



# Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society

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## CONSTITUTION

**PREAMBLE:** The name of this Association shall be The Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society. The primary purpose of this Society shall be to provide emergency communication services to the community, city, state, and individuals by means of amateur radio in the event of emergency or natural disaster and to engage in social interests to the benefit of the Society's members.

### ARTICLE I

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the By-Laws provide.

### ARTICLE II

Section 1: The officers of this society shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person simultaneously. This is the only dual office constituted.

Section 3: The officers of this society shall be elected for a term of one year. The election shall be by ballot of the members present at the December meeting each year, provided there be a quorum, unless an office is uncontested, then the Secretary will cast one vote for the candidate on the slate.

Section 4: Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Officers or directors may be removed for cause by a one third vote of the membership.

### ARTICLE III

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the paid membership with the exception of Article II, Section 5 and Article X. Signed proxies shall count toward a quorum.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The duties of the officers of this Society shall be as outlined in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V**

Section 1: The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of a total of nine (9) members composed of: the current officers, the immediate past President (who does not carry over in the event of reelection of the President) and four members elected at large from the membership. To provide continuity, two board members at large are to be elected each year for a term of two years. In the event that a board member at large is a replacement, he or she shall serve only for the unexpired term of the replaced member. Any board member who misses two consecutive board meetings without a prior formal excuse by the President, shall be asked to resign unless communication is not possible for good and valid reasons. In any event that the combination of duly elected officers and board members do not total nine (9), replacement board members shall be recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to bring the total to nine (9). Replacement board members will serve the remaining term of the former incumbent or until new officer elections are held.

Section 2: Election of the board members at large shall take place at the same time as the annual election of officers.

Section 3: When the membership elects a Secretary-Treasurer, that individual has only one vote in board decisions.

Section 4: The Chairpersons of all standing committees shall act as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members and these meetings are to offer proposals and/or suggestions valid to the business of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Section 1: From time to time, as the Board of Directors designates, the Society may purchase, borrow, sell, maintain and otherwise dispose of amateur radio equipment, test equipment, tools, other types of equipment and property (real and other if related to amateur radio) which the Society members shall deem necessary. All members in good standing shall have access to any equipment or station owned or sponsored by the Society in accordance with its rules and FCC regulations, and to the extent of the member's license privileges.

Section 2: In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying, or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, distribute all

assets of the corporation exclusively to such organizations or entities organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501-(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law) or such government entities as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The Society may levy dues or assessments upon the general membership. The dues or assessments must be deemed necessary for the business of the Society, which is defined by the objects stated in the preamble. These dues or assessments are enacted by a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, providing there is a quorum. The Membership Chairperson shall remove from membership any member whose dues are in arrears by three months.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

This Society shall assist to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members. The Society shall assist in resolving any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur station operation in its area of interest (Seminole County and contiguous areas). The Society, through designated committees, shall provide advice to members concerning equipment design and operation with the goals of clean signals and uniform operating practices. It shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

This Society shall maintain an active training and education program with the purpose of enabling interested parties to obtain an amateur license and presently licensed amateurs to upgrade their class of license. Licensing classes, technical seminars and programs and any other educational facilities that the Society deems advisable shall be utilized to achieve these ends.

#### **ARTICLE X**

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a one-third vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting. The Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposed changes to each member so that by ordinary postal delivery, they arrive before the next scheduled meeting at which the changes are to be voted upon. A proxy ballot shall be included with this mailing and shall constitute a valid vote when presented to the Secretary or any member of the Board of Directors.



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Signed Mike Welch, KF4HFC President  
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Wayne Wright, KK4ND Secretary  
W.E. "Rick" Wright, KK4ND

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
22 July 1999



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### BY-LAWS

**MEMBERSHIP:** Full membership is open to licensed amateur operators. Associate membership is open to all other interested persons. Full membership includes all Society privileges, as well as the right to hold office and to vote on all issues. Associate membership includes all privileges except the right to hold office and to vote. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the membership chairman who shall present applicants to the membership at the next regular meeting for their acceptance by a majority vote of the members present. Associate members who become licensed and pay the dues differential will automatically become full members upon application to the Secretary.

**MEETINGS:** Regular meetings shall be held each month on the designated night at such time and place as the President shall order. Special meeting as may be called by the President upon the request of any ten full members. Members shall be notified of all special meetings.

**DUES:** Dues and/or Special Assessments are levied upon members as necessary upon a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, providing there is a quorum. Special membership rates may apply to those families with more than one licensed Amateur Operator residing in the same household. The initial assessment for new members will be prorated on a monthly basis from January 1; thereafter, all renewal dues are payable on January 1.

**OFFICERS:** Officers shall be nominated in November of each year, and election of officers held at the December meeting to be effective the following January 1st. Each officer, described as follows, and each director shall carry out his/her duties in accordance with these By-Laws and applicable position descriptions:

**President:** The President presides at all meetings of this Society and conducts these meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The President shall enforce observance of the Constitution and these By-Laws. The President decides all questions of order and performs all other customary duties pertinent to the office of president. The President shall sign all official documents -adopted by the Society unless such documents fall under the authority of the Secretary. The President shall appoint all committee members and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the nominating committee.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President assumes the duties of the President in his absence and if the President cannot serve, then the Vice-President shall become President and serve for the

unexpired term of office. In this event, the Vice-Presidential vacancy shall be handled in accordance with Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution.

**Secretary:** The Secretary keeps a record of the proceedings of all meetings, carries on all correspondence and reads communications at each meeting. He/She shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and have the same available at each meeting. The Secretary must turn over all items belonging to the Society to the elected successor upon the expiration of term of office.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer receives and receipts for all monies paid to the Society. An accurate account of all monies received and expended is kept by the Treasurer. At the end of each month, the Treasurer submits an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts to the Board. A checking account shall be maintained and will require a quarterly audit by the audit committee. At the expiration of the elected term, the Treasurer must turn over all items belonging to the Society to his or her successor and an audit must be conducted at that time.

**Committees:** Each committee shall consist of at least a chairman appointed by the President to represent the interest of the Society.

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**By-Laws**

Signed Mike Welch ~~KE4HFC~~ President  
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