

BY-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNING OF WEST JERSEY RADIO CONTROL CLUB INC.

I. PURPOSE

3/22/2016

- A. To develop and advance the study, interest, and operation of radio controlled model aircraft as well as the enjoyment of building and flying model aircraft in a safe environment.**

- B. To establish, equip, own, lease or hold a flying field and facilities for flying radio controlled model aircraft as an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered club.**

- C. To provide radio-controlled model aircraft training to members and potential members.**

II. OFFICERS

A. Officers shall consist of:

- 1. President**
- 2. Vice President**
- 3. Secretary**
- 4. Treasurer**
- 5. Safety Officer**
- 6. Field Maintenance Officer**
- 7. Trustees - There shall be Three Trustees (3) – The President, Vice President, and Secretary shall also serve as the *Board of Trustees* of the corporation, (WJRC, INC.), with the duty to provide guidance and direction towards fulfilling the club's stated purpose and goals. The Board of Trustees shall meet quarterly before the monthly business meeting or as circumstances dictate.**

B. Officers shall be elected by the membership.

- 1. Nominations shall take place at the October and November Business Meeting with elections taking place after nominations are closed at the November Business Meeting.**

2. The Officers tour of office shall begin January 1st following the election and ends December 31st of the same year.
3. Officers do not pay dues during their term in office.

C. No person shall be eligible for nomination as an Officer until they have been a dues-paying member in good standing for one year.

III. MEETINGS

- A. The meetings shall be held during the second and fourth weeks of each month, on a day designated by the membership.
- B. The first meeting of the month shall be designated as the Business Meeting.
- C. The second meeting of the month is the Bull Meeting.
- D. Business Meetings should be called to order by the President, or senior Officer present, no later than 8:30 PM.
- E. No motions shall be passed at a business meeting unless there is a quorum present.
 1. A quorum shall consist of no less than 20% of the membership

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF A MEMBER

- A. Regular full voting member
 1. Must be sixteen years of age or older.
 2. Must be a member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
 - a) Further, it shall be the obligation of each member to furnish proof of AMA membership to an Officer of the club, upon request of the Officer.
 - b) The member's AMA membership must be maintained through the end of the WJRC calendar year which ends on December 31st.
 3. The member shall be required to pay dues in an amount necessary to meet the needs of the club, as set by the membership.

4. Full payment of WJRC dues is due by the end of February for all *current members*.
 - a) A \$25 late fee will be applied to WJRC renewals starting on March 1st.
 - b) Dues for NEW members will be prorated for the current year only. Starting in April, prorated dues will be charged at the current yearly dues rate divided by 10, times the number of months remaining in the year. (This keeps the math simple.)

B. Junior member

1. Children or wards of regular full voting members are eligible for Junior Membership:
 - a) Junior members are not required to pay any dues.
 - b) Junior members must have their own valid AMA membership.
 - c) Junior members may not run for office, nor do they have voting privileges.
 - d) Junior members may not fly at the club field(s) unless accompanied by an adult member.

V. COMMITTEES

- A. The following standing committees will exist on a permanent basis, other ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President from time to time as required for special purposes:

1. Newsletter Editor.

- a) It will be the responsibility of the Newsletter Editor to publish a regular newsletter for the members of the Club usually before the next business meeting.
- b) The Newsletter Editor does not pay dues during his/her tenure as Newsletter Editor.

2. Field Committee.

- a) The Field Maintenance Officer shall serve as chairman of the Field Committee. He/she shall ensure that the flying field is properly maintained and shall recommend any improvement/changes that may be deemed necessary and may enlist such aids as may become necessary to operate the field.

b) The Field Maintenance Officer shall report on field conditions and special considerations for field maintenance.

c) The Field Maintenance Officer does not pay dues during his/her tenure as Field Maintenance Officer.

3. Membership Committee

a) The Membership Committee shall consist of seven members.

1) The Vice President will chair the committee.

2) The Safety Officer is a member of the committee.

3) The remaining five members will be selected by the Vice President subject to the approval of the membership.

b) The Vice President shall make his/her selections after his/her election in November and present them to the membership for approval at the December Business Meeting.

c) Function of the Membership Committee.

1) Membership Committee shall receive all applications for membership and screen/admit new members.

2) Maintain the club roster, instructors list, and email database.

3) Caution members whom may be in bad standing that their membership is in jeopardy. *NOTE:* Failure of a member to comply with the recommendations of the Membership Committee may be cause for suspension or dismissal from the club.

4) To observe and ascertain that flying is being conducted in a safe and proper manner.

a) It shall be the responsibility of each individual on the committee to warn members who are flying in an unsafe and/or unsportsmanlike manner.

b) Any Club Officer is empowered to ground any pilot/aircraft not in compliance with established safety and airworthiness standards until the cause for the grounding is corrected.

- c) **The Safety Officer will make the final determination if there is a discrepancy or difference of opinion on rules.**

- 5) **To make a proper report to the membership, at regular Business Meetings, of any and all actions taken by the committee.**

- 6) **No action of the committee for accepting or dropping members will be valid unless five of the seven members favor the action. If a member is brought before the committee for any disciplinary action, other than dues delinquency, and the decision of the committee is for dismissal, the final expulsion must be voted on by the membership.**

VI. CHANGING THE BY-LAWS

- A. **If it is felt that a change in the By-Laws has become necessary the members(s) shall present the change to the membership at a regularly scheduled business meeting.**

- B. **The change shall then be:**
 - 1. **Discussed at the meeting presented to work out the details.**
 - 2. **The details will be in the meeting minutes and distributed to the membership via the next newsletter.**
 - 3. **Will be voted on by the membership at the following business meeting after being posted in the newsletter.**
 - 4. **The by-laws change must receive a favorable vote from 2/3 of the membership present, (providing there is a quorum present). A quorum shall consist of no less than 20% of the membership.**

VII. DISSOLUTION

- A. **In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the Officers shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities to the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club in such a manner as governed by the rules of the IRS and the State of NJ for non-profit organizations.**