

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Updated 3/20/2024

WASHINGTON R/C FLYERS , LLC.

Article 1: Name

This organization will bear the title of Washington R/C Flyers LLC and be so designated in all written and printed material related to the club. Washington R/C Flyers LLC will hereafter be referred to in this constitution as "the club".

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of the club will be to bring together active modelers specifically interested in R/C aero modeling. This organization will strive to increase the enjoyment and knowledge of R/C aero modeling between fellow modelers and the non-modeling public. This will be accomplished in a group through the exchange of ideas, mutual assistance, shared responsibilities, educational demonstrations and friendly competition. The club also recognizes the need to facilitate mutual and orderly gatherings.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1: The club is a private organization and is limited to its members and their families. A family member means: immediate family or minor relative sponsored by a current member. All flying family members must possess a current A.M.A. card. Members in good standing must also have paid their club dues and participate in the mowing schedule unless physical limitations makes that impossible.

Section 2: All members and their families are eligible to vote as long as they are a member in good standing and possess a current A.M.A. open membership. Only one vote per family is allowed.

Article 4: Officers

Section 1: Four club officers will be elected by the members in good standing for a term of one year. Club officers will be elected in the following order by secret ballot at a regular November meeting each year and will take office at the first regular meeting of the following year. They will be elected by a simple majority of the members present. Nominations for each office will be at the regular October meeting. No person may be nominated for the executive office (President/Vice President/ Secretary Treasurer) unless he/she is at least 18 years of age. In the event that an officer finds it impossible to fulfill the duties of his/her office, he or she may and should resign. His or her office will be filled by an election at the next regular meeting. To retain his or her good standing, an officer's resignation must be accepted by a majority vote of those members present.

A) President: The President will act as the chief executive officer of this organization. He/she shall preside over any meeting of the general membership, to cast his/her vote in the event of a tie, and to represent the club when he/she is so directed by the membership.

B) Vice President: The Vice President shall act as an administrative assistant to the president. He/she will assume all of the duties of the President during a period on which the President cannot perform his/her duties.

C) Secretary-Treasurer: It will be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to record the minutes of each club meeting, handle all club correspondence, maintain membership records as required by

Article III, collect dues, initiation fees and assessments, handle disbursements, maintain club financial records, maintain the current copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and regulations, and preside at the club meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

D) Newsletter Editor: It will be the duty of the Newsletter Editor to edit, publish and distribute a club paper once a month unless otherwise directed by the President. Gratis subscriptions may be granted by approval of the Board of Officers.

E) Safety Officer – Will be appointed by the board. It will be the duty of the Safety Officer to provide for general club safety. He/She will interpret and administer the rules and regulations as approved by the board.

Article 5 : Board of Directors:

The board of directors shall consist of the four (4) elected officers, the out-going president and the Safety Officer. The current president shall act as chairperson of this board. The board meets at least two times each year to insure all club business documents are reviewed and filed with the appropriate government agencies, review business plan , policy changes, any major new program that is not covered in the business plan, and set the Rules and Regulations. The board also assumes the responsibilities of Maintenance and grounds, Events, Social and education, and Special needs. The board may request additional information or analysis on any major initiative proposed by club membership, however, they shall not countermand any action taken by the membership of the club. The recommended board meeting schedule is April and November of each year.

Article 6: Financial

Section 1: The dues and initial fees for membership shall be as stated in the By-Laws Item 4:

Section 2: Assessments: Members shall also be responsible for any assessment that is levied by the membership. Written notice must be given at least ten (10) days in advance of a regular or special meeting to each member of record at that time, of the time and place of this meeting and the nature of the assessment. Approval of an assessment by a Fifty One % (51%) majority of all members in good standing will be deemed binding on all members of the club.

Financial needs can alternately be met through donations or bond sales if desired by the club.

Section 3: Any expenditures outside of normal operating costs as defined by the Annual Business Plan must be pre-approved by a majority vote of members present at the meeting where it is discussed. A single \$200 expenditure not covered by the Business Plan can be approved each year by the President.

Section 4: Business Plan. The annual Business Plan will be set by the board and presented to the membership at the first meeting of the year (typically February). Approval for the Business Plan will be with a simple majority of the members attending that meeting.

Article 7: Guests

A member in good standing may sponsor a guest to fly. The guest must have a current A.M.A. membership and abide by all club and flying site rules. The sponsoring member must ensure the guest meets these requirements.

Article 8: Amendments

Section 1: The constitution and the by-laws may be amended or revoked at any regularly scheduled meeting of this club by a FiftyOne % (51%) vote of all members in good standing. Any motion to

amend or revoke conditions of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be in writing and presented to the club membership. Prior to consideration to amend the Constitution and By-Laws, a written notice containing a copy of the proposed changes shall be mailed to all members of record not less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting at which the motion will be entertained.

BY-LAWS

1) Voting: Unless otherwise specified in the constitution, a motion will be adopted when carried by a simple majority of the members present at a regular club meeting, and absentee ballots will be accepted.

2) Quorum: A quorum will mean Fifty percent (50%) of all club members in good standing.

3) Written notice: E-mail shall fulfill the mail or written notice obligation.

4) Dues/Initiation Fee: An annual membership fee as determined by the club each year and is payable in full by March 15th.

For new members joining the dues will be pro-rated as follows:

Jan 1 thru June 1 - \$90

June 1 thru the end of the year - \$60

5) Member in good standing: That person must have a current AMA membership and have paid WRCF club dues and fees. He/she must comply with flying rules and regulations outlined in club documents. Should issues arise, the Board of Directors will follow the process of enforcement outlined in the Rules and Regulations. Members must also participate in the club mowing schedule unless a physical condition restricts that activity.

6) Contest: Annual A.M.A. sanctioned contests may be sponsored by the club if so voted upon.

7) Rules for Flying Activities: The club will establish, amend and publish annually a set of rules that will cover all club recognized flying activities of its members. These rules will include, but not be limited to: safety, flying site, frequency controls, sound, etc.

8) A member in good standing may drop out of the club and return at a later date without penalty. A past member, not in "good standing" with the club, who desires to return to the club must be approved by a membership vote requiring a simple majority of the members present at the next meeting. The board of directors must document any issues that cause a member to be classified as "not in good standing."

9) Location of Meetings: Meetings will be held at the time and location decided by the board. I.E. CRC hobbies / flying field etc.

10) Dissolution of the Club - The duration of the club shall be perpetual. However the club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership. Any remaining assets will be donated to non-profit charity.

Record of Revisions: Proposed 2-6-2024
Record of Revisions after 3-13-24 meeting

Article 1 Changed INC. to LLC to match filing records

Article 2 – Unchanged

Article 3 Better definition of "family members" and addition of requirement to participate in the mowing schedule. Physical restrictions are accounted for.

Article 4 Officers

1. Section 1. Age of 18 statement applies only to (President, Vice President, and Secretary Treasurer) offices
2. A). President - Strike last line for appointment of committees – not currently needed
3. B). Vice President – Strike last line ":appointment of Events committee."
4. C). Secretary/Treasurer – Added - "maintain the current copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and regulations "
5. D) Newsletter Editor – ok
6. E) Safety Officer – Add appointment of - by the board and responsibilities copied from committee definition

Article 5. Standing Committees – All removed

Article 5 Board of Directors

Modified to add Safety Officer to the board. Strike member at large.
Added rules and regs under board responsibilities
Maintenance and Grounds, Events, Social Education, and Special projects to be the responsibility of the board.

Article 6 Financial

Section 2 - modify Approval of assessments to 51% of members in good standing
Added verbage to allow donations or bond sales to meet assessment needs
Separated Assessments from dues and fees to clarify wording.
Section 3 - Add Business plan to statement – (expected expenses)
Add – "a single \$200 expenditure per year not covered by the BP can be authorized by the President. (This expedites any emergency repairs/projects)
Section 4 Added Business plan review by board and need for membership approval

Article 8 Amendments modifies to require 51% vote of all members in good standing

By-Laws

2. Quorum – changed to mean 50% of all club members in good standing
3. Written notice – Strike notification by U.S. Mail.
4. Updated Dues to current levels.
5. Member in good standing – removed safety wording – redundant to Rules and Regulations
Added requirement to participate in mowing schedule.
6. No change
7. No Change
8. Wording update for return of previous members. Strike not in good standing verbage and induction process and replace with "as decided by simple majority of members at next meeting"
9. Location of meetings - Struck sponsored by membership verbage – replaced with "as decided by the board"
10. Dissolution of club – Added per recommended AMA By-Laws – Non profit should be discussed.