

THE WAYNE COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB INC.
CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Revised 1/09

Article 1 Name of the Organization

1. This non-profit corporation shall be known as the "Wayne County Radio Control Club Inc."

Article 2 Purpose and Intent

1. The purpose of this club shall be to further the development, building and operation of radio controlled model aircraft as a hobby and sport.

Article 3 Membership

1. This club shall be limited to 65 flying members. Thereafter applications will be accepted to a waiting list and will be considered in order of date of application.
2. Privileges of membership :
 - a. Flying privileges at the field subject to field rules.
 - b. Voting privileges.
 - c. Eligibility to hold office
3. Classes of membership:
 - a. Full dues paying members may exercise
Privileges a,b and c
AMA membership required
 - b. Honorary members may exercise
Privileges a , b and C
AMA membership required
 - c. Associate members may exercise
Privilege b
Privilege c if an AMA member
 - d. Immediate family members of full members over 18 may exercise
Privileges a, b and c
AMA membership required
 - e. Youth 18 and under may exercise
Privilege a
AMA membership required
4. An application for membership shall be tendered to the Club Secretary, and is subject to membership approval. After a waiting period of 30 days, a 2/3 majority vote of members present is required for approval. Vote is by secret ballot. Membership is available to anyone 10 years of age or older, regardless of sex, age, national origin, or religion.
5. All new members must complete an application for membership and indicate their willingness to abide by the rules of this organization.
6. Any member may withdraw from the corporation upon written notice to the Secretary. If member withdraws they forfeit all dues and assessments paid.
7. Members may be terminated for disobedience of Constitution or Field Rules
A accusation of offensive behavior may be brought to the Club Officers (See article 5, section 2) who will seek to resolve the problem by notifying the offending member and giving opportunity for defense. If there is no resolution, they may present the charge to the full body of the club. If the Club Officers recommend termination, a 2/3 vote of members present will terminate the member. A written notice of termination from the secretary will be sent to the member
8. Members shall observe all A. M. A. and Club rules while engaged in flying activities and/or their presence at the Club's flying field.

Article 4 Dues and Fees

1. Annual dues for renewal of membership shall be payable through the regular January meeting.
- 2 Dues payment received after the regular January meeting will incur a \$20 late fee.
3. Dues will be submitted to the Treasurer. Membership cards will be issued by the Secretary on proof of new year AMA membership.
4. Amount of dues shall be agreed upon by the membership, and subject to change as needed.
5. Any member not meeting the dues requirement shall be considered delinquent, and will be removed from membership following the January meeting. Reinstatement will require a \$20 late fee and placement on the waiting list if the membership is full.
6. New members shall be responsible for a full year's dues upon joining the Club prior to July 1st. After July 1st, new member dues will be \$7.00 per month through December. New members joining after September 1st have the option to pay \$7.00 per month through the year-end; or by paying full dues for the next year will be granted free dues from September 1st through December of the joining year.
7. Lifetime honorary members may be chosen by the club and pay no dues.
8. Associate members, youth members 18 or younger and immediate family members shall pay ½ of the regular annual dues.
9. The Club Officers may propose special assessments, subject to membership approval.

Article 5 Officers and Trustees

1. Officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Safety Officers. They shall be elected from among the membership, to serve from January 1st through December 31st. A member may hold office for more than one consecutive term.
2. The Club Officers shall consist of the duly elected officers of the club

Article 6 Duties of Officers and Trustees

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and at membership meetings. He shall be the alternate signature on the Club's bank account, coordinate all committee activities, and enforce the Constitution and Field Rules to the best of his abilities.
2. The Vice President shall assist the President in his duties. Should the President be absent, or not available for any reason, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, keep Club records, accept membership applications, correspond, and perform any other duties deemed necessary by the Board in order to keep the Club's business in an orderly manner. Upon approval of an Application by the membership, the Secretary shall forward the applicable dues to the Treasurer.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain records of all the Club's cash and material assets, write and sign checks at the discretion of the Board, and perform any other duties necessary to ensure accurate accounting for the Club's assets.
5. The Safety Officer position is elected by the membership. The duties of this position consist of the following:
 - Preflight inspection of new or repaired aircraft.
 - Crash investigations and reporting.
 - Preparation and enforcement of the club field and safety requirements and the published Club Rules.
 - Conduct safety classes as a part of regularly scheduled meeting.
 - Monitoring of flyers and flying at the field.
 - Assist the Club Officers in supervision of field layout, parking, flight line, frequency control and spectators.
 - Presentation to club meetings of any field problems or proposed changes.
 - Taking care of any problems that might disrupt field operations.
6. An audit committee consisting of the club officers will annually review the club's records

Article 7 Elections

1. Election of Officers shall be held annually during the month of December.
2. Voting shall be by secret ballot, with a simple majority of the votes cast required to elect. Each member with voting privileges shall have one (1) vote for each office. **Absentee ballots or nominations will not be allowed.** Nominations for officers are to be made at the November and/or December meetings with voting at the December meeting.
3. The President shall present a slate of candidates at the first meeting in December of each year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The president's slate plus nominations from the floor become the final slate of officers. All nominees must accept either verbally, or in writing by or at the December meeting. Nominees shall have attended at least 7 club meetings during the past year.
4. The Officers present will arbitrarily select three (3) members present as the poll committee. After polls are closed, the committee shall tally all votes, and announce the newly elected officers. Actual number of votes cast for each member need not be revealed.
5. Any vacancies during the term shall be filled by special elections within sixty (60) days.

Article 8 Power of Administration

1. The highest authority shall be the membership assembled at all regular or specially called meetings.
2. The Club Officers may meet at the call of the president. Between meetings of the club, the highest authority shall be the Club Officers, whose actions are subject to the approval of the club at their next meeting.
3. The President is authorized to spend up to \$100.00 **per circumstance** on field improvements deemed necessary between club meetings without Club approval.

Article 9 Meetings

1. The time and place of regular membership meetings shall be determined by the Club Officers.
2. Notification of meetings and agenda items will be made approximately 7 days in advance of any meeting by e-mail and posting at the field during flying season.
3. All proposals for expenditures above \$500 must be included with agenda items as part of the regular notification of meetings
4. Special meetings may be called by the President, at any time, provided all members are notified as to the place and time, and the business to be conducted.
3. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order".
4. A quorum shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of the dues paying members assembled at an authorized meeting.

Article 10 Constitution and Field Rules Amendments

1. Changes to the constitution or field rules may be presented at a regular meeting. Members will be notified within 7 days stating the proposed amendment and the date upon which it will be voted. Notification will be by e-mail and posting at the field during flying season. This Constitution and Field Rules may be amended by a 2/3 majority of the members present.

Article 11 Duration and Dissolving of the Club

1. This Club is formed with the intention of existing indefinitely. However, should it become necessary to dissolve the Club, the Action shall meet the requirements of Article 10, Section 1.
2. All legal debts shall be paid from the treasury. Any remaining monies shall be disposed of in conformance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Service.