Constitution 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 (GRRAA) 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 conduct club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article I: Membership

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.

Article II: Officers

Section 1: Officers

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

Section 2. Elections

- 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.

Section 3: Term Limits

- 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.

Section. 4 Vacancies

- Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 5: Eligibility

- In order to hold an office, an individual must be

- A member in good standing,
- Been a member for at least one year,
- Hold a current, valid amateur radio license.

Section 6: Resignation

- Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the president or vice president.

Section 7: Removal of Officers

- Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon a written petition of six or more members presented to the president or vice president.
- After investigation, the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and is voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

Article III: Duties of Officers

Section 1:The President

- 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,
  - perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2: The Vice-President

- 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,
  - advance club interest and activity as approved by the club.
  - He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's ARES® Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®.

Section 3: The Secretary

- The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, handle applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and email written meeting notices and minutes 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.

- Though voluntary membership in the ARRL is strongly encouraged, the Secretary shall ascertain that at least fifty-one (51) percent of full and associate members are members of the ARRL in order to qualify for ARRL affiliation.
- Webmaster
    - An appointment by the secretary to assist with all the online portions of online databases utilized by the GRRAA.
- The Secretary is to maintain all filings with state and federal governments to ensure licenses and tax filings are kept up to date.
    - In the absence of the Secretary, the President can assign this duty to someone in order to ensure all filings are completed.
    - The Secretary is to file the tax forms, with the assistance of the Treasurer, for the previous year, by May 15.

Section 4: The Treasurer

- 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.
- A transition period of one month to allow for past treasurer and new treasurer and past president and new president to transfer over ownership/usage of the account.
    - Meeting minutes must accompany officers for transfer to take place.
    - Meeting minutes must state explicitly who is going on the account and who is coming off.
    - Delineate a primary and secondary (alternate).
        - Treasurer and President.
- An established amount may be spent on club prizes, food, club costs, and event admission fees as determined in the budget provided by the treasurer

Article IV: Meetings

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 August meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V: Dues

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 by January 31st of each year. Members joining after June 30

will pay half the regular annual dues for the remainder of the year.

Article VI: Membership Assistance

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.

Article VII: Amendments

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 regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Article VIII: Club Call Sign

The club has received a club call sign, W7GRA, as provided by FCC rules part 97. The president shall assign trusteeship of the club callsign. The trustee shall:

- Be a member of the club in good standing,
- Meet FCC requirements,
- Not had his/her amateur radio license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article IX: Dissolution of the Club

Section 1: Termination of Operations

- In the event that the board of directors votes that the club should be dissolved, the motion for dissolution must receive more than a two-thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2: Disposition of assets

- The board of directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club.
- No member or group of members shall receive benefits from the assets.
- All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization.
- Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the club, any remaining cash shall be divided equally and distributed to the ARRL, and the Union County Search and Rescue.