

Amended Bylaws and Constitution

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SUN DANCERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Sun Dancers Radio Control Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section I To promote and maintain cooperation among its members.

Section II To stimulate the advancement and study of the art of controlling model airplanes by remote control.

Section III To promote social activity among its members.

Section IV To promote interest in the sport of radio controlled aircraft in the community.

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY

Section I All persons interested in controlling model airplanes by remote control shall be eligible for membership. The members shall be legally licensed members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section II The bylaws shall establish the type of membership.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section I Class of membership - The membership of this club shall consist of three classes.

A. Full members

B. Junior members – Less than 19 years of age before July 1st of the year of membership.

C. Family membership - Available to full members only. This class provides club privileges to the spouse, and children that could otherwise qualify for junior membership, who all reside at the same address as the full member. Club notices and newsletters will be delivered to the full member only.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Section II The dues and fees are as follows:

- A. Full members - Seventy-five dollars per year
- B. Junior members - Twenty-five dollars per year
- C. Family membership - Fifteen dollars per year, in addition to A. above
- D. Initiation Fee - New members must pay a onetime twenty-five dollar initiation fee.
- E. Late Fee - Memberships expire December 31st. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31st, after which time a twenty-five dollar late fee is required to renew the membership.

Dues for membership shall be paid for the year by January 1st. or immediately on joining the club. Membership ends December 31st. Those joining after June 30th shall pay 1/2 the annual dues. As an option, a new member joining on or after Oct. 1 may pay the full annual amount and be entitled to a membership for the remainder of the current year and for the year following.

Section III Badges, Membership Cards, and Membership List

The Membership Chairman shall solely be responsible for determining whether or not a member has provided the necessary documentation to fulfill the membership requirements, which are:

- A. A properly executed application
- B. Dues payment in the proper amount
- C. A copy of a current AMA card. If the applicant has recently made application to the AMA but does not have a card, the Membership Chairman may verify AMA membership using other available means.

In addition, the Membership Chairman shall be responsible for the issuance of the club badge, membership card and shall keep and make available a current membership list. The Membership Chairman may issue a temporary membership card that shall expire in 30 days from date of issuance.

Section IV Membership Termination

If a majority of the Board of Directors (BOD) determines that a member of the Sun Dancers violates the Bylaws, or the Field Rules or the AMA guidelines or is acting in a fashion that is not in keeping with Article II of the Constitution, the BOD will direct that the President or Secretary prepare and send a letter informing the member of the infraction(s). The letter shall state, “that a continuation of this practice will result in a termination of your club membership”. If the condition continues, the Board shall direct that the Membership Chairman send a letter to the member advising he/she of the membership termination and return on a pro rata basis the remaining dues. Membership in future years shall be denied, unless the BOD decides otherwise.

Section V No special assessments shall be levied upon the Club membership at any time.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

- Section I Annual Meetings - The Annual Business Meeting shall be held on the first Thursday in November at which the Officers and Board of Directors shall be elected.
- Section II Regular Meetings - Regular bimonthly meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of the month after the first Thursday of the month. Any meeting date may be changed at the discretion of the BOD.
- Section III Special Meetings - Special meetings may be called by the President upon written request of 20% of the membership. Only such business as designated in the notice shall be considered at the special meeting.
- Section IV Notices - Notices of meetings shall be sent to members giving the place, time, and date of the meeting. Special meetings shall have at least a ten-day notice.
- Section V Voting Body - The voting body of the Club shall consist of the full membership of the club.
- Section VI Quorum - A quorum as defined in Article IV, Section III is required for any official business that is conducted.
- Section VII Resolutions - No resolution which requires a vote of the membership shall be voted on until prior notification has been given to the membership at large by publication in the Newsletter. Such notification shall contain the wording of any and all resolutions up for vote at the next regular meeting and shall be given in the last Newsletter published prior to the meeting in which the vote is to be held.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

- Section I Officers of the Club shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. all of the officers shall be elected as herein provided. Officers of the Club shall be full members and be residents of the State of Florida.
- Section II Duties - The duties and power of the officers are to enforce the Bylaws and the Field Rules (selective enforcement is not an option) and shall be as implied by their titles, more specifically as follows:
- A. President - The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club, of the BOD and be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have general supervision of the Clubs business.
 - B. The President after being elected will present his plan for the coming year. The goals and objectives will form the nucleus for the establishment of the new budget. The plan is to be presented to the BOD at the next BOD meeting following the election.
 - C. Vice President - In the absence of the President, for any cause whatsoever, the Vice President shall automatically assume the responsibilities of the President, or perform such duties as delegated by the President. He shall be custodian of all Club property and shall be responsible for maintaining records and location thereof.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS (Continued)

D. Secretary - The Secretary shall:

- 1 Keep minutes of all regular and board meetings. Provide the minutes for the Club Newsletter for publishing prior to the next applicable meeting.
- 2 Conduct all official correspondence for the Club. When appropriate correspondence may be prepared and signed by the Club President. The secretary is responsible for keeping a file of all Club correspondence.
- 3 Charter the Club annually with the AMA and provide insurance certificates to the landowners of the Club flying field(s).
- 4 Maintain and publish as required the Club BYLAWS.
- 5 With the aid of the Field safety Director(s) maintain and publish the FIELD RULES.
- 6 Present a written report at the Annual Business Meeting. (Nov.)
- 7 Function as the Club Membership Chairman. At the discretion of the BOD, an alternate may be appointed to this position.

E. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:

- 1 Collect all membership dues and fees and collect any other revenue to which the Club is entitled.
- 2 Pay all bills up to \$500.00 after authorization of two board members. Pay all bills between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 after authorization by any five board members. Pay all bills over \$1000.00 after authorization by a majority vote of the membership at a regular or a special meeting.
- 3 Keep a record of all funds received or expended.
- 4 Present an annual report of the Club finances at the November business meeting.
- 5 At the next BOD meeting following the election, the Treasurer shall present to the BOD the projected income and expenses for the following year.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

Section I The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) members as follows:

- A. The four (4) officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Three (3) board members shall be elected.
- C. The immediate past President shall automatically be a member of the board for one year. If the past president is not available to serve, the fourth board member shall be elected.

Section II The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- A. Enforce the Bylaws and Field Rules (selective enforcement is not an option).
- B. Terminate Membership as delineated in Art. 1, Sec. IV
- C. Appoint Field Safety directors, News Letter Publisher and in the event the Membership Chairman is to be someone other than the secretary, appoint same.
- D. Manage the affairs of the club.
- E. Transact business of the Club in the interim between regular meetings and report same at the next meeting.
- F. Audit the Club's financial records one month before the annual meeting.
- G. At the first BOD meeting following the election the BOD shall adopt a budget for the following year. Following BOD approval, the proposed budget will be printed in the next club newsletter. The Treasurer shall present it at the next regular meeting for membership approval.
- H. Any officer duly elected at the yearend elections shall be exempt from paying membership dues for the term of his office. If said officer quits during that period he will be required to pay a prorated dues structure, i.e. Dues divided by the remaining time of the elected year.

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If the reason for quitting is health or non avoidable no charge will be made and left up to the officers to determine the status of that person.

Section III Quorum - Five members of the Board of Directors constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD Continued)

Section IV Proxy Vote - A personal proxy vote may be cast by an absent member providing such shall not be considered for a quorum count of the Board.

ARTICLE V - APPOINTED POSITIONS

Section I Safety Officer - A safety officer shall be appointed for each flying group such as: Monday Wednesday Friday Gang, or Tuesday Thursday Saturday Gang.
The Safety Officer is responsible for flying safety. All flying shall be in accordance with the AMA Safety Code as published in the current year AMA Membership Manual, and with the Club Field Rules for the flying field location.
The Safety Officer shall inform the flier of any safety violations and request that the rules be followed. In the event of continued violations, the Safety Officer shall inform the President and Board of Directors in a written notice and request that the member be removed from the club. The board shall then take action as called for in Article I Section IV - Membership Termination. Safety Officers shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors

Field Marshal.

The Field Marshal shall be responsible for all flying field maintenance and for field mowing schedules. The Field Marshal shall perform all maintenance and mowing within the budget as approved by the Board of Directors.

Field Marshal shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Newsletter Editor – The Newsletter Editor is responsible for writing, editing, printing and mailing the bimonthly club newsletter called “The Tale Spinner”. As a minimum, the newsletter shall contain a message from the President, the Treasurer’s report and the Agenda for the next meeting. The newsletter shall be distributed to the membership prior to the bimonthly meeting date. The newsletter may be distributed by US Mail or by e-mail.

The newsletter editor is appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section I Candidates – All candidates for office must be AMA members, full time residents of Florida and a Sun Dancers member in good standing for one full year.

Section II The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who shall nominate one candidate for each office and one for each of the three or four Board of Directors positions. Any other member wishing to run for office may submit their names to the secretary prior to the 15th of October. No candidates will be accepted after that date.

Section III The candidates will be presented to the membership at the November meeting.

Section IV The full slate of candidates will be published in the newsletter announcing the November meeting.

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- Section V At the November meeting there will be a closed paper ballot to determine those who are elected.
- Section VI Term of Office - All officers shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting, provided there is a quorum, and shall serve in office for one year, or until their successors are elected.
- Section VII Vacancies - Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special ballot at the first regular business meeting following the announcement of the vacancy.
- Section VIII Removal of Officers - Officers may be removed upon a motion and approval of three-fourths vote of a membership quorum.

ARTICLE VII-ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Section I The order of business at a regular meeting shall be as follows, subject to changes at the direction of the President:
- A. Call to order
 - B. Minutes of the last meeting
 - C. Treasurers report
 - D. Committee reports
 - E. Old business
 - F. New business
 - G. Program
 - H. Adjournment
- Section II The above order of business shall be followed at the Annual Business Meeting, with the addition the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority at all meetings of the Club and of the BOD, subject to special rules which may be adopted at the time.

ARTICLE IX- FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall be the twelve-month period starting November 1st.

ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS

- Section I The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the membership. Proposals for amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Club and may not be voted on until the next meeting. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all members prior to the meeting at which the action is taken.
- Section II The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting providing advance notice has been sent.