
Anderson Flyers

AMA R/C Club #3427

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The following Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular open meeting held on June 9, 1994, at Cincinnati, Ohio
Amended May 18, 2011
Amended December 18, 2011

CONSTITUTION

Purpose

The Anderson Flyers Radio Control flying club (hereinafter referred to as AF) is established to promote the activities of individuals interested in radio control model aeronautics through the establishment of an Academy of Modeling Aeronautics (AMA) sanctioned and insured flying site for the benefit of its members.

Members

Membership in the AF shall be open to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Members of the AF shall abide by and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the AF and adhere to the rules and regulations of the AMA, any governmental agency, and the requirements of any site owner, applicable to activities of model aeronautics at any current or future flying site.

Members of the AF shall abide by and uphold all rules and regulations promulgated by the AF.

Members of the AF shall be current and full "OPEN" members of the AMA. Should a member cease to have the qualifications for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the AF will automatically terminate. Membership is subject to reinstatement.

Membership in the AF will be on a calendar basis with membership expiring on December 31st of each year.

Officers

The officers of the AF will be elected by a majority of the current membership at an annual meeting and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety officer.

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The officers will constitute a body (hereinafter referred to as the Board) whose responsibility will be to make administrative and operational decisions necessary to establish and maintain any current or future flying site, the day to day operations of the AF Club and all other affairs of the AF.

All decisions of the Board shall be by majority vote of the officers present at a Board meeting called in accordance with the By-laws.

Authority

No single member has the right to restrict the activities of any other member. This right is reserved for the Board and the general membership as set forth in the By-Laws through a grievance and disciplinary process.

However, any member may challenge another member or guest if he/she observes apparent safety violations or reckless and dangerous activities as set forth in Article IX of the By-Laws. The member can ask that individual to cease their activities and to leave the flying site. Any member observing unsafe activities shall report that individual to the Board as set forth in Article III of the By-Laws.

Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a proposal to the Board, and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a meeting with a quorum of the current members.

By-Laws

Article I **Purposes**

To establish operating procedures for the Anderson Flyers Radio Control flying club (AF) and its elected and appointed officers and representatives.

Article II

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Membership

1. Membership is open to any individual:
 - a.) who express an interest in model aeronautics.
 - b.) who express a willingness to conform to the safety and applicable requirements of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the AF.
 - c.) Who complete a membership application on an annual basis; and
 - d.) Has not previously been suspended as a member of AFⁱ
2. Members in good standing are those persons who hold a current full "Open" AMA membership, who have paid their annual AF dues, completed an AF Membership application and are not under suspension.
3. Special members: With the unanimous concurrence of the Board, those members who have made a material or significant contribution to the AF will be provided special membership at no cost. Special members will be limited to three (3) per calendar year and are not entitled to voting privileges or to hold office.
4. Membership obligations: Members are obligated to:
 - a. Obey and enforce AF club rules and regulations.
 - b. Volunteer to serve on committees and participate in work details, and hold office when elected.

Article III

Grievance and Disciplinary Process

1. Any member or officer may make a disciplinary complaint in writing to the Board, against any other member or officer for an alleged violation of AMA regulations, or the AF Constitution and By-Laws and/or the rules and regulations promulgated by the AF.
2. Upon notification of a complaint, the Board will notify the member in writing and schedule a hearing no sooner than 5 days and not longer than 30 days from receipt of a complaint to afford an opportunity for the member and the complainant (s) to present their case.

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3. The Board, by a 2/3rd vote can act as follows:
 - a. Dismiss the complaint.
 - b. Issue an oral reprimand to the member.
 - c. Place member on probation. Any member being placed on probation on two occasions during any one year will automatically have flying privileges suspended for 30 days.
 - d. Suspend flying privileges as determined by the board.
 - e. Revoke the membership of the member.

4. Suspended members are not entitled to any refund of their AF dues and may reapply for membership during the calendar year following their suspension.

5. Impeachment: Any officer may be removed from office for cause including but not limited to neglect of duty or for actions degrading to the spirit and intent of the AF. The impeachment process shall be the same as the complaint process against a Member except that the Officer under impeachment shall not vote as a member of the Board.

6. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion by a unanimous vote of the Board from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board.

Article IV Dues

1. The amount of the annual dues for the following year will be proposed by the Board at the annual meeting and voted upon by the membership.

2. Annual dues are payable by January 1st of each year.

3. Family membership: For family members who live within the same household, the second and subsequent annual fee will be one half (1/2) of the regular annual dues.

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4. New members will have dues prorated August 1st and October 1st.

Article V **Meetings**

1. Annual Meeting: The Board will schedule a regular meeting of the membership in the Fall of each year for the following:
 - a. Election of officers.
 - b. Approval of Dues.
 - c. Treasurers report for the year.
 - d. Regular business.
 - e. Schedule 1 additional regular meeting.
2. Regular meetings: The Board may schedule any additional membership meetings at their discretion or as requested by the membership, to conduct regular business or address special issues.
3. Quorum: In order to conduct regular business, a quorum will be established as follows:
 - a. Annual Meeting: When 20 or more current members and at least four officers are present. Proxy votes may be counted to establish a quorum. This also meets the requirements of a special quorum necessary for the removal of a member or officer as set forth in Article III, Grievance and Disciplinary Process.
 - b. Regular Meeting: When 15 or more current members and at least four officers are present. Proxy votes may be counted to establish a quorum.
4. Passage of regular business matters:

Except as stipulated elsewhere in the Constitution or By-Laws, voting on regular business matters shall be approved by a simple majority (51%) of the quorum present. Proxy votes used to establish a required quorum are not counted within the simple majority vote, unless that proxy stipulates an affirmative vote on a special issue.
5. Proxy voting: For general meetings and annual elections or voting on special issues, voting by written proxy is authorized.
6. Meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner with an established agenda and guided by the principles of Roberts Rules of Order.

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Article VI Nominations and Elections

1. Nominations for AF officers can be made by any member or current officer.
2. Nominees must agree to serve if elected, be at least twenty one (21) years of age, and have been a member of AF for one year **and a current member**.
3. The general membership will be notified of the slate of officers and voting on any special issues at least one week, or sooner, prior to the annual meeting.
4. Election at annual meeting: Those nominees who receive the highest total number of votes for each position, including proxy votes.
5. Counting of ballots and proxies will be conducted by the Secretary and verified by at least one non Board member.

Article VII Officers

1. The AF will consist of a Board of five (5) officers with one year terms as follows:
 - a. President: Responsible for officiating at all meetings, scheduling annual and regular meetings, liaison with the AMA and local authorities and site owners. Appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the Board until the next annual election. Establishing committees when required.
 - b. Vice President: Act in the absence of the President and assist the president where necessary.
 - c. Secretary: Maintain a written record of club business including required additions or corrections of the minutes as approved by the membership, ensure notification of pertinent issues to the membership through correspondence and/or a newsletter, count ballots at the annual election of officers,
 - d. Treasurer: Maintain all club funds in an establish account along with ledger entries of income, expenses and expenditures, collect annual dues, maintain post office box, club roster and membership applications. Provide treasurers report when required.

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- e. Safety Officer: Responsible for recommending to the Board simple and concise safety rules for flight operations, flying site considerations, and aircraft and equipment safety. The Safety Officer shall have authority to oversee the safe operation of all model aircraft at any AF flying site.
2. Duties of the officers may overlap and be delegated at the discretion of the President and the Board.

Article VIII **Finances**

1. The Board is authorized to make routine and reasonable expenditures in order to maintain the flying site and club activities to include but not limited to, mailings, rental fees, charter and insurance fees, maintenance, etc.
2. Extraordinary single expenses in an amount exceeding \$400, or more than 75% of the existing cash on hand shall be voted on by the membership in accordance with the quorum requirements for a regular meeting.
3. Regular Board business, including financial expenditures, may pass-by a majority of the officers.
4. In the event that the AF is dissolved, cash assets will be utilized to pay all outstanding AF club debts. Any remaining funds will be donated to the AMA national headquarters scholarship fund. Any non liquid assets will be offered to another local area AMA club.
5. No member can authorize or incur any club expense without the prior approval of 4 out of 5 of the officers.

Article IX **General Flying Site Operations**

1. Safety: All radio controlled flight activities, including all classes of radio controlled craft, must be conducted in accordance with the current Official AMA National Model Aircraft safety code as published and provided to every AMA member.
2. Only AF members in good standing may fly at an established site and must display their current AF and AMA membership cards while conducting flight operations.

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3. Frequency Control and Impound:
 - a. Only transmitters with narrow band gold stickers and/or FCC ID with clearly visible frequency numbers are permitted.
 - b. Each person actively operating a radio controlled craft, **except when using 2.4 GHz**, must first secure the appropriate frequency pin from the secured area.
 - c. If an impound table is available, all non-active transmitters must be impounded, otherwise, the transmitter must be displayed in plain site so that it can be observed by other flyers on the same frequencies.

4. Each member has the responsibility to ensure that flight operations are conducted in a safe manner and are obligated to challenge anyone who is engaging in reckless or dangerous activities. That person can be asked to cease their activities and to leave the flying site if necessary. All safety violations and any damage to property or persons, shall be promptly reported to the Board. Observers should be used during all flight operations.

5. Non Members can fly as a guest at an approved AF site no more than two times per calendar year. The guest must be a current AMA member and display his/her AMA card while operating any radio controlled aircraft or helicopter. A guest is an individual who operates his/her own equipment..

6. Hand-Launching: Any hand-launching of radio controlled aircraft or gliders must be done with extreme caution and away from spectators, flyers, and the pit area.

7. Students: Students flying under the supervision of a current member must be a member of the AMA and the AF; the responsible instructing member must conform to all applicable AMA safety regulations and guidelines.

8. Mufflers/tuned pipes will be used on all engines over .15 cubic-inch size. In either case, the sound level must not exceed 96db at 9' as measured on the ground.

9. Each member should ensure that no trash or debris is left at the site at the end of each flying day.

10. All children must be accompanied by an adult and prevented from interfering with the pit area, flying operations, or the runway.

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11. All pets must be leashed and are not allowed in the vicinity of the flight line and runway.

Article X Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a proposal and subsequent discussions at either an annual or regular meeting. The proposed amendment may be passed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of a special quorum consisting of at least fifteen (15) members and at least four Board members.
2. These By-laws may be amended through the mail-in proxy process by a two thirds (2/3) vote of at least nineteen (19) members.

ⁱ Any member previously suspended may only be reinstated or accepted as a member upon consideration by the Board subject to terms and conditions set forth by the Board.