

HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP CONSTITUTION

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HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio activities, constitute ourselves as the High Desert Amateur Radio Group 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, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct group programs and activities as to advance the general interest in and welfare of Amateur Radio activities in the Central Oregon area.

- (a) Herein the High Desert Amateur Radio Group, a Nonprofit Oregon Corporation shall be referred to within this document as HiDARG or Corporation.**

ARTICLE 1 – DURATION

HiDARG is chartered as a perpetual Non-Profit Corporation with The State of Oregon.

ARTICLE 2 – OFFICERS

The Corporation is governed by a group of Officers consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large.

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ARTICLE 3 – COMPENSATION

The officers shall serve without compensation. No part of the net earnings of HiDARG shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to the members, officers, except that HiDARG shall be authorized and employed to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions into furtherance of the purposes as set in the purpose clauses herein.

ARTICLE 4 – PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of HiDARG shall be the promotion and dissemination of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. HiDARG shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, HiDARG shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a) 2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax or State code.

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

- (A) All persons interested in amateur radio communications and of good character shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and appropriate dues payment.**
- (B) Lifetime and Full Members must be Licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under Section 97.1, as Radio Amateurs.**

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(1) Lifetime Membership

Life Member, if any, will pay no further annual dues and will have the same privileges as a Full Member.

(2) Full Membership The Full Member will pay the annual dues specified for a Full Member and have full voting rights.

(3) Associate Membership The Associate Member shall be sponsored by a Full Member or Lifetime Member. Associate Members will pay the annual Associate Member dues and have no voting rights.

(4) Honorary Membership An Honorary Member shall be bestowed by a vote of the Members at a Special Business Meeting. He/she will neither pay annual dues nor have voting rights.

ARTICLE 6 – FISCAL YEAR

HiDARG's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and run through the last day of December of the same calendar year.

ARTICLE 7 – DISTRIBUTION of ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of HiDARG whether voluntary or involuntary, no officer or HiDARG member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of the remaining property or proceeds, or the balance of the monies or other property received by HiDARG or any source after the payment of all debts and obligations of HiDARG.

Such assets shall be used or distributed for the general and primary purpose set forth in the Preamble herein within the intention of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and the regulations, thereafter, as amended from time-to-time. Total assets

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shall be distributed to an exempt non-profit organization such as Central Oregon Volunteer Emergency Communicators or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the Federal, State, or local governmental, for public purpose.

ARTICLE 8 – CONSTITUTION CHANGES

This Constitution may be changed by amendment by a three-fourths majority vote of those voting at a duly called Business or Special meeting.

HiDARG's officers, as directed by the Voting Membership on this day the 4 Day of April 2024 hereby approve this Constitution of the High Desert Amateur Radio Group.

By:

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