

Brindlee Mountain Amateur Radio Association B.M.A.R.A.

Constitution and By-Laws September 14,1992

Preamble

We, the undersigned wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, constitute ourselves the Brindlee Mountain amateur Radio Association Inc. (BMARA), and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose 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.

Article I

Membership:

SECTION I: All persons interested in Amateur Radio solely with personal aim and without pecuniary interest shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its by-laws provide.

Article II

Officers:

SECTION 1: The officers shall be: A President, A Vice President, A Secretary/Treasurer, A Treasurer/Secretary and Net Manager.

SECTION 2: The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year. Nominations shall be taken from the floor at least by the regular meeting in May of each year. The membership will vote by paper ballot at the regular meeting in June of each year. The newly elected officers shall assume their offices on the first day of July.

** See amendment 1 dated 5-26-94*

SECTION 3: Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special election at the regular meeting at which the vacancy is announced.

SECTION 4: Officers may be removed from their office by means of a special called meeting and three-fourths of members present voting in favor thereof, providing a quorum for a special called meeting is present.

Article III

Duties of officers:

SECTION 1: The president shall preside over all of this club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted, shall enforce the observance of this constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the club and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the president. The president shall have the authority to appoint committees as necessary to assist in the operation of the BMARA.

SECTION 2: The vice president shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the latter. The vice president shall be responsible for programs at the club meetings and shall procure concurrence for the programs for the president. The vice president shall audit the training program for the BMARA 2 meter- emergency net. The vice president shall be responsible for the accounting and control of all club property. A listing of the same shall be maintained jointly by the vice president and treasurer/secretary. A report of this listing shall be given to the club membership no less than once every three months.

SECTION 3: The secretary/treasurer shall observe all proceeding of the meetings, make a permanent record of all things proper to be written, receive all monies due the club and pay them over to the treasurer/secretary and take receipt for the same. The secretary/treasurer shall in the absence of the treasurer/secretary perform the duties of the latter during the period of this absence.

SECTIONS 4: The treasurer/secretary shall receive all monies from the hand of the secretary/treasurer and make due entries of the same. The treasurer/secretary shall pay all bills that are authorized by the president not to exceed a combined expenditure of \$200.00 per month. Any amount above \$200.00 must be approved at the regular business meetings. The treasurer/secretary shall perform the duties of the secretary/treasurer in the absence of the same.

SECTION 5: The net manager will have the responsibility of the local BMARA 2-meter weather net, appoint net control stations, and make appropriate reports to the state traffic manager. The net manager shall establish a comprehensive training program of emergency communications procedures and practices.

SECTION 6: At the end of the term of office, the office holder shall turn over the successor all items and records belonging to the club.

Article IV

Meetings: To be opened with invocation

SECTION 1: The by-laws shall provide for regular meetings and special meetings. At regular meetings, the members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for transactions of business. At SPECIAL meetings, at least one-third of the eligible voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article V

Membership Assistance

SECTION 1: The club will provide technical assistance to members concerning equipment design and operation and assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practices, and absence of spurious radiation from club member stations.

Article VI

Amendments:

SECTION 1: This constitution or by-laws can only be amended by a SPECIAL meeting and three-fourths of the members present voting in favor thereof, provided a quorum for a SPECIAL meeting is present.

Article VII

Rules:

SECTION 1: Robert's Rules of Order (modified) shall govern the proceedings, as long as they are consistent with the constitution and by-laws.

By-laws:

SECTION 1: It shall be the duty of the secretary/treasurer to keep the constitution and the by-laws of the BMARA and have the same at every regular and special meeting. The secretary/treasurer shall cause all amendments, changes or additions to be noted therein and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. Every member shall be given a copy of the constitution and by-laws and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 2: Membership: Application for membership shall be submitted at regular meeting in writing. Each application must express a willingness of the applicant to abide by this constitution and by-laws and rules promulgated by the club. Two-thirds of the members present shall approve the applicant before they shall be considered elected to membership after payment of dues. Any licensed Amateur Radio Operator is eligible for full membership in the BMARA. All unlicensed persons may be granted associate membership in the BMARA. All associate members are entitled to all club activities and benefits, however an associate member may not vote at any special or business meetings.

SECTION 3: Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each calendar month at such place as the president shall order. Special meetings may be called by the president upon written request of any five members, or as deemed necessary by the club president. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent through the regular postal delivery system seven days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 4: Dues: Annual dues shall be \$20.00 per year. Multi-member families shall be assessed annual dues of \$20.00 for the first member and \$10.00 for each additional family member. A family member is to be husband, wife, or unmarried dependent children still residing in the family household or actively enrolled in an institute of higher learning. All associate members are to be assessed annual club dues of \$10.00 per year. All membership dues are due on the 1st day of July of every calendar year. Any club member three or more months in arrears in dues shall forfeit all club privileges.

SECTION 5: Equipment: The vice president of the club shall be in charge of all equipment and will be responsible for maintaining and operation of the same. All club equipment shall be operated in accordance with FCC rules and regulations. All club equipment shall be marked with identification and the vice president shall maintain a written record of all equipment. No club owned equipment may be loaned to club members.

Should the vice president need help in any way, he shall have the authority to enlist the assistance of any club member volunteers. Should the vice president require paid help, he will need to apply to the membership at the regular meeting for approval of the same.

Should any controversy arise concerning the equipment in any form, be it operation, utilization or repair that the vice president fails to settle satisfactorily, then the matter shall be brought before the membership at any regular business meeting for discussion and settlement.

Amendments to By-Laws (up dated 05-26-94)

1. 05-26-94

Article II- Section 2:

Nominations for officers of this club shall be taken from the floor at the regular October business meeting of each year. The membership will vote by paper ballot at the regular business meeting of November of each year. The month of December shall be a training period for the new officers to be conducted by the outgoing officers. The newly elected officers shall assume their offices on the first day of January.