

By-Laws, Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Hiawassee, Georgia

As Adopted October 15 th., 2012

Effective January 1, 2013

Amendments: Dec. 3, 2012, August 5, 2013

1. Membership

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs.

Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in studying to obtain an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons interested in Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications.

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 vote for club officers.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.

All applicants for membership shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws (either “hard copies” or electronic copies), and affirm that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with the articles set forth in these documents.

Acceptance as a member of the Mountain Amateur Radio Club, requires a 100 percent approval by all voting MARC members. Membership may be denied applicants by any single vote by a current, voting member.

Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or martial status.

2. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday 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 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.

3. Dues Fees and Assessments

Annual dues of \$20.00 per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

For new members, the dues for the first year, will be proportioned as follows:

<u>Months:</u>	<u>Dues for balance of current year:</u>
April, May, or June	\$20.00
July, August, or September	\$15.00
October, November, or December	\$10.00
January, February, or March	\$5.00

Annual membership dues are payable in April of each year.

Any member whose dues are not paid by May 1st will be considered inactive and removed from the membership roster.

Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

4. Elections

Officer elections will be held annually at the regular April meeting.

Officers will assume their elected office at the May meeting of the current year.

5. Voting

Voting for any elected officer will require a majority vote of members holding a Full Membership status, either by paper or electronic ballot. Associate members can not vote for club officers.

Voting for all other issues or business, will require a Majority of a Quorum of members, including Full and Associate members.

Voting will be done using paper ballots, by a show of hands, or by the email return of any voting issue. Voting shall be by qualified Voting Members only, and will exclude all officers, with the exception that In the case of tied vote, the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a single ballot.

Immediately after voting, paper ballots and copies of electronic ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership.

Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots.

6. ARRL Affiliation

ARES® is a program of the American Radio Relay League -- our club will abide by the *Rules and Regulations of the ARRL's Field Organization* as they may be amended from time to time, and by ARRL policies, rules, and guidelines contained in ARRL publications.”