

Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

Wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons interested in Amateur Radio contesting, and

Wishing to assist in the improvement and development of skills of amateur radio contesters,

We do hereby constitute ourselves the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado and enact this Constitution and Bylaws as our governing document.

ORGANIZATION'S NAME

The name of this organization shall be Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado.

FORM OF ORGANIZATION

Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado is a not-for-profit unincorporated association.

LOCATION

The principal office of the organization shall be located in Colorado.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado, also known as the GMCC, is to promote and encourage amateur radio contesting enjoyment for its members while striving to be the best contesting club in Colorado and the surrounding region involving all levels of contest operators, encouraging contest use and activity on all modes, all bands and frequencies, and increasing contesting operations and activities in the state and the surrounding region.

AUTHORITY

We aim to promote fraternalism, and operating efficiency, and to conduct club programs and activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio contesting in Colorado and the surrounding region.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of GMCC are restricted as follows:

[a] GMCC shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on [1] by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or [2] by an organization the contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170, 642, 2055, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

[b] No part of the net earnings of GMCC shall inure to the benefit of any officer of GMCC or any other private individual whatsoever (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for, and reimbursement may be made for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with, services rendered to or for GMCC affecting one or more of its objects and purposes and except that payments may be made to a private individual other than an officer of GMCC in furtherance of the objects and purposes set forth herein), and no member or officer of GMCC or any other private individual whatsoever shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon the dissolution of GMCC.

[c] No substantial part of GMCC 's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and GMCC shall not participate or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, and TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or temporarily suspended by the Members of the Club. Proposals for an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or to temporarily suspend them shall be submitted in writing to the Members, together with the complete text of the item to be approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado is open to licensed radio amateurs interested in amateur radio contesting. Membership shall be by request to GMCC.

A person's membership in the Club may be revoked upon recommendation of the Officers but only if approved by the Members of GMCC, and then only for good cause. Good cause shall be limited to the member: (i) no longer possesses a valid amateur radio license, (ii) is convicted of a felony of violence or moral turpitude, (iii) accrues two or more disqualifications in major amateur radio events within five years, or (iv) exhibits a pattern of behavior that may reasonably be considered detrimental to the reputation of the club.

Membership permits the member the right to hold a club office, vote for club officers, and to vote on other questions raised by the officers/board to the membership.

It is the policy of GMCC to not discriminate against any person. GMCC shall maintain a nondiscrimination policy as to members and it shall not discriminate against applicants for membership on any basis.

OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

The Officers of the club shall be elected for a term of three (3) years by the Members. Members may place their own name or the name of another member into nomination for any Officer position and they shall do so, no later than 14 days before an election. Elections shall take place during the month of June, as called by the President with 30 days advance notice to the membership. Candidates receiving the largest number of votes cast for each office shall be deemed elected. Votes may be cast in person or electronically.

Officer vacancies occurring between elections may be filled by appointment by the current club Officers.

To assist them in the conduct of their duties, the officers may appoint club members to serve on special purpose Committees. Such Committee members, if any, shall be appointed by a simple majority of the officers. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the Officers - and shall have no fixed term of office.

A motion for the removal of an Officer may be made, seconded, and discussed by the Members and shall be voted on by the Members.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The PRESIDENT shall preside at meetings, conducting the meetings according to any rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of these bylaws; decide all questions of procedure and order, sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president. These duties may be delegated to other Officers as needed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT shall assume the duties of the President in his or her absence. In addition, the Vice-President shall assist organizing,

promoting, and planning club activities, and advance the club's interest and activities as approved by the club.

The SECRETARY shall keep notes or otherwise record minutes of board and general membership meetings. The secretary may delegate note-keeping duties at board and general meeting meetings as needed. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and Bylaws of the club and have the same with him or her at every meeting. He or she shall note all amendments, changes, and additions to the Constitution and Bylaws as are approved by the Members, from time to time, and shall permit the Constitution and Bylaws to be reviewed and copied by Members upon request. At the end of his or her term, the Secretary shall turn over all accounts and data belonging to the club to his or her successor.

The TREASURER shall keep safe and secure the organization's funds, checks, bank statements and credit cards, and make an annual accounting summary of monies on deposit and disbursed for the club at each annual meeting of the officers, keep a roll of members, receive membership applications, receive and account for all monies paid to the organization, pay bills with proper authorization by two or more officers – president, vice-president, or trustee. At the end of his or her term, the treasurer shall turn over all books of account, checks, credit cards and other data belonging to the club to his or her successor.

The TRUSTEE shall operate as a second vice-president as needed, conducting meetings, organizing, promoting, and planning club activities, and assisting the other officers in the operation of the GMCC. The Trustee also shall submit membership lists to the ARRL and CQ as required by the club competitions and to the GMCC webmaster for updating of the website. The trustee is also the applicant, sponsor, and trustee of the organization's club contest licenses and the club's call sign: W0TM.

CLUB'S CALLSIGN

The club may maintain one or more Club station licenses. The club station license is the sole property of the club, even if held nominally by the club's Trustee. With the permission of the Trustee, one or more club members

may arrange to use the club callsign, W0TM. The Trustee may be changed by a majority vote of the officers and board members.

WEBMASTER

A webmaster shall be appointed by the Officers, upon a simple majority vote of those present at the meeting. The webmaster shall be in charge of the design and maintenance of the website and the GMCC reflector or groups.io mailing list. The Officers will call for a volunteer advisory team of members to assist and advise the webmaster in the design and content on the site.

MEETINGS

With the change by ARRL that club members are no longer required to attend meetings, GMCC will periodically have meetings as deemed appropriate by a majority of the officers or upon the request of two or more of the members. While not required, GMCC's goal is to meet once a year on the eastern slope and once a year on the western slope. Members may attend meetings in person or virtually - and provisions for these alternatives shall be afforded to any member desiring to attend.

Regular meetings may be held or called as desired or needed by officers or board members. Special meetings may be called by the president or officers of the club or upon written request of any five club members. Advance notice of all meetings, regular or special, shall be given to the membership via the GMCC reflector no less than 10 days before any such meeting. A written agenda shall be provided with the meeting notice, however, topics at the meeting are not limited to the agenda.

A quorum shall be defined as all members actually present at a properly constituted meeting or actually submitting a vote on a matter to be approved informally. Unless this Constitution and Bylaws require a greater number, the vote of a simple majority of Members present at any meeting (in person or virtually) shall be sufficient to approve any proposed action. All meetings shall be conducted informally, but if requested or the situation requires more formality, the President or Vice-President shall conduct the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, upon announcing that change to those at the meeting.

The Members of GMCC may approve actions informally. The process for informal approval shall be that one of the Officers shall transmit to the members over the GMCC reflector a description of the item to be approved. The members may then vote in favor or against approval of that item within a specified time period. Unless the Constitution and Bylaws require a greater percentage of the members to approve an item, the item shall be deemed to have been approved if a majority of the members who respond by voting, vote in favor of approval of the item, even if the number voting to approve is less than a majority of all the members of the Club. If less than a majority of the members who respond by voting vote against approval, then the matter shall not have been approved.

DUES - VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Membership in GMCC shall not be contingent upon payment of dues at this time. However, voluntary contributions may be solicited from time to time. Such voluntary contributions are used to support club activities and programs including the club's Top Gun Award, plaques, and other certificates.

As voted by a simple majority of the Members, GMCC may sponsor certain contesting awards including plaques given out by ARRL, CQ, and other clubs.

Members may request that the GMCC Officers support special awards, contest DX-peditions, or other desirable contesting needs.

CENTER OF CIRCLES FOR CONTESTING CLUB COMPETITIONS

For club competition purposes, the Trustee will determine the center of our club's circles USING A 175 MILE RADIUS for ARRL contests and 250 MILE RADIUS for CQ Magazine contests to encompass as many Colorado and adjoining state MEMBER contesters as possible.

At present, GMCC's circle is centered on Hartsel, Colorado, and includes all present Colorado and southern Wyoming-based members. As required, members eligible for club competitions must be within the circles and that list will be forwarded by Trustee or other officer as designated by the

President to the appropriate club competition departments of ARRL and CQ Magazine. Other members outside the circles will be listed separately on the website membership list.

ASSISTANCE

If volunteer resources are available within the club, GMCC may endeavor to provide technical advice and assistance to members concerning equipment, antenna design, and operations to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform best practices, and the absence of spurious radiations of its members' stations.

AMENDMENTS

Any member of the Association may propose amendments to the Bylaws. Proposals for an amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a Regular or Special meeting. A motion on the proposal must be made, seconded, and discussed and shall be open for further discussion and voted on at the next following Regular Meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws or any temporary suspension of the Constitution and Bylaws require a simple majority vote of the members present at a properly constituted meeting or of the members voting within the specified period on the issue as submitted to the members without a meeting.

DISSOLUTION

Should one or more members or officers wish to cause GMCC to dissolve, a motion for dissolution must be made, seconded, and discussed at a Regular or Special Meeting and shall be open for further discussion and shall be voted on at the next following Meeting of the Members. The club shall be dissolved upon a vote for dissolution from a three-fourths (3/4) majority of all the members of the club. Upon the dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such

purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

GMCC establishes this Constitution and Bylaws to govern administrative and procedural matters (such as time and location of meetings, etc.) relating to the club.

This Constitution and Bylaws amend and restate in their entirety, the provisions of GMCC's Mission Statement and Bylaws originally adopted in 2011, and any and all amendments thereto.

The forgoing Constitution and Bylaws were approved and adopted by the members to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Print Name

Signature

Secretary