

Article I – NAME AND PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is to be: "Manatee Amateur Radio Club, Inc." (MARCI).

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 "Manatee Amateur Radio Club, Inc." (MARCI) and enact these by-laws. Hereinafter referred to as the corporation, the club is organized exclusively as a non-profit organization under section 501 (c) (3). It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, provide emergency radio communications to the greater Manatee County community, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

The purposes are then to:

1. Provide a forum for members to increase their knowledge and skills, assist those who are interested in obtaining or upgrading their license, and promote public knowledge and understanding of amateur radio and its contribution to the public.
2. Encourage continued education and training for prospective and current amateur radio operators by providing opportunities for both education and hands-on training.
3. Provide support to the community both in emergency and non-emergency situations through the use of amateur radio and our collective skills in which normal lines of communication are overburdened, disrupted or otherwise unavailable.
4. Erect, operate and maintain Radio Repeater stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, under the call K4GG, in one or more locations in Manatee County so as to carry out these support operations.
5. Promote amateur radio through providing opportunities for social fellowship among members, their families and other interested persons.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Combined, these officers shall be considered the Board of Directors of the Club.

All officers of the Club shall be at least 21 years of age and holders of an Amateur Radio License of any category.

All officers of the club shall, once elected, continue year upon year by receiving a confidence vote at the annual meeting in May.

No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. However, if an elective office is vacant, the Board of Directors may authorize a current officer to fulfill the duties of that vacant office until a qualified member can be elected

The officers shall be nominated and elected at the annual meeting in May to start their tenure on the first meeting of the general membership in June following their election. If there are two or more candidates for a single office a secret ballot election must be conducted.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – It shall be the duty of the President to:

1. Preside over all regular and special meetings of the Club.
2. Direct the affairs of the club subject to the advice and consent of the Board and the requirements of the Bylaws.
3. Arrange and publish the agenda for each Club meeting.
4. Make reports to the members of the Club on club activities, events, and general status.
5. Appoint 2 or more members of the Club to the Finance Committee to audit the club account books and to conduct a detailed inventory of equipment.
6. Appoint Club members to all other committees and committee chairs, and be an ex-officio member of each.
7. Sign as required all contracts or written instructions on behalf of the Club.
8. Represent the Club for social or business contacts when required.
9. Establish and maintain a working relationship with all Amateur Radio clubs on behalf of the Club.
10. Coordinate and conducts Club net activities.
11. Perform incidental duties not herein specified.

VICE PRESIDENT – It shall be the duty of the Vice President to:

1. Act in the absence of the President at all club functions and perform all duties of the President heretofor described.
2. Perform Club historian duties including a summary of the events for publication on the Club Web page.
3. Welcome and acquaint each new member to the Club.
4. Oversee and direct the actions of the committees.
5. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

SECRETARY – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:-

1. Produce, present, obtain approval and keep a written record of all proceedings of all regular, special, and Board meetings, and to provide an approved copy to the Vice President.
2. Receive and send all club correspondences. Read all correspondence of general interest to the members at a regular or Board meetings.
3. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

TREASURER – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

1. Keep a written record of all monies and donated supplies or equipment received or expended by the Club.
2. Maintain the Club's bank account only at the bank approved by the Board. A signature card shall be kept by the bank showing the signature of the current President, Vice President and Treasurer.
3. Collect annual and new member dues and issue receipts as required.
4. Provide a monthly report on the financial condition of the Club to the Club members.
5. Process new member nominations for Board approval.
6. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

Trustee – It shall be the duty of the Trustee to:

1. Erect, operate and maintain Radio Repeater stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, under the call K4GG, in one or more locations in Manatee County so as to carry out requirements of station Trustee.
2. The Trustee may expend up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in any one month to purchase small items of equipment to maintain the corporation's owned communication equipment, without prior approval of the Board of Directors. All costs incurred shall be paid by the Treasurer upon presentation of appropriate receipts.
3. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

ARTICLE IV – Committees

The following permanent Committees shall be established. 1) Activities Committee. 2) Public Relations Committee. 3) Finance Committee. 4) Nominating Committee 5) Education Committee and 6) Technical committee

The Club President may establish additional committees as necessary to serve the best interest of the Club. The Chairs of various committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall not be considered officers of the Club. All activities of the committees shall be first authorized by the Board of Directors of the Club and reports on those activities shall be made to the Club's membership each month.

Activities Committee – The Activities Committee shall:

1. Arrange programs for club meetings subject to the approval of the board.
2. Organize and conduct club activities such as picnics, fox hunts, and field day participation.
3. Make all arrangements including collecting monies for the annual Christmas meeting.
4. Provide refreshments at each of the regular club meetings.
5. Perform other duties required by the President or the

Public Relations Committee – the Public Relations Committee shall:

1. Work with the Activities Committee to develop an annual promotional and/or public calendar.

2. Contact and get published in local newspapers as needed for announcements of club activities and community service events.
3. Work with the Nominating and membership to recruit new members.
4. Welcome members and visitors to the meetings and answer any questions they may have regarding the club. When appropriate introduce each to a member who has common interests.
5. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

Finance Committee – A committee consisting of club members proficient in budget and finances. The duty of the finance committee shall be to:

1. Audit the Club account books annually during the month of March .
3. Report the findings to the members at the annual meeting.
4. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

Nominating Committee – A committee consisting of a minimum of two club members whose duty shall be to:

1. Identify potential vacancies by determining the intention of current officers to continue their function for the coming year.
2. Identify members qualified for each office and encourage them to seek office.
3. Provide to the Board of Directors a slate of candidates for the annual election.
4. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

Education Committee – A committee consisting of club members proficient in teaching. Their duty shall be to:

1. Assist members with technical problems or to obtain and/or upgrade their license.
2. When sufficient interest exists, organize and conduct classes on such issues as antenna design, digital methods, operating techniques, and such as that.
3. Provide periodically classes to the public so they might obtain their license.

4. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

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Technical Committee – A committee consisting of club members proficient in electronics and radio operations. Their duty shall be to:

1. Assist the Trustee when installation and maintenance is required of the repeater and other radio equipments.
2. Assist members with station setup and Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) problems, recording all RFI complaint activities.
3. Periodically present technical programs for the membership's benefit.
4. Perform other duties required by the President or the Board.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors shall, by resolution, fix the amount of any regular or special dues. Membership dues will be due January 1st and will be for that calendar year. The failure to pay any dues within three months of assessment shall render a member inactive and lose voting privilege. There shall be no refund of dues paid up on resignation, death or dismissal of a member.

The Board of Directors, by two thirds vote may approve membership to those nominated by any member.

Membership shall not be denied to any person because of race, religion, sex, national origin or sexual orientation.

The Board may expel or suspend a member by two thirds vote at a Board meeting under the following conditions:

1. Failure to discharge debts to the Club, including dues.
2. Conduct detrimental to the welfare, interest, character, or order of the Club.
3. Conviction of a violation of the FCC rules resulting in the suspension or cancelation of the amateur radio license.
4. Conduct unbecoming a person of good moral character.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall take place on the first Tuesday of each month. If the designated meeting place is unavailable, an alternative day or meeting place may be chosen by the Board of Directors. Special membership meetings called by the Board of Directors will be announced stating the purpose for which the meeting is called. The date, time and location of the meeting shall be emailed to each member and posted on the web page.

Quorum: The presence in person of 20% of the members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Annual Meeting: There shall be a general membership meeting held during the month of May each calendar year for the purpose of electing officers and amendments of bylaws. To maintain voting privilege each member shall attend, as a minimum, one general meeting during the calendar year preceding the annual meeting. To amend the bylaws a motion or desire to change must be presented to the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of formulation and investigation before presenting the changes to the general membership thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Any change in bylaws requires two - thirds majority vote of the membership present and voting.

ARTICLE VII - ASSETS, EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall be for the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the corporation 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 I.

No part of the activities of the corporation shall participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted:

1. By a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
2. By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more explicit purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of by the

Board of Directors shall be disposed of by the competent court in 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.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, when practical, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (as last revised) except when in conflict with these by - laws, or the laws of the State of Florida.