

Country Pond Amateur Radio Group



Constitution

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Preamble

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 “**Country Pond Amateur Radio Group**” of Newton, New Hampshire, USA, and enact this Constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between Members, to promote radio knowledge and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct Group programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Article 1 - Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership in the Group upon such terms as the Group shall provide in its Bylaws.

Membership shall be by application and election, and may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article 2 - Offices

The offices of this Group shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members holding these offices shall constitute the Group Board of Directors.

Article 3 - Duties of Officers

The duties of each office of this Group shall be as outlined in the Group Bylaws.

Article 4 - Meetings

The Bylaws shall provide for Regular and Special Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article 5 - Dues

The Group, by 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.

Article 6 - Membership Assistance

The Group, through designated interference, public relations, and operating committees, will provide technical advice and assistance to Members concerning equipment design and operation to help in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from Group member-stations.

Article 7 - Group Call Sign

The Group may elect to apply for a Group Call Sign as provided by FCC (Federal Communications Commission) rules Part 97. The President shall assign trusteeship of the Group Call Sign.

The trustee shall:

- A. be a Full Member of the Group in Good Standing;
- B. meet all current FCC requirements; and
- C. not had their Amateur Radio license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article 8 - Dissolution of The Group

A. Termination of Operations

If the Board of Directors votes that the Group should be dissolved, an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Membership shall be required at a subsequent meeting for the motion to pass. The total Membership of the Group must be notified of the motion no less than ten days prior to said meeting.

B. Disposition of Assets

If the Group is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the Group. All equipment will be sold, and net proceeds distributed amongst the Group Members in Good Standing, prorated on the length of time as Group Members.

Article 9 - Amendments

Prior to any vote on proposed amendments or revisions to this Constitution, the proposal:

- A. shall be drafted in detail;
- B. shall be presented to the Board of Directors for assessment and approval;
- C. shall, if approved by the Board of Directors, be distributed via mail or email, in its entirety, along with the submitter's name, to the total Group membership, no later than ten days before the next regular meeting; and
- D. shall not be modified or amended in any way after said distribution, without repeating the previous steps;
- E. whereupon it shall be submitted to the Members in attendance for a vote, and;
- F. shall require a two-thirds majority of the total Membership to be passed.

Ratified and adopted, this *28th* day of *March, 2022*