

Saints R/C Club Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THE ST. CHARLES SAINTS RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB INCORPORATED OFFICIAL CHAPTER OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1-NAME

The name of this Club shall be the St. Charles Saints Radio Control Model Airplane Club, Incorporated. All references to the "Club" within this Constitution and By-Laws shall be interpreted as the St. Charles Saints Radio Control Model Airplane Club, Incorporated.

ARTICLE 2-PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The objectives of this Club shall be to promote model building and flying in St. Charles and vicinity, and to aid insofar as possible the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (A.M.A.) and other A.M.A. activities.

SECTION 2. All special or local enterprises of the St. Charles Saints Radio Control Model Airplane Club shall conform to the policies and regulations of the A.M.A.

SECTION 3. All persons interested in building and/or flying radio control model airplanes shall be eligible for membership in the St. Charles Saints Radio Control Model Airplane Club, Incorporated.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership within the Club shall constitute both Full Members, Family members and Junior Members.

SECTION 2. A Full Membership shall be given to any person 19 years of age and older and requires attaining and maintaining the qualification and regulations prescribed by this Club: by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and hold an active individual fliers license, issued by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Full Members of the Club may hold office, vote, perform staff functions and may enter all other Club activities.

SECTION 2A. Family membership shall be given to any person who is the spouse of an active member or the dependant child of an active member under the age of 19, who applies for membership and meets all other qualifications and regulations prescribed by this club; the Academy of Model Aeronautics; and hold an individual fliers license, issued by the AMA. Family members will not have voting privileges, will not pay dues, and will not count toward the 70-member limit. They may be elected to office if over the age of 18.

SECTION 3. A Junior Membership shall be given to any person under 19 years of age and requires attaining and maintaining the qualification and regulations prescribed by this Club; by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and hold an active individual fliers license, issued by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Junior Members may not hold office, vote; otherwise they may enter all activities and win awards. Junior Members who become 19 years of age during the membership year shall be allowed full membership.

SECTION 4. All members of the club with the exception of family members,

junior members, and lifetime members, shall be included on the active yearly roster and shall be limited to 70 members. Junior members who reach age 19 will automatically be given first consideration on the waiting list for full membership if the club roster is full. Junior members shall count against the membership limit.

SECTION 5. An identification card covering the membership period from January 1 to December 31 shall be issued to each member upon proof of an active Academy of Model Aeronautics AMA membership, a Club application and receipt of the annual dues. This identification card shall be issued by the Vice-President.

SECTION 6. A prospective member shall attend a Club meeting and file a Club application with the Club Secretary. A Club Officer shall provide a copy of the Club Constitution, By-Laws, and Flying Field Safety Rules to the prospective member.

SECTION 7. Club membership is on a first come first serve basis and is based upon the date of receipt of a Club application. If during any membership period (January 1 to December 31) the Club membership is at the required limit (SECTION 4) a waiting list of all prospective members shall be established by the Club Vice-President. The waiting list shall be carried over into the next membership period and used to add to the active Club roster if needed.

SECTION 8. Children of Full Members (under the age of 19) and former members who left in good standing, that desire to gain membership into the Club shall be put at the front of the waiting list.

SECTION 9. All prospective members acceptance into the Club shall be approved by the Club Officers.

SECTION 10. A prospective member who has applied for membership to the club but is unable to become a member due to the 70 member limit, may enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership except the right to vote, so, long as he pays an initiation fee (non-refundable) of \$50.00 and does not fly at the field unless accompanied by a full member. This privilege will be extended until accepted as a full member. If full membership is offered and declined, all rights and privileges shall be permanently revoked. . If full membership is offered and accepted, the \$50 initiation fee will apply toward the full \$125 membership fee. The \$50 balance must be paid before full membership is granted. Proof of AMA membership shall be required at the time of application.

ARTICLE 2-OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the St. Charles Saints shall be:
 (a) President
 (b) Vice-President
 (c) Secretary
 (d) Treasurer

ARTICLE 3-DUTIES

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and act as the spokesman for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. The President shall present Club business to the membership for consideration. Motions will be voted on by the membership either by voice or secret ballots at the President's discretion.

SECTION 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President as requested by the President and shall take over the duties of the President in the event that the President is for any reason unable to perform his duties. The Vice-President shall maintain the Clubs active membership roster. ~~The Vice President shall be one of the Frequency Control Committee Officers.~~

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and handle all Club correspondence as directed by the President or acting President. The Secretary shall take over the duties of the Treasure in the event the Treasure is unable to perform his duties.

SECTION 4. The Treasure shall collect all monies due and shall keep the Club advised of monies received and/or disbursed by the Club. The Treasure shall also assume the duties of the Secretary in the event the Secretary is unable to perform his duties.

ARTICLE 4-TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION 1. All Club Officers shall serve for the membership year. (January 1 to December 31)

SECTION 2. The election of Club Officers shall be held annually. Nominations shall be made at the October meeting and elections shall be at the November meeting.

SECTION 3. The election of a Club Officer shall be by a simple majority of the members at the meeting. Election of Club Officers shall be voted on by the Membership either by voice or secret ballots at the President's discretion.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment of the remaining officers. Such appointees to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 5-MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular club meetings shall be held at 7:00 PM on the night so designated by the majority of the club members present at a meeting and the remaining members are notified by phone or mail. If a meeting night has to be changed because of a holiday it will be changed for the availability of the meeting place and all members notified at the meeting or by phone or mail.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Club shall be held at any convenient time upon a call by the President, or upon a call signed by any ten members of the Club, provided that any such call shall name the time and place in advance of the date set. The membership shall be advised by mail or telephone of the time and place of special meetings.

SECTION 3. Procedures

- (a) The President or acting President shall call the meeting to order.
- (b) The Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting for modification and/or approval.
- (c) The Treasure shall report the month's monetary activity and current monetary status.
- (d) Committees and other Officers and members shall report.
- (e) Old business shall be discussed
- (f) New business shall be discussed.
- (g) Entertainment if any shall be discussed.

(h) The President or acting President shall ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECTION 4. All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by the Club shall be directed by the officers, except that at any time the Club may call a special meeting of the membership to decide on any problem or business activity.

SECTION 5. Official club business may be discussed at all meetings. Approval of motions made and seconded will be obtained by agreement of a majority of full members present at the meeting.

SECTION 6. All decisions made during any Club meeting regarding Club business, except those otherwise specified within this document, shall be presented to the Club by a motion and a second. A motion or second shall be made by any Full Member and cannot be made by a Club Officer. Agreement of the seconded motion shall be by a majority of the Full Members present at the meeting that the motion was made.

ARTICLE 6-DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1. Full Membership annual dues shall be \$125.00. This shall cover the membership period from January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 2. A Junior Membership annual dues shall be \$45.00. This shall cover the membership period from January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 3. After the September meeting the dues for either a Full Membership or Junior Membership shall be \$35.00.

SECTION 4. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership at

any time, except by a vote of all of the Clubs Full Members and upon approval by 75 percent of the Clubs Full Membership.

SECTION 5. If the financial position of the Club warrants an increase, decrease or cancellation of the annual dues for any period of time, a vote of the Club Officers with a 75 percent approval and a vote of all of the Clubs Full Membership with a 75 percent approval shall be required.

SECTION 6. A Club application and Club dues for the next membership period, January 1 to December 31, are to be paid by December 15 of the previous membership period, (and become delinquent January 15 next. Any active Full Member without a valid reason for missing the deadline shall be removed from the roster for the coming year).

SECTION 7. A reminder of the membership deadline and a Club application will be in the Club Newsletter that is issued prior to the October meeting.

SECTION 8. Club dues are non-refundable unless a member is removed from the Club. Dues shall be pro-rated and a refund given if a member is removed.

ARTICLE 7-VISITORS

SECTION 1. A visitor shall be permitted to fly at the Club field provided that the visitor meets the following requirements:

- (a) Holds an active individual flier's license, issued by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- (b) Is invited and accompanied by a Full Member of the Club.
- (c) Obeys all Club Flying Field Safety Rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. A maximum of three visits shall be allowed a visitor unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the Club Officers, when deemed necessary for special circumstances.

ARTICLE 8-SPECIAL FUNDS

SECTION 1. The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or assessments of special funds from any individual or institution to be applied to the Club Treasury.

ARTICLE 9-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The President shall name appointees and committees as required, either on a standing or temporary basis. Standing appointees and committees shall serve from the time of appointment until the end of the president's tenure in office, and temporary appointees and committees shall serve for the length of time required.

ARTICLE 10-AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments shall be made to this Constitution and By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club Membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least three days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all members.

SECTION 2. A majority vote of Club Full Members shall be required.

SECTION 3. The Club Secretary shall incorporate all amendments into the Constitution and By-Laws. The updated Constitution shall be distributed to all of the members on the active roster prior to the next membership period.

ARTICLE 11-EXPENSES

SECTION 1. A \$200.00 allotment of Treasury Funds shall be available for routine and emergency Club expenses. A unanimous vote of the Officers shall be required to use these funds. This allotment shall be increased to \$500.00 if needed for emergency tractor repairs.

ARTICLE 12-DISSOLVEMENT

SECTION 1. Upon dissolution, the remaining Club Funds and Club Properties, if any, shall be donated to an approved charitable institution agreed upon by the membership at the last scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE 13-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Club Board of Directors shall consist of three members. The purpose of the Board is to fulfill state of Missouri requirements for non-profit organizations board and to be responsible for the lease of the field. The position of Directors shall be filled by the club President, Vice President and Treasurer. ~~The Club Board of Directors shall consist of seven members and two alternates.~~

SECTION 2. ~~Directors shall serve for an indefinite period.~~ The directors' terms shall be concurrent with their terms as officers and end when they are no longer officers.

SECTION 3. Directors shall be Full Members. (Article 1. Section 2.)

SECTION 4. ~~DELETED Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the remaining directors.~~

SECTION 5

The Directors shall be responsible for the following:

(a) The leasing of the flying field
~~(b) Terminate individuals from membership when their actions directly effect the terms of the lease of the flying field and may result in loss of the lease.~~

(b) On unanimous vote of the board, the board may recommend that the club terminate individuals from membership as described in Article 14 Section 2 when their actions directly affect the terms of the lease of the flying field and may result in loss of the lease.

ARTICLE 14-REMOVEMENT

SECTION 1. An Officer can be removed from office at any time during the term for not meeting the duties as described in Article 2. A vote of two thirds of the Clubs Full Members shall be required for removal.

SECTION 2. Any Club Member can be removed from the Club for:

1. Flagrant violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Flying Field Safety Rules.
2. When their actions directly affect the lease of the flying field and may result in loss of the lease.
3. Whose actions significantly disrupt the valid activity of the club.

SECTION 3. Club Members that violate ARTICLE 14 Section 2 shall be brought to the attention of the Clubs Officers. If continued violations occur or if the violations are deliberate and egregious then the Officers shall recommend a removal vote to the Club. A vote of two thirds of the Clubs Full Members shall be required for removal.

ARTICLE 15-STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. ~~DELETED—An Activity Committee shall organize and schedule Club functions.~~

SECTION 2. ~~DELETED An Entertainment Committee shall organize and schedule entertainment and demonstrations for Club meetings~~

SECTION 3. A Field Committee of two or more Club members shall be responsible for field maintenance (grass cutting, building, road and gate upkeep, etc.) and to organize work parties when necessary. Members of this committee shall have their individual flier's license, issued by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, paid for out of the Clubs treasury for the membership year that they were a member of the Field Committee. Members of this committee shall have their fee and a guest's fee paid for out of the Clubs treasury if a Christmas party is held for the membership year that they were a member of the Field Committee. Members of this committee shall have their Club membership dues paid for out of the Clubs treasury for the membership year that they were a member of the Field Committee.

SECTION 4. ~~Two~~The Safety Officers shall be responsible for Club's Flying Field safety Rules and A.M.A. Safety Rules at the flying field. ~~This Committee~~ **Safety Officer** shall make suggestions to the club on ways to make our flying field operation safer. The ~~Committee~~ **Safety Officer** shall update the Clubs Flying Field Safety Rules as they are changed by the majority vote of the members. The updated Flying Field Safety Rules shall be distributed to all of the members on the active roster prior to the next club meeting. ~~The Safety Officer will report on any safety violations to the club at the monthly meetings as well as any recommended Safety Rule changes.~~

SECTION 5. DELETED

~~A Frequency Control Committee shall maintain a complete listing of all radio frequencies being used by the membership. This list shall be updated twice yearly and shall be published in the March and September newsletters. This position shall be headed by the Vice President.~~

ARTICLE 16-AWARDS

SECTION 1. Outstanding Officer

- (a) Nominations shall be made at the November meeting by Club Members. Club Officers will leave the meeting room during nominations and elections.
- (b) The election is by a majority of Clubs Full members attending the November meeting. The results shall be kept secret.
- (c) The award shall be presented at the December meeting or Christmas Party.
- (d) The previous recipient shall be responsible for retaining and engraving the award.

SECTION 2. Outstanding Member

- (a) Nominations shall not be used.
- (b) The election shall be by secret majority vote of the Clubs Full members attending the November meeting. The results shall be tabulated by Club Officers and kept secret.
- (c) The award shall be presented at the December meeting or Christmas Party.
- (d) The award shall be a traveling award and the Club Vice-President shall be responsible for obtaining and engraving the award.

SECTION 3. Most Spectacular Crash

- (a) Nominations shall be made at the November meeting.

(h) The election shall be by a majority vote of the Clubs Full Members attending the November Meeting.

(c) The award shall be presented at the December meeting or Christmas Party.

(d) This award shall be a traveling award and the Club Vice-President shall be responsible for obtaining and engraving of the placard

SECTION 4. BONER

(a) The recipient must have hit, touched, crashed either in the air or on the ground the Club's flying field pavilion or tractor shed. This incident need only be witness by one or more persons. This incident shall be immediately reported to the Club President.

(b) The award shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting.

(c) This award shall be a traveling award and presented by the previous recipient.

(d) The recipient shall display this prestigious award prominently in his/her home.

ARTICLE 17-PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP

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~~SECTION 1. All new members shall serve as probationary members for a period of one year. They shall have full membership rights, excluding serving as club officers (President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer) or safety officer.~~

~~SECTION 2. Each October the club officers (President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer) and safety officers shall review all probationary members for advancement to full membership or at the tenth month of probationary membership.~~

~~SECTION 3. During the probationary period the member shall meet the following requirements;~~

- ~~1. Attended fifty percent of club meetings (unless prevented by extenuating circumstances acceptable to club officers).~~
- ~~2. Demonstrated good fellowship by adhering to the club constitution, club safety rules and A.M.A. safety rules.~~
- ~~3. Demonstrated an attitude of cooperation that advances the "Saints" R/C Club and R/C modeling.~~

ARTICLE 18 – SENIOR NON-FLYING MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. When a member reaches 70 years of age and is no longer flying he may apply to be a Senior Non-flying member. Such members may vote but cannot utilize the flying field or float flying site for flying.

SECTION 2. Senior Non-flying Membership will not count toward the membership cap.

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Revision History

Revision History:

3/14/2009 – Removed \$50 initiation fee except if roster is full.

9/5/2010 – Changed dues to \$125 full, \$45 Junior, \$35 after September. Changed lifetime membership to Non-flying senior membership

10/9/2017 – Removed Board of Directors, Activity, Frequency Control and Entertainment Committees, and Probationary Membership.