

# **Constitution and By-laws of the Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs Association**

## **Preamble**

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs Association 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 club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

## **Membership: Article I.**

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

## **Officers: Article II**

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

Sec. 2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting. If there are no willing candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, or Secretary, the current member may be elected for up to three terms. The position of Treasurer will have no time limits on tenure. An officer vacating an office may be elected to another office immediately, without the one year hiatus.

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.

## **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 club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

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

close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

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 email written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended ; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club 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 club to his/her successor.

### **Meetings: Article IV**

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. For administrative and constitutional purposes, the January meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

### **Dues: Article V**

The club, 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. Dues and assessments for any member in arrears for three or more months shall be cause for assigning the delinquent member Associate member status until he/she is no longer in arrears. Dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year. Members joining after June 30 will pay half the regular annual dues for the remainder of the year.

### **Membership Assistance: Article VI**

The club, through its designated 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 from club member-stations. The club 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 the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

## **By-Laws:**

1. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions to the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.
2. Membership. Full membership is open to licensed amateurs. Associate membership is open to all other interested persons. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and to vote for club officers. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.
3. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on the *third* Thursday evening (or as assigned), of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to all members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.
4. The Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs Association shall be affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and shall conform to the customs and policies of that organization. Though voluntary membership in the ARRL is strongly encouraged, the Secretary shall ascertain that at least fifty-one (51) per cent of full and associate members are members of the ARRL in order to qualify for ARRL affiliation.
5. Dues. Regular annual dues of \$20.00 per family are hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.
6. Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the club, any remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.