

# **River City Radio Controllers**

## **Club Bylaws**

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### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the club shall be **River City Radio Controllers**, organized in Louisville, Kentucky, January, 1974. Hereinafter, "Club" shall mean **River City Radio Controllers, Inc.**

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The Club shall be a non-profit organization formed to realize the fullest possible enjoyment from the sport of building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft. The objects and purposes shall be, but not limited to:

- a) To encourage the study and discussion of problems and techniques involved with the sport and to help novice flyers to achieve proficiency flying radio-controlled models.
- b) To encourage interest in the sport in other people.
- c) To provide a meeting place and a flying site for Club members.
- d) To provide a positive environment and learning opportunity for the community e) The Club Charter must be renewed each year with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, and those of the AMA. There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, age or creed.

The membership shall be divided into the following categories:

- a) Member: Is eighteen (18) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate plus AMA Membership
- b) Junior Member: Is younger than eighteen (18) years old, has full privileges other than voting rights. Junior member must have a legal guardian present at the field while junior member is there. Dues: Junior Member rate plus AMA Membership

All members must:

- a) Have a current AMA card and be a current AMA member
- b) Must be in possession of current AMA card with current year club membership sticker, FAA ID number and Trust Certificate number in order to fly at the field or any club sponsored event at another location
- c) All first-time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of membership in the AMA, FAA ID number and valid Trust Certificate certification

- d) The only exception to having an FAA number is if a member is not flying any aircraft that weigh 0.55 pounds or more. Planes that do not meet the FAA number criteria, do not need to be marked with a FAA number but must still be marked on the outside with the member's AMA number.
- e) All members of RCRC must be current with Club annual dues
- f) Each member must agree to abide by the by-laws and safety rules of this Club including any local, state or federal laws associated with the operation of radio control aircraft
- g) Any member receiving a safety Grievance, who is involved in non-flying violations, or who has key information of a non-flying violation and withholds it from the Board of Directors, may at the Board of Directors' discretion be placed on probation for one (1) year regardless of his or her tenure in the Club.

## **ARTICLE 4: GOVERNMENT**

### **Section 1: General**

The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors, nine (9) in number.

Any member of the Board of Directors who shall cease to hold active membership in the Club shall automatically cease to be a member of the Board of Directors.

Any vacancies shall be replaced by another member as voted on by the current board, and will fill the position until the time of the next general election.

Each person who acts as a Director or Officer of the Club shall be completely indemnified by the Club against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he is made a party by reason of his being or having been Director or Officer of the Club, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding based on his gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties. The right of indemnification provided herein shall insure to each Director and Officer at the time such cost or expenses are imposed or incurred, and in the event of his death shall extend to his estate and/or legal representatives.

### **Section 2: Duties**

1. Board of Directors: the management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies, authorize expenditures for capital improvement, and make and amend rules and regulations for the use of Club facilities and property. Official decisions may be made by a simple majority 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 AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve expenditures for the Club up to an amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00). Expenditures above the Board's authority will be voted on by

club members during a monthly meeting. A simple majority will pass the motion. A quorum of 11 members must be present. The Board of Directors shall also:

- Fix, impose, and remit penalties for violations of these bylaws and other rules of the Club.
- Constitute and appoint committees and define the powers and duties of the same.

2. **President:** The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall be administrative officer of the Club. He shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, all standing committees, designating the Chairman thereof, and all Special committees as may be directed. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees. The President alone shall have the authority to approve expenditures for the Club for an amount of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
3. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all Club assets. The Vice-President shall automatically replace the President should he resign his office, the term of which shall run until the next scheduled election.
4. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He/she will also be the Club's contact person with AMA in case of questions, problems or situations.
5. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys disbursed by the Club.
6. **Field Marshal.** The Field Marshal shall be appointed by the president and be responsible for establishing "mowing crews" and "mowing equipment maintenance crews". He/she is to ensure that the field is properly maintained and recommend improvement/changes.
7. **Safety Committee:** In addition to an individual Safety Officer, all members of the board of directors will comprise the safety committee of the club. Duties and Powers of the Safety Committee:
  - a) The Safety Committee will be responsible for implementing all Club safety rules, procedures, and determining the airworthiness of all model aircraft.
  - b) A member of the board or the Safety Committee will have the right to inspect all aircraft before the first flight. Any member of the board or Safety Committee will have the authority to ground any aircraft deemed not airworthy until the necessary repairs or changes have been affected.
  - c) Any member of the board or Safety Committee will have the authority to prohibit any pilot from flying when said pilot is not following AMA or Club safety rules. In the case of serious violations, the pilots flying privileges will be suspended until

review by the Club Board of Directors.

d) Any member of the Safety Committee will have the authority to close the field to all activities and contact the park ranger or police in the event of any pilot continuing to fly after being grounded by a member of the board or Safety Committee.

8. Contest/Event Committee Chairman: The Contest/Event Committee Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating and establishing, in conjunction with all the Club's Contest Directors, a schedule for the next contest/event season. The schedule will be decided by the Contest Directors, and approved by the members.

### **Section 3: Audit**

The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books.

### **Section 4: Elections**

All terms of office are for two years to maintain continuity of programs in the club.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are to hold positions as Directors.

Elections for the offices of President, Secretary, and two board members will be in odd number years. Elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, and three board members will be in even number years. This will create an offset in the number of people elected so that only half of the Board of Directors will be replaced in any year.

Four or five members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by voting members of the Club in good standing each November and shall hold office until the next November Annual Meeting.

Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of October. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer. All known nominations for office will be communicated to club members at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Ballots will be given to all members who have voting rights. Those ballots may be returned before the next meeting or handed in at the time of the meeting. New officers will take office at the next board meeting immediately after the November meeting. A secret ballot is required for elections, for removal of a Club officer, a member of the Board of Directors, and for expulsion of a member from the Club.

### **Section 5: Committees**

Any committee of the Club shall be appointed by the President and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.

### **Section 6: Meetings**

Club meetings will be scheduled and held at board's direction. At least eleven (11)

members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall hold regular Board meetings in addition to the regular membership meetings.

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, and also may be called by the Secretary upon the request of two (2) members of the Board of Directors. Club officers will be notified of the Special Board Meetings no less than five days prior to the special meeting. The purpose of the Special Board Meeting shall be stated in the notice.

Notice of Special Meetings of the Club shall be given to members in good standing at least ten (10) days prior thereto. The notice shall state the purpose for which the Special Meeting is called.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Club shall be given to the members in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in November of each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be for the purpose of electing Directors, Officers, and any other necessary business.

At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at the meeting. All meetings will be held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.  
<http://www.rulesonline.com/index.html>

Wherever in these by-laws notice to members is required, the notices will be sent to the last known email or mailing address of the members shall constitute notice.

Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President of the Board shall forward copies of the proposal to other members of the Board of Directors for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.

## **ARTICLE 5: DUES AND MEMBERSHIP**

Membership dues shall become due January 15th of each year. Each member must complete and submit the River City Radio Controllers application and the waiver of liability required by E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Park annually concurrent with the appropriate dues payment.

Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a Club meeting, and the members have been given five (5) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment. A quorum of 11 members must be present.

Members' dues and fees will be established annually by the Board of Directors as listed on the membership-application form.

## **ARTICLE 6: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, a valid FAA number or valid Trust Certificate certification, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

This section 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 as stated in Article 4: Government, Section 1: Duties of these Bylaws. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote 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 these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, FAA, or by local, state or federal law which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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

Any disciplinary action of the Board of Directors with regards to a member may be appealed by that member to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made at a duly called general meeting of the membership with a quorum present at said meeting. A vote of at least 2/3 majority of the members present shall be required to override the disciplinary action(s) of the Board. A quorum of 11 members must be present.

## **ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to the club bylaws may be brought before the Board of Directors. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members 5 days

before the next club meeting. The Board of Directors will present the proposed amendments to the general membership. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the members present at each of two consecutive club meetings. A quorum of 11 club members is needed in each meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8: SPECIAL FUNDS**

The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

## **ARTICLE 9: DURATION**

The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE 10: DISSOLUTION**

The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of membership at each of two consecutive club meetings with a quorum of 11 members at each meeting.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation, as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE 11: INCORPORATION**

The incorporation of this membership shall be a minimum of three (3) of the four (4) elected officers.

## **ARTICLE 12: SAFETY**

Posting of safety rules and emergency instructions:

AMA and Club safety rules will be posted in plain view at the flying field. All members must comply with club safety regulations.

The Club will provide a First Aid kit at the flying field which will be inspected and/or replenished every quarter by the Safety Committee.

## **ARTICLE 13: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)**

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 Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

### **Safety Committee**

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment when reviewing grievance Forms. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into a member of the Safety Committee. At least one witness is required.

### **FIRST VIOLATION**

- a) Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. b) Complainant's name will be disclosed to the accused.
- c) A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Board Meeting minutes.

### **SECOND VIOLATION**

- a) Complainant's name will be disclosed to the accused.
- b) The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
- c) If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days.

### **THIRD VIOLATION**

- a) Committee will notify the accused in writing that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
- b) Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors).
- c) A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. A quorum of 11 members must be present.
- d) Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
- e) The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- f) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- g) 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.

h) Any expelled member shall not be allowed on the flying site.

i) Any enforcement can be appealed to the board of directors at the discretion of the board of directors.