

Radio Control Sport Flyers

Constitution

(Current December, 2010, with revisions through December, 2010)

Article I

Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Radio Control Sport Flyers hereinafter referred to as RCSF.

Article II

Purpose/Mission

Section 1. To promote model aircraft building and flying as a family oriented hobby, to freely and openly share what we have collectively learned and experienced, and to provide an enjoyable, friendly and safe environment for our members and guests.

Section 2. RCSF is a nonprofit organization and all dues and monies shall be used to promote and maintain the club activities.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Memberships shall be composed of open, life, associate, honorary, and honorary emeritus members.

A. Open membership.

- i. Those individuals fully paid in all annual dues and assessments of RCSF.
- ii. Regular members have all of the privileges of RCSF and are eligible to vote and hold office.

B. Life membership.

- i. Those individuals fully paid in life membership dues of RCSF.
- ii. Life members must maintain an AMA membership (Article XIV. Section 1.).
- iii. Life members will receive a plaque of appreciation and have their name posted at the club's facility.
- iv. Life members have all of the privileges of RCSF and are eligible to vote and hold office.

C. Associate membership.

- i. Those individuals who are dependents and spouses of open members.
- ii. Associate members are not assessed dues.
- iii. Associate members have all of the privileges of RCSF but may not hold office or vote. They may serve on committees.

D. Honorary membership.

- i. Individuals nominated from the open membership and approved by a 2/3 majority vote at a regularly scheduled club meeting.
- ii. Honorary members are not assessed dues.
- iii. Honorary members have all of the privileges of RCSF but may not hold office or vote unless they are concurrently an open or life member. They may serve on committees.

E. Honorary Emeritus membership.

- i. Individuals who have given exemplary and extraordinary service to the club, nominated by the Board of Directors, and approved by a 2/3 majority vote at a regularly scheduled club meeting.
- ii. Emeritus members will receive a plaque of appreciation and have their name posted at the club's facility.
- iii. Emeritus members have all of the privileges of RCSF but may not hold office or vote unless they are concurrently an open or life member. They may serve on committees.

Section 2. All open and life members must show proof of current AMA membership.

Section 3. No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, race, color, religious preference, or national origin be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of this organization.

Section 4. Any member of RCSF may resign their membership by giving written notice to the club.

Article IV

Officers

- Section 1. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.
- Section 2. Officers shall be elected for a one year term starting January 1. Nominations shall be made at the November meeting and elections held at the December meeting. A minimum of six months membership is required before a member can serve as an elected officer. Election shall be by written ballot when there are multiple candidates for an office. A voice vote is allowed when only one candidate for an office.

Article V

Duties

- Section 1. The president shall preside over all meetings and shall conduct same in a reasonable parliamentary manner. He shall be spokesman for RCSF in all matters pertaining to it.
- Section 2. The vice-president shall assist the president and, as requested, shall guide and assist in all committee activities. The vice-president shall take over the duties of the president if the president is not present or is unable to perform their duties. If the president vacates that office for any reason the vice-president shall then assume the office of president for the remainder of the current term.
- Section 3. The secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and handle all necessary club correspondence.
- Section 4. The treasurer shall collect all monies due RCSF and make distribution authorized by the membership. The treasurer shall give a detailed account of financial transactions at each regular club meeting.
- Section 5. The newsletter editor is responsible for gathering information from the officers and members about club business and activities and for supplying our sponsors with advertising space. The newsletter editor will be responsible for printing and mailing the newsletter.
- Section 6. If, for any reason, the president and vice-president are not present at a regularly scheduled meeting, the meeting will be presided over by an elected officer in the following order; secretary, treasurer and the newsletter editor. If none of the elected officers are present, a meeting cannot be conducted.

Article VI

Board of Directors

- Section 1. The RCSF will have a Board of Directors consisting of ten members, the present elected officers along with the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor of the immediate past administration.
- A. In the event any or all of the past officers are not current members or refuse to serve on the Board of Directors, the present slate of officers can appoint new directors, who have been members for at least 6 months, to fill any vacancies.
- B. (Added January, 2003) If the current and past elected officers do not constitute ten members, the present slate of officers can appoint sufficient members to meet the required ten members. New directors must have been members for at least 6 months.
- Section 2. The board serves as directed by the current president and as a nominating committee for club officers.
- Section 3. This board will be the arbiter as to questions concerning the intent of the meaning and interpretation of the constitution and rules of the club. Its decision shall be final and binding.
- Section 4. The management of the affairs of the RCSF shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions may be made by a two-thirds majority mail vote or by a quorum at a Board of Director meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the RCSF as set forth in its Constitution and, where that Constitution is not specific, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. If, for any reason, the current board of officers cannot or will not fulfill their responsibilities, the remaining members of the board of directors, with unanimous agreement, will appoint a new board of officers to complete the current year.
- Section 6. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for checking all financial and other records to be sure they are handled properly.

Article VII

Vacancies

- Section 1. Vacancies in the elected offices shall be filled by a special election at the first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, except as provided in Article V, Section 2.

Article VIII

Meetings

Section 1. Business meetings will be scheduled monthly at a time and place agreeable to the membership.

Article IX

Voting

Section 1. All voting issues subject to a membership vote must be passed by a simple majority of all members present, except amendments to the constitution, as outlined in Article XI; assessments/dues, as outlined in Article XII, Section 2; expulsion, as outlined in Article XIV; and dissolution, as outlined in Article XVI.

Section 2. Written absentee ballots are acceptable.

Section 3. Associate, honorary and honorary emeritus members have no voting privileges.

Section 4. The secretary insures voting is by members in good standing.

Article X

Committees

Section 1. Committees shall be named by the president to serve on special projects. Standing committees shall be terminated on December 31 of each year. Special committees shall serve until terminated by the president.

Article XI

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments may be added to the constitution at any regular club meeting. After proposal to amend the constitution it will be voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting allowing time for proper notification of the membership. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the ballots cast at the meeting is required to pass the proposal. Written absentee vote is acceptable.

Article XII

Assessment dues

Section 1. Annual dues for open membership of \$30 are payable at the November Meeting. Members delinquent as of January 1 will be dropped from the RCSF rolls. Dues for open membership will be reduced to \$15 after August 31. Honorary, associate, and honorary emeritus members pay no dues. Reinstatement in RCSF will be the same as any new member.

Section 2. Life Members pay one-time dues of \$600 and are not assessed annual dues.

Section 3. All open and life members shall be responsible for any assessment approved by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present. The vote is to be taken at a regular club meeting after official notice to the membership of said assessment. Members shall be considered delinquent if the assessment is not paid within 60 days of notice and will be dropped from the RCSF rolls.

Section 4. The Treasurer is authorized to make disbursements up to and including \$50.00. Disbursements in excess of \$50.00 require the approval of 2 officers. Disbursements in excess of \$150.00 require approval of the club.

Article XIII

RCSF Official Publication

Section 1. The "RC Sportflyer" newsletter is the official publication of the RCSF and will be used to officially notify the membership of the items requiring such notice.

Article XIV

Expulsion

(Added January, 2003)

Section 1. If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, their membership in the club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Section 2. This portion provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, become the responsibility of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of this Constitution, or the rules of AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Section 3. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a two-thirds majority secret vote of the members present at any regular club meeting.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

Article XV

Grievance Procedure (Flight and Safety Rules)

- Section 1. Purpose: The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and presented to the Board of Directors. At least one witness who is a club member is required to sign the Grievance Form. Grievance Forms are available from the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
- A. A Grievance Form will be filled out and turned into the Board of Directors. At least one witness who is a club member is required to sign the form.
 - B. First violation
 - 1. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - 2. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - 3. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Board of Directors and this will be recorded in the Board of Directors records.
 - C. Second violation
 - 1. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - 2. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
 - 3. If the Board of Directors so decides, the club privileges of the accused will be suspended for 30 days.
 - 4. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the club newsletter.
 - 5. The Jackson County Parks Department will be notified of the club's action and will be requested to take appropriate action.
 - D. Third violation
 - 1. The Board of Directors will notify the accused in writing and the club members via the club newsletter that the club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 - 2. Said expulsion will last for a six-month minimum, and longer at the Board of Directors discretion.
 - 3. A member may be expelled only upon a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - 4. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 - 5. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion period.
 - 6. The Jackson County Parks Department will be notified of the club's action and will be requested to take appropriate action.
 - E. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a 24 month period of time.
 - F. Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.

Article XVI

Dissolution

- Section 1. The club shall only be dissolved after a two-thirds majority vote at the next scheduled meeting, allowing time for proper notification of the total membership. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the ballots cast at the meeting is required for dissolution. Written absentee vote is acceptable.
- Section 2. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such a manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc.

