

# **Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club**

## **Membership Structure**

*As required by the BGMRC Bylaws under Article 1 MEMBERSHIP  
section 2*

*and defined in ARTICLE IX ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS*

For the remainder of 2019 and until the expiration of any membership approved grace periods associated with the current membership period expire, a MEMBER will continue to be defined as any person in the BGMRC who has paid his/her dues for 2019 as approved by BGMRC Members at the January 2019 meeting. There will continue to be only a single membership category for the remainder of 2019 and those Members will expressly retain Full Membership privileges during the remainder of the 2019 membership period.

The BGMRC membership will have two (2) options for membership starting in 2020 that will continue in force until such time that this Membership Structure document is amended and approved by the voting Members of the BGMRC. When a person joins or renews their membership with the BGMRC starting with the 2020 membership period, and each Membership period thereafter, they will have the option to choose between:

A. BGMRC Full Member. This category of Member will have voting rights and be expected to participate, as outlined in the code of conduct, in club activities. This category of Member will be used to calculate a quorum and active membership. (Also referred to as a *Regular Member* or *Voting Member* in some documents)

B. BGMRC Associate Member. This category of Member will retain the privileges of a BGMRC Member with the following exceptions.

- Associate Members will not have voting privileges.
- Associate Members are not expected or required to participate in club events.
- Associate Members cannot serve as an Officer of the club or in a position of leadership.

Associate Members will count toward Membership totals but will NOT count toward any quorum requirements.

Members will not be identified or treated differently based on their membership category other than by the privileges outlined in this document and associated with each membership category. Only in the official membership roster held by the secretary (confirmed by the Treasurer) and the Membership sign-in at meetings (where quorums must be determined) will the members be categorized or identified by their membership category.

**Full Members** may elect to change their membership level at any point in the year to **Associate Member**. This change also comes with the understanding that the member will no longer have the same expectation of participation as a Full Member. The Full Member may change to Associate Member by *contacting the Secretary in writing*. This change will not result in any refund of dues.

**Associate Members** may elect to change their membership level at any point in the year to **Full Member**. The Associate Member must contact the Secretary in writing and remit the difference in dues from Associate Member to Full Member to the Treasurer. Dues will not be prorated. In addition, after approval to upgrade their membership, the upgraded member must attend two monthly business meetings with no voting privileges. The two meetings do not have to be consecutive. The upgraded member will be granted voting privileges beginning with their attendance at the third business meeting **AFTER** the upgrade.

Associate Members are allowed to attend and comment in business meetings. However, they are expressly prohibited from making motions, seconding motions, bringing issues before the chair, or voting on any proposal, motion, or item. Associate Members will have no standing or claim at a business meeting.

Associate Members will not be allowed to run for or serve as a BGMRC officer, Committee Chairman, or any position of leadership.

Members who do not hold a valid Amateur Radio operator license (*Also known as a ham license or call-sign*) will only be allowed to join the BGMRC as an Associate Member.

Associate Members will retain all of the social level privileges of the BGMRC such as attending meetings, receiving club updates, participating in field day, club balloon launches, club NETS, club fox hunts, inclusion in mailing lists, and attending social functions. Only those privileges specifically *prohibited in this document will be unavailable to Associate Members*.

The BGMRC will strongly urge those members who are geographically located in a way that would prevent them from being active club members to choose the Associate Member option. Those who have limited time due to personal or professional commitments and cannot dedicate the time needed to be a Full Member would be encouraged to choose the Associate Member option. Those who want to support the BGMRC and its repeater network or the club but do not intend on attending meetings or participating on a regular basis should choose the Associate Member option.

***The choice of membership category will be strictly voluntary and chosen exclusively by the member when joining or renewing his/her membership.*** No member will be forced or required to choose an Associate Membership however, Full Members ARE expected to be regular participants in the Club's activities and those Full Members who do not participate regularly in club functions would be in violation of the Club's code of conduct. (Section 3 of the BGMRC Member Code of Conduct)

The Dues for all level(s) of Members and Membership will be outlined in the BGMRC Dues structure as approved by the Club's Members. Typically, Associate Members would receive a small reduction in their annual dues.

Each member who is part of a Family membership will have the option to choose his/her membership category (Full or Associate). A family membership can consist of BOTH Members and

Associate Members However, family memberships containing at least one Full Member would be required to pay the Full Family Membership rate and denote which Member(s) are to be considered Associate and which are to be considered Full.

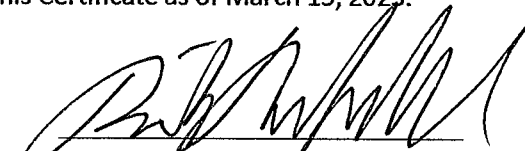
CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, Inc, a Georgia Nonprofit Corporation (the "BGMRC"), and that the above and foregoing MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT was adopted as the Bylaws require as of March 15, 2023, by the members of the BGMRC and will remain in force until such time that they are modified by the Club Members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate as of March 15, 2023.

Rick Melville

SECRETARY



Signature