



BY-LAWS OF THE OLD TIMERS RC FLYERS, INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be the Old Timers R/C Flyers, Inc. The Corporation's Headquarters is located in Middletown, RI. The Corporation's web site is located at <http://www.oldtimersrcflyers.org>.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of the Club is to build and fly model aircraft and maintain a safe flying site.

Section 2 The organization's activities shall be confined to fixed-wing, radio-controlled model aircraft and shall exclude models using rockets or rotor-wings for propulsion and all experimental aircraft judged unsafe by the Board of Directors. The Club Field Regulations and the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) guidelines and regulations shall govern all flying activities at the field.

Section 3 The Board of Directors shall apply for exemption from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code under such section, as it shall from time to time deem appropriate. The Board of Directors shall insure that the operations of the Club are conducted in full compliance with any legal or regulatory requirements for maintaining such tax exemption. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to amend the Club's Articles of Organization or these by-laws in any way required to comply with such laws or regulations and to maintain the tax-exempt status of the Club.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1 The classes of members shall be senior members, junior members, family members and associate members. The Board of Directors and the Site Owner shall determine the number of members.

Section 2 Prospective members shall apply for membership by completing an application form and submitting it anytime to a club member or to the Secretary at any regular meeting. New members must be sponsored by a member in good standing and possess a current AMA membership. The new members will be placed on probation for one year. Tenure will be granted by an affirmative vote of the Board of Directors on the anniversary date.

Section 3 A Senior member is one who has attained the age of 18 years and has a Senior Membership in AMA.

Section 4 A Junior member is one who has not attained the age of 18 and has a Junior Membership in AMA.

Section 5 Family members are those who reside at the same residence as a senior member and have AMA.

Section 6 Associate members are those individuals who belong to the organization and are not listed on the AMA roster. This class of membership is **not** permitted to participate in flying activities at the flying site.

Section 7 An initiation fee of \$40.00 will be assessed on new Senior and Associate members.

Section 8 All members will pay annual dues. The annual dues for the various classes of membership are as follows: Seniors - \$60.00, Juniors - \$30.00, Family - Free (under 18 years of age only), Associate - \$60.00. The dues are payable annually between 1 November and 31 December. Members who have not paid in full by 31 December shall automatically be dropped from membership. A completed renewal form should accompany the forwarding of annual dues. The Club Secretary will verify proof of AMA membership. Members joining on or before 30 June will be assessed the full membership fee. Members joining after 30 June shall be assessed \$5.00/month for seniors, \$2.50/month for juniors, for the period until the start of the next year. The Board of Directors has the right to refuse an existing member an application / renewal. Refer to the Field Manual for non-member flyers and guests rules and fees.

Section 9 An individual's membership may be terminated by:

- a. Violating the alcohol/drug rules.
- b. Violating the non-member flying rules.
- c. Theft of club property.
- d. Threats of any kind.
- e. Acts of violence of any kind.
- f. Two or more safety warning notices in a calendar year.
- g. Usurping established club policies/processes.
- h. Behavioral issues at the flying site and at Club's business meetings.
- i. At the request of the site owner.
- j. For any other matter that the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall deem to be in the best interests of the organization.

The Board of Directors will issue all termination notices. Dues will **not** be refunded to a terminated member. A terminated member may not engage in any flying activities at the Club's facility and will be permanently banned from rejoining the Old Timers R/C Flyers, Inc. The decision of the Board of Directors regarding termination of a member shall be final and conclusive, and the affected member shall not be entitled to any hearing on the matter. The Board of Directors has the sole and exclusive authority to terminate the membership of any member.

Section 10 The right of the members in all classes to vote is limited to only major purchases from the contingency fund that exceed \$1500.00. The exception is legal fees. The Board of Directors has the authority to expend funds greater than \$1500.00 for defense of the Corporation without a vote by membership.

ARTICLE IV FINANCE

Section 1 A dual fund shall be maintained in an account in the name of the Club for the following purposes:

1. Operating Fund: This fund shall be for supplying the needs of the day-to-day operation of the Club (i.e. field equipment maintenance and supplies; contest prizes and miscellaneous promotions sponsored by the Club). This fund should be maintained at approximately \$1,000.00.

2. Contingency Fund: This fund shall be held in an account in the name of the club and shall be for field/facilities replacement, replacing plant property owned or acquired by the club and any/all legal fees. In effect, this fund serves as a self-insurance reserve. Based on current estimates, this fund should be approximately \$15,000.00. The Board of Director may make transfers to and from the Operating fund as required and has the sole and exclusive authority to determine the proper level of the Contingency Fund.

Section 2 The Board of Directors is responsible for all of the Club operations and as such shall make all decisions on Club expenditures. The exception to this authority is major purchases greater than \$1500.00 from the contingency fund as stated in Article III, Section 10 above.

Section 3 In the event that the Old Timers R/C Flyers is ever dissolved, no part of the net income or profit of the corporation will be distributable to its members, directors, or officers. As such, the Clubs assets will be disbursed as follows:

- One half (50%) will be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- One half (50%) will be donated to a charity qualified as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service, as determined by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors will dispose of all plant property in expeditious manner and submit all required reports to the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall comprise the Board of Directors and shall have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to affect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized. Specific responsibilities are to include, but not limited to:

- a. Solely responsible for contacting and maintaining the tenant/landlord relationship with the flying site owner.
- b. Establishment, maintenance of the security of the clubs website and Internet domain(s) and appointing a Webmaster.
- c. Adjudicating all violations, issue warning letters, membership termination(s) and renewal rejection notices.
- d. Appoint a Safety Coordinator as required by the AMA.
- e. Establish/document and promulgate Club policy and procedures.
- f. Appoint Board members as required to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, and removal or for any other reason.
- g. Submit annual report to Secretary of State.

- h.** Ensure that the flying site is in a “ready to fly” condition.
- i.** Provide for the maintenance and safe keeping of the Club’s plant property.

Section 2 The officers elected for the 2008 term will make up the Board of Directors. They are the Corporations permanent Board of Directors. A permanent board member may resign the position by notifying the Board in writing. The Board will appoint new Directors as required.

Section 3 No officer shall hold more than one (1) office at a time; this includes any other model aircraft club.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1 The regular meetings of the organization shall be held on a quarterly basis. The President will announce the time and place of these meetings.

Section 2 The Board of Directors may call special meetings at any time. At least ten (10) days notice shall be given.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1 Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President, as the organization shall, from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the organization. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Section 1 Only the Board of Directors at any business meeting of the organization can amend these by-laws provided that the amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to the entire membership. The members shall have no right to vote on any such amendments.