

**CONSTITUTION  
MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MARC)  
TOWNS COUNTY, GEORGIA  
As Adopted October 15 th., 2012**

**Amendment dates:** Dec. 3, 2012, May 21, 2013, August 5, 2013.

**Preamble:**

**We, the voting members of MARC, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons interested in amateur radio, enact this constitution as our governing principals. Our purpose is to facilitate the exchange of information and cooperation between members; promote education related to amateur radio; encourage fraternalism between amateur radio operators; enhance radio operating efficiency; advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio; and provide for emergency radio communication. The Mountain Amateur Radio Club shall also be known as MARC.**

**Definitions:**

For the purpose of clarity, the following definitions shall apply to this Constitution and the MARC By-Laws:

**QUORUM:** 1/3 or more of the Voting Members.

**MAJORITY:** More than 50 % of a quorum.

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Those members who can vote on all motions and activities related to MARC, as outlined in the By-Laws.

**Article I**

**Membership**

**Section 1. Founding Members**

The “Founding Members” of MARC are the initial voting members who adopted the original respective Constitution and By-Laws of the Mountain Amateur Radio Club. These members are:

Bob Bonnett, KI4NRZ	David Bubeck, W4FED	Doug DeLorme, KI4NRY
Neal Dover, KI4OYK	Mike Foley, KK4EKN	Alton Higgins, W4VFZ
Duane Ledford, KJ4CFW	Arthur Mott, WA5JFT	Brian Roy, KB4TXS
Gigi Smith, KI4OYK	Kathyrn Stewart, KA4TEO	Don Rowe, KU4RB

## Section 2. Eligibility

Any person interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for application for membership. Different classes of membership, the requirements for membership, membership application, and acceptance of members shall be as established by the by-laws.

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

## **Article II**

### **Officers**

#### Section. 1. Offices

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 a majority ballot of the voting members. Voting may be made in person at the annual meeting each year, or by U.S.P.S. mail or electronic mail, received by the president or vice president, no later than the date of the annual meeting.

If less than 50 percent of the voting members vote or abstain from voting at such an election, then the existing officers shall continue in office and the election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting. At such meeting, should a quorum be present, officers will be elected by a majority of the voting members present at that quorum.

The annual meeting shall be held in April of each year, providing that the bylaws provide that the date of the annual meeting may be changed without amendment of this constitution.

#### Section. 3. Terms and limits of office

Each officer may serve as many as two consecutive terms in that office, but no more than three consecutive terms in any office. If there is a lack of a candidate for an office, then an officer may simultaneously hold two offices.

#### Section. 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at the first regularly schedule meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of any officer.

### Section. 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office, a member must be a member in good standing and hold a valid Amateur Radio Operator's license.

### Section. 6. Resignation

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

### Section. 7. Removal of Officers

By a statement of no confidence with respect to any officer by at least six (6) voting members, which may be in writing and presented to the president or vice president, or by vote at or prior to any club meeting, a vote of no confidence by members shall then be held at that meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting, providing that a quorum is present.

If a majority of the voting member casting votes, vote no confidence at such meeting, then such officer shall be immediately removed from office and shall turn over all records and assets held by said officer, to the president or vice president.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Duties of Officers**

#### Section. 1. 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, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president.

#### Section. 2. Vice-President

The vice president shall assume all of 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 interests and activities as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's emergency coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

#### Section. 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, keep a record of all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail (either by USPS or email) written notices of

changes in scheduled meetings 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.

#### Section. 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, record, and provide receipts 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). At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all items and monies belonging to the club, to his/her successor.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Meetings**

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meeting proceedings.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Dues**

The club by a 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. Non-payment of such dues shall be cause for the expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Call Sign**

The club call sign is KI4ENN. The club call sign shall be held by a trustee for the sole benefit of the club. The trustee shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the president. Provided, however, that such trustee must hold a general class or higher license issued by the FCC, and, provided further, that at no time has such trustee's Radio Amateur License been revoked, suspended or sanctioned by the FCC.

If required for any reason, the club may apply to replace such call sign, change the call sign, or apply for one or more call signs.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Dissolution of the Club**

#### Section. 1. Termination of Operations.

In the event that the club members vote that the club should be dissolved, the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full voting membership in order to pass.

#### Section. 2. Disposition of Assets

The officers of the club shall handle the distribution of all assets of the club.

No member or group of members shall receive benefits from the assets.

All equipment will be sold and the net proceeds and any remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization, said organization to be determined by the majority of the voting members.

The call sign shall be reported through due process to the FCC as terminated.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

This Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members. If less than 50 percent of the voting members vote or abstain from voting on an amendment(s), then the amendment(s) shall be tabled until the next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting. At such meeting, should a quorum be present, the amendment(s) shall be passed or rejected by a majority.

Amendment dates shall be entered at the beginning of the current constitution, and copies of the amended constitution shall be provided to all voting members, either in hard copy or electronic form.