

Eastern Virginia APRS Group Constitution (EVA)

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, the use and promotion of Automatic Position Reporting System and its applications in public service communications events, constitute ourselves the Eastern Virginia APRS Group and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between both members and non-members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio and the Automatic Position Reporting System in the community. To support the Statewide ARES/RACES Operations and the National Weather Service as Needed.

ARTICLE I -- MEMBERSHIP

All persons Actively interested in Amateur Radio and the use of the Automatic Packet Reporting System software shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide for in its by-laws. Associate membership as Set Forth in the Groups by-laws.

ARTICLE II -- OFFICERS

Section 1

The organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of Three members who shall be elected from the membership at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Officers shall serve a two-year term of office. Officers may be reelected to positions held at time of elections

Section 2

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

Section 3

Terms for positions on the Board of Directors shall be for two years.

ARTICLE III -- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

An annual Election of Directors shall take place at the first business meeting following the beginning of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN -- Shall preside at all Board meetings and at all general meetings, appoint standing and temporary committees and act as agent for the corporation.

SECRETARY-TREASURER -- Shall preside in the absence of the Chairman, maintain the written records and correspondence of the organization including official meeting minutes, maintains an accurate roster of members and publishes the newsletter. Shall maintain accurate records of all financial transactions of the organization and report to the membership at business meetings of the organization.

TRUSTEE – Shall maintain the Club License and submit all forms to provide compliance with FCC Rules and Regulations

ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP

Active Membership in this organization shall be limited to amateur radio operators duly licensed within the United States of America or holding a valid reciprocal-operating permit issued by the Federal Communications Commission. Submission of the appropriate application and payment of annual dues shall make membership.

Associate Membership shall be open to anyone with interest in APRS and Amateur Radio. Associate members will be entitled to attend and receive all group Meetings and Notices, but will not be eligible to Vote.

ARTICLE VI -- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution shall be enacted on the approval of a two-thirds majority present at next Meeting Following the Meeting were the Proposed Changes were read.

RATIFICATION

In witness of adoption of this Constitution, we, the undersigned, being full Members in good standing hereby adopt and enact this Constitution to our mutual benefit and governance.

Eastern Virginia APRS Group By-laws (EVA)

- A. Membership. Any licensed amateur shall be eligible to hold membership in this organization. Application shall be made on the form provided at any regular business meeting or at the first meeting following receipt of a valid application. Membership shall be deemed to be accepted on receipt of dues payment in full by the Treasurer.
- B. Associate Membership shall be open to anyone with interest in APRS and Amateur Radio. Associate members will be entitled to attend and receive all group Meetings and Notices, but will not be eligible to Vote.
- C. Dues. Annual dues of \$\$\$00 shall be assessed of each member at the first meeting following the beginning of the fiscal year. Dues for new memberships received after the beginning of the fiscal year shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis as follows: Dec. 1, \$\$\$00; Mar. 1, \$\$\$00; June 1, \$\$\$00. Associate members dues are \$\$\$00 per fiscal year. Associate members do not have voting or email privileges and only receive the club newsletter.
- D. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the organization shall run from January 1 through December 31.
- E. Regular Meetings. Regular Meetings of the organization shall take place at Frostfest and VA Beach Hamfest a time and place Announced Prior to the Events. Additional Meetings may take place in Person as needed or Via Electronic Means as needed. Locations will be scheduled for various places to provide the membership with a reasonable degree of ease of attendance. Time and place of meetings shall be publicized in advance by reasonable methods (i.e. Newsletter, On-Air Bulletins, etc.).
- F. Nomination of Directors. Open nominations for Directors shall be received from the membership at the last meeting of the fiscal year.
- G. Election of Directors. At the first meeting of the fiscal year an election for vacant seats on the Board of Directors shall be held. Election shall be by a simple majority of the members present at the election. Directors shall assume office immediately following election.
- H. Transaction of Business. No business, purchase or transaction shall be conducted by any individual, officer or director of this organization without approval of the Board of Directors. In an emergency situation, verbal approval of at least one Board member, or one additional Board member if the person conducting the business is a Director, shall be received prior to conducting any business or transaction on behalf of group.

- I. Treasury. The organization shall maintain banking relations with a bank of solid standing and reputation. Review of the bank performance shall be conducted annually by the Board of Directors with a recommendation being made to the membership-at-large at the first business meeting of the fiscal year.
- J. Annual Audit. At the conclusion of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall appoint a committee of 3 members who shall consist of one Board Member other than the Treasurer and two persons from the membership-at-large whose duty it shall be to review and audit all financial transactions, records, documents and inventory of organization assets to certify their accuracy. The final report shall be presented to the Board of Directors and shall be made available to the membership for review on request.
- K. Constitutional Amendments. A proposed amendment to the constitution shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The amendment shall bear the signatures of 2 members. The Board shall consider the amendment and present it to the membership in regular business meeting along with a recommendation. The Secretary shall be directed to publish the proposed amendment in the organization newsletter for mailing to all members. The proposed amendment shall be read aloud along with the recommendation at the next regular business at which time the proposed amendment will be discussed and debated as necessary.

Modifications to the amendment may be offered at this time. The amendment, as modified, will then be presented for vote. Constitutional amendments shall be in effect beginning with the next fiscal year or at such time as specified in the amendment.

- L. Additions or Changes to by-laws. A proposal to add to or modify a by-law shall be presented by motion at a regular business meeting. The proposal will be debated with amendments to the motion being made as necessary. The change shall be taken up for final vote. New or changed by-laws shall become effective immediately on approval or at such time as specified in the proposal.
- M. Ownership of Organizational Assets. Ownership of all equipment and assets of the organization shall remain with the organization except on approval of the membership-at-large.
- N. Consignment of Organizational Properties. Organizational property may be issued to members. The procedures for consignment, agreement contracts and associated details shall be supervised and administered by the Board of Directors.
- O. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members present at any official meeting.
- P. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed in the governance and conduction of all meetings of this organization.

Approved and adopted February 25 2000.

Constitutional Amendments or Changes to by-laws Time Line