



BYLAWS

OF THE

RICHARDSON RADIO CONTROL CLUB

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	Section	Date	Description
1	I.D	02/05/1999	Changed membership classifications to match Academy of Model Aeronautics names and descriptions.
2	II.C	02/05/1999	Changed wording to reflect that nominees for club officers must be a member in good standing 12 months prior to being nominated.
3	I.C.3	08/09/1999	Changed wording from "Any member under 65 years of age or over" to "Any member 65 years of age or over" to correctly state the age requirements for this classification
4	I.C.1	11/09/2000	Changed paragraph C.1 to incorporate new procedures for calculating membership fees for returning members.
5	I.A, III.D, VI.A	01/15/2002	Changed paragraph I.A expand and amplify Member Duties, Included reference to AMA Safety Code and RRCC Field Safety Rules. Administrative change deletes reference to "newsletter" and specifies minimum notification requirement prior to vote.
6	I.A.1, I.A.2, I.B.1, I.B.2, I.B.3, I.D.5, II.D, III.D, VI.A	05/01/2008	Changed to require 1 year AMA membership, express limits of Park Pilot membership, remove Introductory membership, define Life Member, update application process, delete reference to "newsletter" and specify publishing method and minimum notification of an assessment, officer nominees, and Bylaws changes prior to a vote.
7	I.C.1	08/06/2009	Changed to allow late members to fly through January only.
8	iii	04/18/2012	Changed annual dues rates.
9	VIII	01/01/2013	Add voting methods section
10	i.D.6	05/29/2014	Changed to include associate membership.
11	III.A.1	01/07/2016	Change youth dues rates to \$0.
12	I.D.1.a	01/07/2016	Add statement of responsibility for parent/guardian of youth members under age 16.
13	III.A.1	9/16/2020	Changed the Youth membership dues.
14	III.A.2 III.A.3	9/16/2020	Changed Open membership dues. Changed Senior membership dues.
15	I.C.1, I.C.2, I.C.3	12/02/2020	Changed and clarified membership late Fee and renewals.
16	III.B	12/02/2020	Revised New Member Proration Bases.
17	I.C.1	12/02/2020	Membership Termination moved to I.D.1

I. MEMBERSHIP

A. Member Duties

1. Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) whose standard validity is no less than one calendar year (Junior, Senior, Open Full, Life, Park Pilot, or Affiliate) is a prerequisite for membership in the Richardson Radio Control Club. Introductory, Three-Month Introductory Trial or other AMA memberships whose standard validity is less than one calendar year are not accepted for membership.
2. When using a flying site managed by the Richardson Radio Control Club members must obey AMA and club rules governing the safe and courteous usage of the facility for the flying of aircraft. AMA rules are defined in their membership manual as the National Model Aircraft Safety Code. RRCC rules are defined in its membership manual as the Flying Field Rules for Safety and Courtesy. Park Pilot members must obey the rules and limitations of the AMA Park Pilot program.
3. When there is open field flying (no Contest Director has taken responsibility) both the AMA and RRCC field rules apply. Where the two sets of rules cover the same topic, the more stringent of the two is used. During a special event the contest director has the right to modify the RRCC rules in force (either further restrict or judiciously relax rules). Rules changes must be communicated to all pilots that use the facility before they fly. The AMA rules may not be relaxed and when any of the applicable rules cover the same topic, the more stringent of them is used.

B. New Members

1. Applicant shall complete and sign a current RRCC membership application and forward it to the Treasurer with the appropriate fees. The Treasurer shall then confirm that the applicant holds an acceptable AMA membership. Applicant may provide such proof along with the application, or the Treasurer may use the AMA's online membership verification process for confirmation. The Treasurer will then provide the applicant with any proof of club membership that may be necessary.

C. Membership Renewal

1. Fully paid (AMA dues, club dues and assessments) members before December 31 are members in good standing. After December 31, if any of the required fees are not paid the member's status is considered late. Members in late status incur a 20% late fee and any assessments due. Those that have not renewed their AMA shall not fly at the field. AMA requires receipt of renewal by December 31, not postmark date, to avoid interruption of insurance coverage.
2. A former member (more than 1 year since last a member) may reinstate membership in either of two ways:
 - a. Act as a new member and follow the procedure for new membership, including all fees.
 - b. Provide proof of former membership (as determined by the Treasurer). Since assessments are cumulative, the returning member must pay any assessments missed plus the late fee.

3. Since there may be extenuating circumstances that cause a member, or former member, to be late renewing their membership, the Club's Officers may waive any late fees by a majority vote.

D. Membership Termination

1. Members may terminate their membership, or be terminated by failure to pay club dues and assessments before their membership status expire. A member may be terminated for cause when charges are brought by a member in an open meeting. After discussion of the charge, the members present shall vote to dismiss or bring action against the charged member. If the member is then present, the charge will be made and defended and a final vote taken. A two-thirds majority of the members present is necessary to terminate. If the member is not present, the president will notify the charged member of the charge and the date and time of the next meeting, at which time final action will be taken. In all such cases, the member proffering the charges must be identified to the whole membership.

E. Membership Classification

1. Youth – Any member under the age of 19 as of July 1 of the current year, having paid his/her dues and fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership.
 - a) Parent or legal guardian are required to be present any time a youth member under the age of 16 is at the field for any club sponsored activity, including general flying, training, club events, or club meetings.
2. Open - Any member 19 years of age or over as of July 1 of the current year, having paid his/her dues and fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership.
3. Senior Citizen - Any member 65 years of age or over as of July 1 of the current year, having paid his/her dues and fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership.
4. Family Member – Any member, who is either the spouse or dependent child under the age of 19 as of July 1 of the current year, of an Open Member or Senior Citizen Member, and has fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership. Each Family Member must be an AMA member. Upon reaching the age of 19 as of July 1 of the current year, a dependent child Family Member will be classified as an Open Member.
5. Life Member - A member granted the Life Member status by a majority vote at a general club meeting. This honor is reserved for members who have made significant contributions to the club in time and/or resources. New Life time memberships shall not be proposed if the Life Time membership count will exceed 5% of the total current membership if the proposed member is voted in. Life time members pay no dues, or assessments, and enjoy all the privileges of the club as long as they have fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership. Life Time members shall submit a membership application form and proof of AMA membership to maintain flying and voting privileges. Those that have not renewed their AMA shall not fly at the field.
6. Associate Member - Member – Any member living 50+ statute miles from the RRCC flying field, having paid his/her dues and fulfilled all the requirements of the BYLAWS for membership. Associate membership is restricted to former RRCC Open or Senior

members. Associate members shall have no voting rights and shall pay half the dues of Open members. Associate membership in the club shall not exceed 5% of total membership.

7. Membership is non-transferable and non-salable.

II. Officers and Election of Officers

- A.** The following officers shall be elected to fulfill the requirements of the CONSTITUTION.
1. President - The executive head of the organization, the President presides at all General Membership meetings and other meetings he may call. Special officers may be appointed by the President to take charge of flying site(s), club projects, or club property.
 2. Vice-President - The assistant to the President, the Vice-President performs duties assigned to him by the President, and acts for the President in his absence.
 3. Secretary - The club recorder, the Secretary Records executive decisions, appointments, votes of membership, is responsible for keeping minutes of General Membership meetings to provide the club with a historical record of acts and policy. The Secretary will act as the Secretary-Treasurer when required by the CONSTITUTION.
 4. Treasurer - Responsible for club assets, the Treasurer receives and disburses funds and reports to the membership on his transactions.
- B.** The nominations of club officers will take place on an open floor basis during the club meeting in the month of September. The elections will be held during the club meeting in the month of October. The newly elected officers will then take office during the following January.
- C.** All nominees must have been a RRCC member in good standing for a minimum of 12 months prior to their nomination.
- D.** No less than two members shall be nominated for each elected office. Nominees will be published in the September meeting minutes and those minutes shall be available no later than 10 days prior to the October meeting date.
- E.** A simple majority will elect. If more than two members are nominated and none receive a majority, the two with the largest number of votes will be voted upon for the office to determine the winner.

III. Dues, Fees, and Assessments

- A.** Annual dues for each membership class shall be:
1. Youth (Under 19 without Open Membership Sponsor): The Youth membership dues shall reflect the current, and any future level, charged by the AMA.
 2. Open: \$100.00 (includes all eligible Family Members).
 3. Senior Citizen (65 and older): \$65.00
 4. Family: no dues are required for this membership class as long as the member is eligible to participate as part of an Open or Senior Citizen membership.
- B.** The first payment of dues by a new member will be on a prorated basis. The new members will pay an amount equal to the number of months remaining, including the current month, in which the dues are being paid - divided by twelve - times the current dues rate.
- C.** An initiation fee of \$100.00 will be charged to Open and Senior Citizen Memberships. Youth and Family members will not be required to pay an initiation fee. A Youth member or a child Family member, upon meeting the age requirements for an Open classification, shall pay the initiation fee, which shall become due at the beginning of the next calendar year.

D. Assessments shall be paid when voted by a two-thirds majority of a quorum. The intent to vote an assessment will be announced at the general meeting, and published in the meeting minutes and those minutes shall be available a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the voting meeting.

IV. Officer Duties and Deliverables

A. Officers: Shall be jointly and equally responsible to assure that the club responsibilities and required documents are fulfilled and completed in a timely manner.

B. President: Shall be the executive officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings. He shall be the spokesperson of the club. He shall reappoint or appoint standing and special committees as he deems necessary. As a minimum his appointees shall include a Safety Officer and a Corporate Agent. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered.

C. Vice-president: Shall assist the president in all matters and shall assume the duties of the president if for any reason the president is unable to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for the club meeting schedule and agenda, other club scheduled business events of the club, or any special meetings required by officers or members.

D. Secretary: Shall keep accurate minutes of all club meetings and a record of the number of members in attendance and the pro/con vote numbers when any motions are voted upon. Shall retain, maintain, and update the club archives. The secretary shall assist and takeover the duties of the Vice President as needed.

E. Treasurer: Shall maintain the roster of current members in-good-standing. The roster shall include name, mailing address, AMA number, and phone number for each member. Responsible for the collection of dues, maintaining appropriate records of all club monetary transactions, and shall provide treasurers report at each scheduled club meeting. He is authorized to pay any and all club obligations out of club funds. The president is the treasurer's alternate for disbursement of funds.

F. Safety Officer: Shall be responsible for the overall safety environment at the flying field. He has the responsibility and authority to bar club and general public individuals from using or continuing to use the field if they do not comply with club and AMA safety rules. Reinstatement of a barred person shall be only by a club officer.

G. Corporate Agent: Shall serve as the point of contact between the Corporation and the Secretary of State or any person they refer to the Corporation. The Agent is responsible for getting any received inquiries to the proper club officer. The Corporate Agent must have an occupied residence or operating business mailing address (not a PO Box) and his name and address must be registered with the Texas Secretary of State. If the Agent and/or his address change, a change must be filed with the Secretary of State.

H. Deliverable Documents: Shall include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

Document	Due Date	Prepared by	Receiver
AMA Charter Renewal	March 31	Secretary	AMA
Club Roster	March 31	Secretary	AMA
Ins. for Collin County	March 31	Secretary	AMA
Club Roster	April 1	Secretary	Collin County
Annual Plan	April 1	President	Collin County
Bratonia Const. Detail	A/R	V President	Collin County
990EZ Tax Form	May 15	V President	IRS US Treasury
401 Corp Agent Change	A/R	Treasurer	Secretary of State

V. Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held at a time and place convenient for most members.
- B. There will be at least one regular General Membership meeting each month.
- C. Motions and topics for discussion:
 - 1. These items are to be placed on the agenda prior to the General Membership meeting.
 - 2. Items not on the agenda may be brought up to the floor only as time permits after completion of all Agenda items.
- D. Committees and Special meetings:
 - 1. A majority vote by the members present at a General Membership Meeting or a decision by the President will form a committee.
 - 2. Committees are to promote the objectives of the club and are open to all members.
 - 3. Committees are allowed to make expenditure and decisions for the club only to the extent approved by the members present at a General Membership meeting.
 - 4. Special meetings will be held at the call of the President to conduct urgent or timely business. Only business items on the agenda will be acted upon. Minutes of any special meeting will be recorded and reported at a General Membership meeting.
- E. Conduct of meetings in areas not covered by the BY-LAWS or CONSTITUTION will be based on Robert's "Rules of Order".

VI. Amendments to By-laws

- A. The By-Laws shall be amended by vote after the proposed change is published for review by the general membership. Publication of proposed change shall be by posting the proposed changes on the web site and a one-time email to the membership notifying them of the posting, a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the club meeting during which the vote will be taken.
- B. All amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of the members voting at a general membership meeting

VII. Liquidation of Assets

Should the club terminate its existence, the assets shall be dispersed as follows:

- A. Field improvements are Collin County property per the Bratonia lease.
- B. Liquid assets shall be applied to any outstanding debts. Remaining cash after debt shall be donated to the AMA National Headquarters.
- C. Capital Equipment shall be donated to the 8th district AMA

VIII. Voting

- A.** Members may vote on items using one of the following methods:
 - 1. In person at the general meeting
 - 2. Electronically via the club provided voting method
 - 3. By submitting a proxy vote with a hand written signature
- B.** If a member is physically present at the meeting and has submitted a proxy or electronic vote, they may rescind the prior vote.
- C.** One vote per member.
- D.** If an item is amended after it is published for vote, the vote will be tabled until the revised proposal has been properly communicated to all members and another vote scheduled.
- E.** This procedure is intended for major decisions such as officer elections, Bylaws changes and other key club decisions. It shall not be used for routine club business decisions.