

HAMILTON COUNTY R/C FLYERS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Hamilton County R/C Flyers.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Club is to promote safe, legal, and enjoyable flying of model aircraft.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

Section 1 - This Club shall meet regularly once each month on the day and at the time provided for in the By-Laws. In the event of an emergency, or for good cause, the Executive Committee of the Club may change or cancel regular meetings.

Section 2 - An annual meeting for election of Officers of the Club shall be held not later than the 28th day of February in each year as provided for in the By-Laws of this Club. This meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

There will be the following kinds of membership, namely: Open, Student, Family, Senior Citizen (age 65 and older), Honorary, *and Distant*. All such members must submit a completed membership application form; such form to be prescribed by the Executive Committee and which shall include the statement, "I agree to support and adhere to the rules and By-Laws of this Club."

Section 1 - Open and Family Member - Each member shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Section 2 - Student Member - Each Student Member must not have reached his or her eighteenth (18th) or must be enrolled as a fulltime student in an accredited college, vocational college, or university and under 24 years old. Student Members are entitled to all privileges of membership. Each shall be a member of the AMA.

Section 3 - Senior Citizen Member - A prospective member or an active Club member must attain the age of sixty-five (65) to be eligible to be a Senior Citizen Member. Senior Citizen Members shall enjoy all the privileges of Club membership. Each shall be a member of the AMA.

Section 4 - Honorary Member - Honorary members may be elected by the Club membership and shall be exempt from payment of dues, shall have no vote, shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Club, shall have no interest in the property of the Club, and shall be entitled to attend all meetings and to enjoy other privileges of the Club. In order to enjoy the privilege of flying at the Club Field, an Honorary Members must hold a valid AMA license and pay a nominal fee as stated in the By-Laws.

Section 5 - Distant Member - *Individuals that hold a primary summer residence located 40 miles or further from the flying field are eligible to be a Distant Member. Each prospective distant member must show proof of open membership or equivalent at another recognized AMA chartered club in the area of their summer residence during each year for which distant membership has been applied. Distant members shall have no vote, shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Club, shall have no interest in the property of the club and shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy other privileges of the Club.*⁴

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ARTICLE V

Offices and Directors

Section 1 - The governing body of the Club shall be a Executive Committee constituted as the By-Laws may provide. ~~The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, the appointed officer, and the Past President of the Club. Officers shall be elected from among the members of the Club who are eligible to vote in Club affairs.~~¹

Section 2 - The Officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected by a quorum of the membership present at the Annual Club meeting each year. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - Each Officer shall take office at the first Executive Committee meeting following his election. He shall hold office for a period of one (1) year unless he sooner resigns or is recalled, as the By-Laws may provide and ~~may be re-elected for additional consecutive years~~ *may be re-elected for one (1) additional consecutive year.*² The Treasurer may hold office for as many consecutive years as the Executive Committee allows. Each Officer shall accept responsibility for one or more specific Club activities, to be agreed upon among the Executive Committee.

Section 4 - Except as herein otherwise provided, the Executive Committee shall conduct all business of the Club, control all committees, and discharge all responsibilities of the Club. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be recorded in writing and, as provided in the By-Laws, be regularly reported to the Club membership.

ARTICLE VI

Dues

Every member of this Club shall pay annual dues in such sums as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Club.

ARTICLE VII

Membership

The Executive Committee shall review all new applications for membership at its regular meetings and advise the prospective member. Membership in the Club is only in conjunction with membership in AMA.

ARTICLE VIII

Terms of Membership

Section 1 - Period - Membership shall continue during the existence of the Club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 - Termination - Nonpayment of dues. Any member failing to pay dues prior to the end of the period for which dues are paid shall become delinquent and membership suspended. ~~Suspended members may be reinstated by payment of dues to date and a re-instatement fee of \$25.00.~~³ A suspended member, whose state of suspension has continued beyond 60 days from the date of suspension, ceases to be a member. During a period of suspension, the suspended member will not be authorized the use of the facilities of the Club, nor shall he/she be entitled to receive the Club Newsletter. Lapse of membership in AMA requires immediate suspension of Club membership.

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ARTICLE VIII (cont')

Section 3 - Termination for Other Causes - The membership of any member may be terminated by the Executive Committee for due cause.

Section 4 - Resignation - The resignation of any member from this Club shall be in writing (addressed to the President or the Secretary) and shall be accepted by the Executive Committee, provided that all indebtedness to the Club has been paid.

ARTICLE IX

Acceptance of Purpose and Compliance with Constitution and By-Laws

A person, by applying for membership thereby accepts the principles of the Club, as expressed in its purpose and submits himself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the Club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

By-Laws

This Club shall adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with its Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of this Club. Such By-Laws may be amended as herein provided.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Club at which a quorum exists, and which follows a period of at least thirty days after a regular meeting at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution or to the By-Laws has been presented to the membership by a representative of the Executive Committee. In addition, copies of any proposed amendment shall have been provided to the membership prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken. The proposed amendment must receive the favorable vote of two thirds of the members present in order to be accepted. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution or By-Laws shall be delivered in writing to the Executive Committee. The Committee shall deliberate on the provisions of the amendment and give its recommendations at the regular Club meeting at which the amendment is presented.

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AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1 – **Article V, Section 1**

Section 1 - The governing body of the Club shall be a Executive Committee constituted as the By-Laws may provide. ~~The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, the appointed officer, and the Past President of the Club. Officers shall be elected from among the members of the Club who are eligible to vote in Club affairs.~~

Reason to Amend: Composition of Executive Committee is provided in the By-Laws as indicated

Amendment 2 – **Article V, Section 3**

Section 3 - Each Officer shall take office at the first Executive Committee meeting following his election. He shall hold office for a period of one (1) year unless he sooner resigns or is recalled, as the By-Laws may provide and ~~may be re-elected for additional consecutive years~~ *may be re-elected for one (1) additional consecutive year*. The Treasurer may hold office for as many consecutive years as the Executive Committee allows. Each Officer shall accept responsibility for one or more specific Club activities, to be agreed upon among the Executive Committee.

Reason to Amend: Amendment reinstates term limits for elected officers. Modification to term limits was not put to a vote by the club.

Amendment 3 – **Article VIII, Section 2**

Section 2 - Termination - Nonpayment of dues. Any member failing to pay dues prior to the end of the period for which dues are paid shall become delinquent and membership suspended. ~~Suspended members may be reinstated by payment of dues to date and a re-instatement fee of \$25.00.³~~ A suspended member, whose state of suspension has continued beyond 60 days from the date of suspension, ceases to be a member. During a period of suspension, the suspended member will not be authorized the use of the facilities of the Club, nor shall he/she be entitled to receive the Club Newsletter. Lapse of membership in AMA requires immediate suspension of Club membership.

Reason to Amend: Reinstatement fee for suspended members will be addressed in the By-Laws with all other dues and fees in order to avoid conflict between documents.

Amendment 4 – **Article IV, Section 5**

Section 5 – Distant Member – Individuals that hold a primary summer residence located 40 miles or further from the flying field are eligible to be a Distant Member. Each prospective distant member must show proof of open membership or equivalent at another recognized AMA chartered club in the area of their summer residence during each year for which distant membership has been applied. Distant members shall have no vote, shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Club, shall have no interest in the property of the club and shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy other privileges of the Club.

Reason to Amend: Potential to generate additional club revenue with minimal impact to day to day club activities.