

Gilchrist County FI ARES

Constitution

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 **Gilchrist County FI ARES**

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Of Bell Florida and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of

information and cooperation between members and Gilchrist County Emergency Management, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency, and to be prepared when called into activation. Conduct ARES programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio and the community.

Article I Membership

All licensed Amateur Radio Operators interested in ARES shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws. Membership 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 II Officers

Section. 1. Offices

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary. This language is illustrative. The length of terms and term limits is up to the club.

Section. 2. Election

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Term limits

No Term limits

An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term.

Section. 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

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Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Here is area that should be given careful consideration. Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President.

After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and a voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

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 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

interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's local ARES[®] Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency

Service.[®]

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Section. 3. Secretary

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The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and

mail written meeting notices 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.

Article IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V Dues

The club, works under Gilchrist County Emergency Management so no Dues are needed or collected.

Article VI Membership Assistance

The club, through designated interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency

observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation's from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII Club Call sign

The club may elect to apply for a club call sign as provided by FCC rules Part 97. The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall: Be a member of the club in good standing Meet FCC requirements. Not had his/her Radio Amateur licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article VIII Dissolution of The Club

The intention may be perpetual however sometimes things must end. Having a plan in place for this is very important.

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the the Club should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be sold and net

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proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds 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, provided all members have been noticed by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Founding Members

_____ Fred Lewis KO4YOL

_____ Mike Shaffer KD4INH

_____ Amy Woods WA4AMY

_____ Maria Rivero KF4UEE

By-Laws

1. Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the

same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes, and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

2. Membership

Membership is open to licensed Radio Amateur Operators.

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Gilchrist Emergency Management, Gilchrist School Board, SHARES or Any agencies we associate with may require vetting and or certifications to participate. Task books are required to be completed for level 1 by end of first year extensions can be given by Gilchrist County Emergency Coordinator. Applications for membership shall be submitted to an Assistant Emergency Coornator (AEC) or Emergency Coornator (EC)

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on (day) of each calendar quarter year. Special meetings may be called by the President, EC or AEC. notices will 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.

4. Dues Fees and Assessments

No dues or fees to be collected.

5. Elections

Elections, nominations and voting should be given careful consideration. Officer elections will be held bi annually at the regular October meeting. Officers will assume their elected office January 1 of the following year.

Nomination Committee

Voting will be done using paper ballots.

Immediately after voting the ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership.

Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots.

In the case of an unopposed slate the President may entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a

single ballot.

6. Amateur Radio Emergency service – ARES[®]

ARES[®] is a program of the American Radio Relay League -- our club will abide by the Rules and

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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.”

We the undersigned have read and agreed to Gilchrist County FI ARES by-laws

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