

**Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association**
(As Amended 5 February 2017)

Preamble

Wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio and civic involvement; and,

Wishing to assist individuals of the public with instruction and training in Amateur Radio for the improvement and development of their communications and electronics knowledge and capabilities; and

Wishing to benefit the community through instruction of the public about, and the practical exercise of, procedures for emergency communications;

We do hereby constitute ourselves the Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association and enact this Constitution and Bylaws as our governing principles.

Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this association shall be the Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association.

Article II – Location

The place in the State of Colorado where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Monument, El Paso County.

Article III – Purpose

The Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association is organized exclusively for Amateur Radio educational, informational, scientific, and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Further specific purposes of the Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association include:

- To provide education and training classes on Amateur Radio for the public leading to successful completion of FCC Amateur Radio examination and licensing;
- To provide Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner services to individuals of the public seeking FCC Amateur Radio license examination;
- To promote the recognition of the value of the Amateur Radio Service as a voluntary, non-commercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications during time of man-made or natural disasters;
- To provide educational opportunities and technical advice, to members in good standing and to the general public, regarding equipment and operating practices for the many facets of the Amateur Radio Service; and
- To provide a program for public relations and public information regarding amateur radio.

No part of the net earnings of the Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association 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 Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this association.

Article IV – Membership

It is the policy of the Association to not illegally discriminate against any person. The Association shall maintain a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to members and students and it shall not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Membership shall be open to any person holding an Amateur Radio License or having an interest in Amateur Radio.

Article V – Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person.
- Section 2. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office.
- Section 3. Officers of this Association shall be elected for a period of one year. There is no term limit.
- Section 4. Elections of officers shall be held annually at a Regular meeting. Officers are elected by a simple majority of the members present.
- Section 5. Vacancies shall be filled by special elections at the first Regular meeting following a position becoming open. Should no one be found to fill a vacancy the remaining officers may appoint a member as an “interim officer” until the position can be filled.
- Section 6. An officer may be removed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.
- Section 7. A new or additional Officer position may be added as needed with a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Article VI – Meetings

- Section 1. Regular Meetings shall be held periodically, at least once per quarter, and nominally monthly.
- Section 2. Any member, with the consent of two (2) officers, may call a Special Meeting.
- Section 3. All meetings for the purpose of conducting Association business must be announced to the membership at least seven (7) days prior to that meeting. Additionally, the purpose of any Special meeting must be included in the announcement.
- Section 4. A reasonable attempt to inform all members of a meeting must be made. Such an attempt may include, but not limited to: personal

contact, a general announcement on the Association's net, a general e-mail, or mailing.

- Section 5. A quorum shall be defined as all members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Article VII –Procedures

- Section 1. All Association business items shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- Section 2. Except as noted elsewhere, all voting decisions shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting.

Article VIII - Amendments

- Section 1. Any member of the Association may propose amendments to this Constitution.
- Section 2. Proposals for an amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing at a Regular or Special meeting. A motion on the proposal must be made, seconded, and discussed and shall be open for further discussion and voted on at the next following Regular Meeting.
- Section 3. Amendments to the Constitution require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Article IX – Dues

- Section 1. Dues shall initially be via a voluntary donation basis. A required Dues structure can be established via a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Article X - Association Trustee and License

- Section 1. The Association may maintain one or more Club Station Licenses.
- Section 2. The Association's Club Station Licenses are the sole property of the Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association.

- Section 3. One or more Association Trustees are responsible for establishing and maintaining the Association's Club Station Licenses

Article XI – Committees

- Section 1. The Association may establish Standing and Ad Hoc committees as needed.

Article XII – Dissolution

- Section 1. A motion for dissolution must be made, seconded, and discussed at a Regular or Special Meeting and shall be open for further discussion and voted on at the next following Regular Meeting.
- Section 2. The Association shall be dissolved upon a vote for dissolution from a three-fourths (3/4) majority of all the members of the Association.
- Section 3. Upon the dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Bylaws

Article 1 – Membership

- Section 1. Membership shall be by application and with the approval of two officers. A member is in good standing having attended at least one meeting in the calendar year and having paid membership dues (if any). Alternatively, a member shall be considered to be in good standing by the declaration of two officers.
- Section 2. The Officers of the Association may deny a membership application for just cause.
- Section 3. Membership may be revoked for just cause by the recommendation of the Officers and a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.
- Section 4. Members have the right to run for an Association office, chair or serve on committees, make or second motions, engage in debate or discussions, and vote on all matters that come before the Association in any properly constituted meeting.
- Section 5. A member may request the Officers to hold a Special Meeting.

Article II – Officers

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the President. The President shall also have the power to appoint members to Association committee positions as the need arises.
- Section 2. The Vice President shall temporarily assume the duties of the President or the Secretary/Treasurer in the event of the either one's absence. In addition, he/she shall oversee all club activities, and foster the advancement of the Association's interests.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roster of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at

each Regular meeting, and be responsible for the notification to all members of meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at each meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions to the Constitution or Bylaws and shall permit these to be consulted by members upon request

- Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all donations and monies received and expended by the Association; and shall pay all bills when authorization by the President or Vice President in the latter's place. The Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements at each Regular meeting. The Treasurer shall be the primary signatory of checks written against the Association accounts and the recipient of dues and other financial and real assets of the Association. At the expiration of the term, the Treasurer shall turn over all items and records belonging to the Association to his/her successor.
- Section 5. Any new or additional Officer position must be proposed by an Officer. Any such proposal must include a description of the duties of the new position.
- Section 6. A motion for the removal of an Officer may be made, seconded, and discussed at a Regular or Special Meeting and shall be open for further discussion and voted on at the next following Regular Meeting.

Article III - Amendments

- Section 1. Any member of the Association may propose amendments to the Bylaws.
- Section 2. Proposals for an amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a Regular or Special meeting. A motion on the proposal must be made, seconded, and discussed and shall be open for further discussion and voted on at the next following Regular Meeting.
- Section 3. Amendments to the Bylaws require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Article IV - Association Trustee

Section 1. An Association Trustee shall be selected by the President to be responsible for an Association Club Station License and shall serve as long as he or she is an Association member, or until he or she resigns or is terminated by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 17th day of January, 2017.

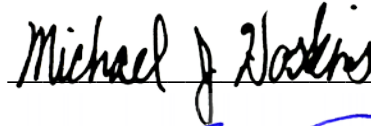
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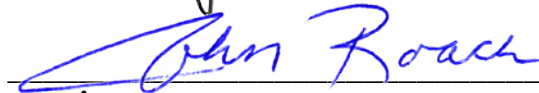
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