

ISLAND FLYERS R/C CLUB

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The Charter of this club will serve as its constitution and the Charter will govern all business and activities of this organization. The club is chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization "ISLAND FLYERS R/C CLUB"

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES -to unite in one organization those people interested in model aviation.
-to promote all aspects of model aviation.
-to expose the younger generation to this hobby/sport.
-to provide to the young and old a meaningful activity in a healthy and safe environment.
-to cooperate with other agencies or organizations, both public and private, with similar or related objectives.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 REQUIREMENTS: Any person in this area that meets the qualifications set fourth in the By-Laws may apply for membership.

SECTION 2 QUALIFICATIONS; An applicant for membership or Jr. membership must hold a valid AMA LICENSE.

SECTION 3 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

- a. Jr. MEMBER: Must be between ages__6__ and _18_ years of age and sponsored by their parent or legal guardian who will sign for them and agree to bear the burden of legal responsibility to the organization.

Upon reaching their 16th birthday, Jr. members in good standing will be permitted to fly without their parent or guardian present, if other club members in good standing are present.

Jr. Members are ineligible to vote.

A Jr. member in good standing may apply for senior membership upon completion of his/her 18th birthday, and has met all membership requirements

- b. LIFE MEMBER A life membership may be extended to any person interested to further the objectives of this organization. All Life members are required to hold a valid AMA license, if he/she is a flyer, and abide by all field rules while flying.

A recommendation for life membership must come from the Board of Directors, passed by the Board by a majority vote and then voted on and passed by majority vote of the membership.

- c. SR. MEMBER: Must be 18 years old or older.

- d. **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:** Family dependent members living at the same home address, not otherwise qualified under the junior membership, will qualify for family membership dues rate equal to the individual Senior Member plus 20%. Family membership shall have only one voting entitlement.
- e. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** An associate membership may be extended to persons, business organizations, etc. who are interested in the promotion of model aircraft activities but are not active model aircraft flyers. All applicants for associate membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Associate members are exempt from all requirements concerning payment of fees, dues, meeting attendance and AMA licenses. Associate members are ineligible to vote.

SECTION 4 DUES/FEES: Annual dues will be established each year based on projected annual budgeted expenses and payable before January 31 of each year. Any person joining the club after June 30th, or seasonal members, will have the annual dues prorated, to a minimum of \$50. Any new member joining after October 1 shall be prorated and added to the next years full dues.

ALL CLUB OFFICERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY DUES FOR THE LENGTH OF HIS OR HER TERM IN OFFICE.

- a. Jr. members shall not pay initiation fee or dues.
- b. Life Members shall not pay initiation fee, dues, or assessments.

SECTION 5 DELINQUENT MEMBERS: A member who has not paid his or her Yearly dues on or by January 31 or has failed to renew his/her AMA Membership, will be notified and dropped from the club roster. A Member may be dropped from the membership roster for cause by a Majority vote at any regular or called club meeting.

SECTION 6 REINSTATEMENT: A member may be reinstated only by making a Formal application for new membership and paying the initiation fees and dues.

SECTION 7 GUESTS: Members may invite two (2) guests per day, to fly at our site, who are currently qualified AMA members. In addition, these guests must abide by all club rules and field regulations, and are the responsibility of the club member.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 OFFICERS: The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The regular term of office for all officers shall be for two (2) years or until relieved by a duly elected successor.

SECTION 2 VACATED OFFICE: In the event the office of President is vacated, the Vice President shall advance to the vacated position. The positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, if vacated, shall be filled by special elections. The President, with the loss of an officer, may appoint an interim replacement. A special election must be held within three months for the permanent replacement.

SECTION 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall consist of the current officers plus the immediate past president.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

- SECTION 1 ELECTIONS : Elections shall be held every two (2) years at a regular scheduled meeting of the organization in the month of November.
- SECTION 2 NOMINATIONS: Two months before the scheduled election of officers, The president shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members. The committee shall submit to the membership a panel of two (2) candidates for each position (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The nominating committee should have determined at this point That all nominees presented are qualified and willing to serve in the position nominated. Nominations from the floor are encouraged. To be qualified for nomination, the nominee shall have been a member in good standing for twelve (12) months preceding the date of elections.
- SECTION 3 PROCEDURES : The nominating committee shall prepare the secret balloting, conduct the elections and serve as tellers and supervisor.
- SECTION 4 RESULTS: The results of the election shall be announced immediately and all club propertied shall be transferred from the incumbent officers to the newly elected officers immediately following the December meeting. Prior to the transfer of the organizations financial records and funds, an audit will be performed by a committee appointed by the newly elected President. discrepancies will be resolved or presented to the membership for discussion and resolution.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- SECTION 1 PRESIDENT: The president shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint committees as he deems necessary. The President shall prescribe the duties of all committees unless governed by specific regulations. The President will be the sole contact with AMA for club business.
- SECTION 2 VICE PRESIDENT The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- SECTION 3 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and attend to all club correspondence. He/she shall keep an attendance record of the members at each meeting and shall notify those members who are delinquent in their dues resulting in their loss of club privileges.
- SECTION 4 TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep all financial records and receive all funds. He/she shall maintain the organizations account and issue all disbursements, and shall furnish a monthly financial report, and shall notify the secretary of members that are delinquent in their dues.

The Board shall authorize payment of legitimate expenses by treasure.

- SECTION 5 Non Officer Duties:

Field Marshal:

- 1) The Field Marshall shall ensure that the field is properly maintained and recommend improvement/ changes.
- 2) The Field Marshall shall be responsible for establishing mowing crews and schedules
- 3) The Field Marshall will manage repairs and preventative maintenance of mowing equipment within current annual budget.
- 4) The Field Marshal will be responsible for all club work days and will communicate these scheduled days to the webmaster, newsletter editor, and secretary.

Safety Officer:

- 1)The Safety Officer shall promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members.
- 2)The Safety Officer shall improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport.
- 3)The Safety Officer shall provide a means by which important safety information can be share between clubs. (eg. e-mail, newsletter, websites, etc.)
- 4)The Safety Officer shall be responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing policies are enforced. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in these bylaws.

SECTION 6 Disbursements:

Annual club chartering fee's and budgeted expenses ratified at the annual meeting will not be subject to membership approval for disbursement.

Budgeted "Operating Expenses" incurred by the Field Marshal, will not be subject to membership approval.

No other non budgeted club assets will be disbursed without a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in attendance at a meeting, which had been called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held once each Quarter. The President may call special meetings by notification of the membership. The secretary will provide all members with the time and place of all special meetings called by the President. Business conducted at all meetings will be decided upon by a majority vote of the members on attendance.

ARTICLE VIII - QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of one-third of the active members. No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX

RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, become the responsibility of the Board of Directors as stated in Article 1, Duties, Section 1 of these Bylaws. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club 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 Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. 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.
5. 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 membership.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization, subject to special rules, which have been or may be hereinafter adopted.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, which has been called for that purpose. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the membership at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

1. The club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Board 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 exclusively for the purposes of the Club in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes. Club assets and funds shall be prorated among the active members remaining at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE XIII: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. Purpose

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 Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

2. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- (A) A grievance form (see page) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee chairman. At least one witness is required.

- (B) FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

- (C) SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
 - c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

- (D) THIRD VIOLATION
 - a. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 - b. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors).
 - c. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.

 - e. 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 retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion 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 of Directors

