

Constitution/Charter

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 “**Active Amateurs Radio Group of South Carolina**” (**AARG**) known as *Active Amateurs Radio Group* and enact this constitution as our governing law.

We’re just a group of folks who love Ham Radio. That’s it. Donating our time to promote Amateur Radio is what we are about. Teach, encourage, mentor, ‘Elmer’ (as we hams call it). Our Mission has been clear from the start. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of non-commercial information and cooperation between members and the general public, 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, Science and service in the public community.

This document is the creation of a formal club structure on Nov 1st, 2024, as this group has existed informally since the callsign KK4ZBE was granted in March 2014 without these founding documents. The original callsign was issued to Angel Cruz, KK4ZBE as trustee.

Article I - Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications 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. Persons holding a valid Amateur Radio license will be recognized as having “Member” status. Persons not holding a valid Amateur Radio license will be recognized as having “Associate” status. There are no other distinctions of membership.

Initial/beginning membership shall be determined by the Officers on the date of this Constitution’s signing.

Article II - Executive Officers

Officers and Board Members

The club shall have elected officers and board members to manage its affairs. The leadership structure shall include executive officers, at-large board members, and a Senior Technical

Evangelist. The specific positions, number of at-large board members, election procedures, terms of office, and related matters shall be defined in the by-laws.

Article III - Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of 15% of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings. The President or Vice-President may call a meeting should the need arise outside of what is provided in the by-laws.

Article IV - Dues

The club, 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. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

Article V – Membership Assistance

The club, through designated 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 radiations from club member stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VI – 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 as defined in the By-Laws.

Article VII – Dissolution of The Club

Procedures for the dissolution of the club and the disposition of its assets shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

Article VIII – 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 notified by mail/email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

ARTICLE IX – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address of this group shall be: 409 Sandy Dr. Moncks Corner, SC 29461. The principal officer shall be the current president of the group.

Officer's Names, Signatures and Effective dates

President's Name: **Howard Germroth – KO4PGD**

Signature: [on file with the Secretary](#)

Date: 11/01/2024

Vice President's Name: **Jason Stroud – KK4WBT**

Signature: [on file with the Secretary](#)

Date: 11/01/2024

Secretary's Name: **Glenn Gianino – W2ADX**

Signature: [on file with the Secretary](#)

Date: 11/01/2024

Treasurer's Name: **Mark O'Neill – KK4NNY**

Signature: [on file with the Secretary](#)

Date: 11/01/2024

Technical Evangelist's Name: **Justin Mills – KK4MSA**

Signature: [on file with the Secretary](#)

Date: 11/01/2024