

BY-LAWS

FORT BEND RADIO CONTROL CLUB

P. O. BOX 667, SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 77478

AMA CLUB #615

FORT BEND RADIO CONTROL CLUB IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

We, the members of Fort Bend Radio Control Club, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits, without pecuniary interest or gain, of association with persons commonly interested in Radio Control, and to pursue and achieve the lawful purpose of the Club as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas, do hereby adopt these by-laws.

To encourage other people to become interested in the hobby.

To encourage sportsman-like conduct when flying model airplanes.

To conduct contests and other activities.

To work closely with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as a chartered club.

To obtain and maintain suitable flying sites.

ARTICLE II CLUB MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE II SECTION A

Membership in the club shall be granted as follows:

Submission of an application, signed by the applicant, showing name, address, home phone number, AMA number, and stating an agreement to observe the by-laws and Safety rules of the Club and the Safety Code of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Payment of dues as specified in Article V section D of these by-laws.

His/her possession of a valid FCC License issued in his/her name, presented to the Secretary, if he/she intends to operate a transmitter on the amateur band.

ARTICLE II SECTION B

There shall be four classes of membership as follows:

Individual memberships have full privileges and voting rights.

Individual lifetime memberships full privileges and voting rights.

Family membership includes an individual member's immediate family or an individual 18 years or younger.

Student membership is any full-time student, 18 years or younger (NO VOTING RIGHTS)

ARTICLE II SECTION C

Rights and Privileges of membership shall be:

To vote on any matter placed before the Club for action, one vote per Individual Member.

The opportunity to run for and hold office in the Club for Individual Member.

The use of the Club flying site and to participate in Club events with all privileges.

The opportunity to receive instructions from Club instructors free of charge.

ARTICLE II SECTION D

Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of membership in the Club shall result from one of the following:

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Violation of the Safety Rules or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, becomes the responsibility of the Board of Directors, as stated:

The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority mail vote or by a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purpose and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its by-laws and, where those by-laws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors. Any individual may be expelled from Club membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and by-laws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from club membership.

ARTICLE III CLUB OFFICERS

ARTICLE III SECTION A

The officers of the Club and their duties shall be as stated below. Where an office is listed as “Optional”, the office will be filled by the normal election process if possible. If no candidates are available during the election process, then the office may be left vacant or may be filled at any time by a club member selected by the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT

- a. Shall preside at all membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings.
- b. Meet with committees at his convenience.
- c. Sign written contracts and obligations, which are approved and authorized by the Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT

- a. During the absence or disability of the President, shall act in the president's stead.
- b. In the event of the resignation, retirement, or incapacity of the President, he shall become President for the remaining term of office.

- c. Plan, direct and administer all field activities, programs at meetings, and social functions.

SECRETARY

- a. Record and report minutes of each membership and Board of Directors meeting.
- b. Maintain accurate records of all Club matters.
- c. Maintain a current membership list and validate current AMA membership status when renewing memberships and when signing up new members.

TREASURER

- a. Keep accurate financial records.
- b. Be responsible for all funds collected.
- c. Keep these funds in an authorized bank account.
- d. Report the financial condition of the Club at each regular meeting.
- e. Funds may be disbursed only by checks signed by the Treasurer or any Board of Directors member.

SAFETY OFFICER

- a. Inspect all craft for proper and safe construction.
- b. Review safety procedures and practices on a regular basis.
- c. Shall appoint as many associate safety officers as necessary to ensure compliance with safety rules and procedures.

FIELD MARSHALL (Optional)

- a. Direct activities and appoint schedules for maintenance of Club facilities (buildings, fences, etc).
- b. Ensure proper maintenance is performed on Club equipment (tractors, etc).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Optional)

- a. Publish the monthly newsletter "The Feedback", and distribute to the membership as per current accepted Club policy.

- b. Publish other Club documents as needed.
- c. Serve as Club photographer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (Optional)

- a. The general duty of the Public Relations Officer is to promote the Club to the media, provide advertising for Club functions, and promote the Club by presenting correct and interesting information about the Club.
- b. Serve as the assistant to the president in public speaking engagements and speech writing.
- c. Maintain a file of advertising, media and Club contacts to be handed off to incoming officers.

ARTICLE III SECTION B

Terms of officers:

Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Officers shall not hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive years.

Elections shall take place at the regular membership meeting in November of each year.

The nominating committee shall put forth its recommendations for office at the October meeting each year, and nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the same meeting. This is to allow time for all nominees to campaign for the office for which they are running.

Officers shall be installed at the November meeting and shall take office on January 1st of the year of their service. Outgoing officers shall hand over all notes, records, banking records, committee outlines and contacts, etc. to incoming officers.

ARTICLE III SECTION C

Nominations for officers shall be accomplished as follows:

There shall be a standing nomination committee composed of three past presidents of the Club in chronological order beginning with the immediate past president, the chairman of which shall be the immediate past president. If no past presidents are available, or the immediate past president is not active, then the President shall appoint such members as are

necessary to fill the committee, together with the committee chairman, not later than the regular membership meeting in September.

The Nominating Committee shall accept suggestions from members for consideration in selecting a list of one or more proposed candidates for each office, with the consent of each such proposed candidate, which list shall be presented to members attending the regular membership meeting in October as the Committee's recommendations for nomination for each office.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting, provided the consent of such nominees has been previously obtained or is obtained at the meeting.

ARTICLE III SECTION D

Expulsion of Club officers:

Any officer may be removed from office by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the club members present at a membership meeting, provided that a quorum (15% of club roster) of members is present.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE IV SECTION A

The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected Club members, and the past President and the seated President. The four (4) elected members shall be elected annually with no limit on term of office.

ARTICLE IV SECTION B

The Board of Directors shall oversee operations of the Club and shall establish general policies and guidelines for the Club.

ARTICLE IV SECTION C

The President of the Club shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman may appoint standing or ad hoc committees as necessary.

ARTICLE V GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE V SECTION A

Proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.

ARTICLE V SECTION B

Responsibility and disposition of assets owned by the Club:

The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility for all equipment and fixed assets owned by the Club. The records of the Board of Directors shall contain an inventory of said equipment and fixed assets, which, shall be included in any audit of the Club's accounting records. The Board of Directors shall determine the disposal or purchase of any equipment or fixed assets and maintain a paper trail of such disposal and purchases.

In the event of dissolution of the Club, the Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership.

Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club. All proceeds shall be donated to the (AMA), or to such other organizations that are operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purpose similar to the purpose of this Club, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE V SECTION C

Extraordinary expense:

Should it become necessary at any time for the Club to incur extraordinary expense in excess of funds available in the Club treasury, an assessment to the members may be made to cover these expenses upon approval of fifty-one percent (51%) of the members present at the meeting, provided that a quorum (15% of club roster) of members is present. Such expenses

shall be considered an expense to be borne and paid proportionately by Club members, as determined by the Board of Directors. Each Club member shall pay not later than thirty days from the date that such expenses are approved. Should any member fail timely payment of such amount, his/her name shall be removed from the membership of the Club subject to reinstatement upon his/her payment of such amount, plus such penalty, if any, as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE V SECTION D

Membership Dues:

The Membership Dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined annually by the Club officers and the Board of Directors with the approval of a simple majority vote by the general membership, provided that a quorum (15% of club roster) of members is present. Club Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances which shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

Special Membership Dues assessments are made for the following cases:

Family Dues shall be 10% of Individual Dues for each additional non-flying member or member under the age of 18, residing at the same address.

Student Dues for full-time students shall be 10% of Individual Dues.

Dues for new members joining the Club on or after July 1st shall be reduced to 50% of normal Dues for that member.

Dues for new members joining the Club on or after October 1st shall be assessed at the full rate for that member, but those Dues shall also serve as payment for following year's membership.

For renewing members, Membership Dues shall be paid prior to January 1st of each calendar year. Failure to pay these Dues on time shall result in suspension of membership in the Club and suspension of access to the Club facilities.

ARTICLE V SECTION E

Member standing:

Any, member receiving a safety grievance as stated in Article VIII, who is involved in non-flying violations, or who has key information of a non-flying violation and withholds it from

the Board of Directors, may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be placed on probation for one year.

ARTICLE VI SAFETY

The stated purpose of our modeling facility is to provide a safe environment in which to operate radio control models of all types. In order to protect members, guests, and the general public from harm, all members and guests shall be instructed to read and follow all safety rules posted at the flying site. All members must also comply with the AMA safety rules. All Club members shall be constantly reminded that it is their duty to operate their models in a safe manner.

ARTICLE VII CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

The by-laws may be changed or amended by a (2/3) affirmative vote of the members at a monthly Club meeting, provided that a quorum (15% of club roster) of members is present.

Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment shall be sent to each member's last known address before the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

ARTICLE VIII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

(FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a grievance form (page 8) to be filled out and submitted the any Board Member. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Board of Directors shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

a. A grievance form must be filled out and submitted to the Board of Directors. At least one witness is required.

b. FIRST VIOLATION

(1) Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.

(2) Complainant's name will be disclosed.

(3) If deemed guilty of a violation, a verbal reprimand will be administered to the accused by the Board of Directors, and this action will be recorded in the Club records.

c. SECOND VIOLATION

(1) Complainants name will be disclosed.

(2) The accused has the right to submit a written rebuttal for review by the Board of Directors.

(3) If the Board of Directors so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty days. Written notice of this action shall be sent to the accused and to all Club members.

d. THIRD VIOLATION

(1) If the accused is deemed guilty, the Board of Directors will notify the accused and the Club members in writing that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next Meeting.

(2) Said expulsion will last for a minimum period of one-year, and may be longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

(3) A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting, provided that a quorum (15% of club roster) of members is present.

(4) Voting for expulsion will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.

(5) The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

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

THESE BY-LAWS SIGNED INTO SERVICE

November 11, 2010

President _____

Linward Moore

Vice President _____

Warren Hart

Secretary _____

Tom Noser

Treasurer _____

David Ravad

