is present.

ARTICLE 18. OWNERSHIP OF CLUB PROPERTY

Section 1. Ownership and title to all Club property, funds, and assets shall be vested in the Appalachia Amateur Radio Club , Inc., as a non-profit corporation.

Section 2. The Club shall not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property of members, visitors, or guests.

Article 19. NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Appalachia Amateur Radio Club Inc. shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, age, religion, political views, nationality, ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation. All members are entitled to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to members of the Club per Article III.

Article 20. Insurance

1. The club will maintain insurance coverage in an amount consistent with the risks that may be experienced.
2. Other property and/or casualty insurance as is usual and appropriate for the clubs assets and for its members.

ARTICLE 21. FORCE AND EFFECT

These Bylaws are subject to the provisions of North Carolina law and the Certificate of Incorporation,

and they may be amended from time to time. If any provision in these Bylaws is inconsistent with a provision in the law or the Certificate of incorporation, the bylaws may be amended to comply with the provision of the law or the Certificate of Incorporation. These Bylaws will take effect immediately upon their adoption by the Initial Trustees named in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE 22. CORPORATION DISSOLUTION

The Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Inc. may only be dissolved by a vote of 2/3 of the entire active voting Membership. Written notice disseminated by Email or other electronic means (website and/or social media) of any such action shall be provided to all members no less than 30 days prior. Voting may be conducted by electronic means or in person at the discretion of the Board Of Directors so long as the 30 days have passed. The written notice must contain the voting method that will be used determined by the board of directors.

Upon termination or dissolution of the Appalachia Amateur Radio Club, Inc., any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation. The organization to receive the assets of the Club, Inc. hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Club, Inc and the board's decision shall be final.

Adopted at MURPHY, CHEROKEE COUNTY, State of NORTH CAROLINA,
on the 12th Day of March in the year 2024.