



Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club Constitution and By-Laws Proposed amended October, 2008

Constitution

Section I

This Organization shall be known as the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club.

Section II

The objective of this Club shall be to promote the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft.

Section III

No person shall be denied membership because of race, color, creed, sex or religion.

Section IV

The Club Fiscal Year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section V

Any Member may propose an Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, upon submitting such proposal in writing to the Executive Committee (Board of Directors). The proposed Amendment will be read at a subsequent Meeting, following which reading it will be laid over for a period of one month, or until the next scheduled meeting, to allow the entire Membership to be notified of the proposed Amendment, and to allow for absentee voting. The proposed Amendment will be voted upon at the earliest convenient Meeting. The Amendment will pass with a 75% affirmative vote of the ballots cast.

Section VI

No Officer of any other R/C Club shall be eligible for an Office in the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club.

Section VII

No member(s) may make permanent changes to the field without approval from the executive committee. If permanent changes to the field are required, the executive committee, at the next scheduled membership meeting, will notify the membership.



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By-Laws

Article I – Officers

Section I – Titles

The elected Officers of the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club shall be as follows.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section II – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, also known as the Executive Committee, shall consist of the elected Officers, plus the following Members appointed by the President, for a total of **nine**.

5. Senior Advisor (**must have previously held an elected club office – normally a past president**)
6. Board Member
7. Board Member
8. Board Member
9. Safety Officer

Section III – Duties of Officers and Board Members

1. President – The President shall preside over Club functions and conduct meetings. The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall act as Spokesman for the Board and Club in all matters.
2. Vice President – The Vice President shall assist the President in his duties, and provide counsel to him and act in his stead in his absence. The Vice President shall also be responsible for public relations duties as required.
3. Secretary – The Secretary shall keep and maintain all official Club documents and the Club Roster. He shall record and maintain the Club Minutes, and record attendance by the number present, at the Meetings. He shall provide continuity of Secretarial Procedures and AMA Re-chartering with the succeeding Secretary.
4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping and collection of all Dues, Fees, and Assessments, and for paying of Bills and other disbursements authorized by affirmative vote of the Membership. The Treasurer shall substitute for the Secretary in his absence.
5. Senior Advisor – The Senior Advisor shall assume authority as President in the absence of both the President and Vice President and shall aid the Club in any manner possible in regard to Club activities.
6. Board Member – The **three** Board Members shall sit in counsel with the other Board Members and assist in the general duties of the Board.
7. Board of Directors – The Board of Directors shall advise on all matters of general Policies and Procedures of the Club and act as the Governing Body. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.
8. Safety Officer – **The safety officer shall sit in counsel on the Executive Committee, coach members on safety procedures and known safety problems, investigate alleged safety violations, form and lead a violation investigative subcommittee and make suspension/termination recommendation to the executive committee based on the subcommittee's findings.**



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Section IV – Terms of Office

1. All Officers in the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club shall serve for one Fiscal Year, and any Officer can be re-elected for any number of terms.
2. Election of Officers shall take place prior to the first Meeting of each Fiscal Year and vote to carry shall be a Simple Majority of Membership votes submitted.

Section V – Nominating Committee

1. Nominations for all Club Offices shall be made by a Nominating Committee, appointed at least two months prior to Election Day.
2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a **minimum of two to a maximum of five active Club Members** and will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section VI – Vacancies of Elected Positions

1. Vacancy in any Office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, and the Appointee will serve the balance of the term of his Predecessor after which he may be elected to that or any other position.

Section VII – Executive Committee Spending Limitations

1. The executive committee shall have the latitude to make expenditures of the membership funds. However, the membership shall be notified of such expenditures at the next regular scheduled membership meeting.



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Article II – Meetings

Section I

The purpose of Meetings shall be to discuss Club Business or Events, and to conduct elections and other pertinent matters. An equally important purpose shall be the edification of the Membership through films, lectures, presentations, and the exchange of ideas.

Section II

Business Meetings shall be held during the first week of each month, usually at the regular established Meeting Place, but may be held elsewhere (such as the Flying Field) upon notification. The specific day of the week will be recommended by the Board of Directors and decided by Membership vote.

Section III

Informal or Special Meetings shall be held at any convenient time upon call by the President or upon call signed by any three Members of the Board of Directors, or upon call signed by any ten Members of the Club. The Call shall state the time and place of the Meeting and shall be issued at least three days prior to the Meeting date.

Section IV

Written notice of regular Meetings will be left to the discretion of the President, except in the case of electing Officers as stipulated in Article I, Section IV, Parts 1 and 2. The President shall notify all Members by mail, email, telephone, newsletter or through a designee of the Election Meeting at least a week in advance. Failure of the President to notify Members in advance, however, shall not nullify the Election Procedures conducted in accordance with Article I, Section IV.



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Article III – Membership

Section I

Deleted on 7/11/2007

Section II

Prospective Members must attend at least one regular meeting to pay dues, show current AMA membership and obtain a club member photo ID. For those individuals who cannot attend a regular meeting, the prospective member should contact the membership chairman to make special arrangements.

Section III

It is required that all Members hold a valid and Current AMA model airplane License. Charges by the AMA for late payment of AMA Dues will be passed on to the Member involved.

Section IV

Deleted by Amendment #4

Section V

A Terminated Member may apply for Membership as a New Member in accordance with Section II.

Section VI

Acceptance of Membership includes agreement by the Member to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Park District governing the use of the Flying Field, and such other Safety and Procedural Rules and Regulations established by the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club. Violation of this Section will be considered cause for termination or suspension of Membership. The Safety Officer will establish a safety subcommittee to investigate safety violations for the purpose of making a recommendation for suspension durations or termination to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, by a simple majority, will approve or deny the recommendation from the safety subcommittee. The board will notify the member of the violation and corrective action, if any, within seven days of the violation. Any individual, including the alleged violator, may appeal the decision made by the Executive Committee to the membership at the next regular scheduled meeting. The membership may overturn the Executive Committee's decision by a simple majority vote. If the member does not appeal the decision by the next regular scheduled meeting, the board's decision will be final.

Section VII

All prospective Members, prior to joining the Club, shall be provided an opportunity to read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section VIII

Termination of Membership for any reason can be initiated by a recommendation of the Board of Directors. Termination of a Membership may then be accomplished by a 75% vote of the Membership in attendance at a regular Business Meeting.



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Article IV – Dues and Fees

Section I

The adult annual Membership Dues shall be payable by March 1st of the Fiscal Year. Any existing member paid after March 1st of the fiscal year will be assessed an additional fee for reactivation. This additional reactivation fee may be waived for special circumstances, approved by the President.

Section II

The Junior (AMA Junior) annual Membership Dues shall be 50% of the adult membership fees. Juniors will be 16 years or under as of the start of fiscal year. This fee is waived if a family membership is issued.

Section III

Deleted Amendment #2

Section IV

Deleted Amendment #2

Section V

Section I shall be prorated in proportion to remaining months in the Fiscal Year after June 30.

Section VI

No special assessments shall be levied upon Club Membership at any time, except by a majority vote of the Membership present at a Business Meeting.

Section VII

Deleted Amendment #4

Section VIII

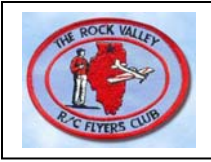
Family annual membership dues shall be payable by March 1st of the fiscal year. An additional fee will be imposed on each additional family member over three family members. Existing family membership paid after March 1st will be assessed an additional fee for reactivation. This additional reactivation fee may be waived for special circumstances, approved by the President.

Section IX

Failure to pay membership fees by April 1st of the fiscal year will cause automatic termination of club membership. Members who have left the club for over one year and apply for membership after one year will be considered a new member with a new starting date.

Section X

The executive committee will assess the need to increase or decrease annual fees based on expected expenditures for the next fiscal year(s). The executive committee will present to the membership the next fiscal year's fees during a regular scheduled club meeting in the 4th quarter of the current fiscal year.



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Article V – Committees

Section I

Chairmen of the standing Committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President, and shall serve throughout his term of office. Special Committees as required may be named by the President. Standing Committees, and Duties of the Committee Chairman, are as follows.

1. Newsletter Editor – The Newsletter Editor serves as Editor-In-Chief of the monthly Club Publication known as the Rock Valley R/C Flyer.
2. Events – The Chairman of the Event Committee provides leadership and direction for all Club Contest activities.
3. Park District Liaison – The Park District Liaison Chairman maintains close coordination with the Rockford Park District in all matters relating to the use by the Club of the Park District land as a flying field.
4. Aerostar – The Chairman of the Aerostar Program approves and awards level advancements, achievement tests, and maintains records of individual levels awarded.
5. Field – The Chairman of the Field Committee sees that the Flying Field is maintained in good condition, free of debris and litter, and properly mowed.
6. Program – The Program Committee Chairman arranges for technical or general presentations relating to model aircraft. These presentations are scheduled to follow immediately after the monthly Business Meeting.
7. Refreshment – The Refreshment Committee Chairman is responsible for seeing that coffee and appropriate snacks are provided at each Business Meeting, and that the refreshment area is maintained in a clean and orderly condition. He is responsible for the cash donations made by the Members partaking of this service, and uses these donations to cover the expenses involved in providing this service.
8. Annual Club Dinner – The Chairman of this Committee manages the production of the annual Club Dinner. He makes the necessary reservations arrangements, is responsible for all funds involved, and provides for traditional and non-traditional awards and recognition tokens as appropriate.
9. Publicity – The Chairman of this Committee is responsible for contest and training publications involving the general public including assisting contest directors with their advertisement as well as public announcements (newspaper, radio, television)
10. Swap Shop – The Chairman of this Committee is responsible for all activities involved with the annual swap shop. Duties include, but not limited to: securing the location, setup and tear down.
11. Membership – The Chairman of this Committee is responsible for maintaining current membership records and issuing membership cards.

Section II

Standing Committee Chairman may appoint Assistants as required, and may appoint as many Committee Members as needed to accomplish the tasks for which they are responsible.

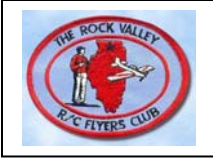


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Article VI – Club Dissolution

Section I

Upon dissolution of the Club, all assets shall be liquidated and the monies donated to the Scholarship Fund of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.



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Amendments

Constitution and By-Laws

Amendment #1 – February 7, 1996

Article III – Membership

Section II was:

Prospective Members must attend at least one Business Meeting and can be voted into the Club at the Second attended Meeting by the Membership present. A member shall be considered admitted by a 75% affirmative vote of those Members attending. Voting may be by a show of hands, rather than a secret ballot.

Amendment #2 – February 7, 1996

Article IV – Dues and Fees

Section III was:

The adult New Membership Fee shall consist of an Initiation Fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), payable upon admission to the Club.

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Section IV was:

The Junior New Membership Fee shall consist of an Initiation Fee of two dollars (\$2.00), payable upon admission into the Club.

Amendment #3 – July 11, 2007

Article III – Membership

Section I was:

Membership in the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club shall be limited to one hundred Members. A waiting list shall be established when the membership quota is filled. Prospective Members who wish to join the Club shall place their name, address, telephone number, and AMA License Number with the Club Secretary, who will put them on the waiting list. The Secretary will notify the prospective Member when a vacancy occurs on the Club Roster. Names shall be called in order received.



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Amendment #4 – August 27, 2008

Constitution
Section VII: new

Article I – Officers

Section II – Board of Directors was:

The Board of Directors, also known as the Executive Committee, shall consist of the elected Officers, plus the following Members appointed by the President, for a total of seven.

1. Senior Advisor
2. Board Member
3. Board Member

Section III,

Paragraph 6 was:

6. Board Member – The two Board Members shall sit in counsel with the other Board Members and assist in the general duties of the Board.

8. Safety Officer - New

Section V – Nominating Committee

Paragraph 2 was:

2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five active Club Members and will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section VII – New

Article II – Meetings

Section IV was:

Written notice of regular Meetings will be left to the discretion of the President, except in the case of electing Officers as stipulated in Article I, Section IV, Parts 1 and 2. The President shall notify all Members by mail of the Election Meeting at least a week in advance. Failure of the President to notify Members in advance, however, shall not nullify the Election Procedures conducted where at least 50% plus one of the Membership is present.

Article III – Membership

Section II was:

Amendment #1

Prospective Members must attend at least one Business Meeting or one visit to the Club Field and can be voted into the Club at the Meeting by the Membership present. A Member shall be considered admitted by a 75% affirmative vote of those Members attending. Voting may be by a show of hands, rather than a secret ballot.



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Section IV was:

To remain in good standing, a Member shall not allow his dues to fall behind more than two months. Members exceeding this time limit shall have their Membership reviewed by the Board of Directors for possible termination. At least one written notice of Membership termination action shall be given. Dues must be made current within two weeks from the day of the Notice of Termination action, or the delinquent Membership will be terminated. In special, unusual, or hardship cases, the Board of Directors may wave the requirements of this Section upon unanimous agreement.

Section VI was:

Acceptance of Membership includes agreement by the Member to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Park District governing the use of the Flying Field, and such other Safety and Procedural Rules and Regulations established by the Rock Valley R/C Flyers Club. Violation of this Section will be considered cause for termination of Membership.

Article IV – Dues and Fees

Section I was:

The adult (AMA Open Member) annual Membership Dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00), payable March 1 of the Fiscal Year. Age 19 or over by July 1 (\$1.25 – per month).

Section II was:

The Junior (AMA Junior or Senior Member) annual Membership Dues shall be three dollars (\$3.00), payable by March 1 of the Fiscal Year. Under 19 (\$.25 – per month)

Section V was:

Section I and II shall be prorated in proportion to remaining months in the Fiscal Year after June 30.

Section VII was:

The Senior (age 65 or over in the year for which the dues are paid) annual Membership dues shall be ½ (one half) the adult dues, payable by March 1 of the Fiscal Year.

Section VIII: new

Section IX: new

Section X: new

Article V – Committees

Section I

Paragraph 2 was:

Contest – The Chairman of the Contest Committee provides leadership and direction for all Club Contest activities.

Paragraph 4 was:

Earn Your Wings – The Chairman of the Earn Your Wings Program is, in effect, the Chief Flight Instructor of the Club. He provides written examinations to determine the basic aeronautical knowledge of a Student model aircraft Pilot. He administers Proficiency Tests, and bestows accomplishment awards as appropriate.



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Paragraph 7 was:

Refreshment – The Refreshment Committee Chairman is responsible for seeing that coffee and appropriate snacks are provided at each Business Meeting, and that the refreshment area is maintained in a clean and orderly condition. He is responsible for the cash donations made by the Members partaking of this service, and uses these donations to cover the expenses involved in providing this service.

Paragraph 9: new

Paragraph 10: new

Paragraph 11: new