

HOBBY PARK RADIO CONTROL CLUB

Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

The formal name of this organization shall be Hobby Park Radio Control Club, and shall be known and designated herein by the short title of HPRCC.

B. LOCATION

Hobby Park, Winston-Salem, NC

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The objectives of this club shall be:

A. To promote and encourage the construction, design, building, and flying of radio control model aircraft.

B. To promote fellowship among radio control modelers in the area in the participation of this activity.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

A member shall:

1. Be a member in good standing in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

2. Be current in all club dues.

B. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any radio control aeromodeler may make application to join HPRCC as a member provided the modeler meets the following criteria:

1. Announces his/her intention for membership and submits a completed member application, including personal information.

2. Provides proof of AMA membership.

3. Is thoroughly versed in the Bylaws as well as the safety rules and regulations.

4. Submits applicable dues payable to HPRCC along with the membership application.

C. DUES

Dues shall be payable January 1 of each year or upon the application for membership to the club.

1. Annual dues shall be \$30.00 per year for adults. Youth membership, for those under 19 years of age on January 1 of the applicable calendar year, shall be \$5.00 per year.

2. New members who join in the middle of the calendar year shall pay \$3.00 per month for the full months remaining in that year. Renewing members who miss the dues payment deadline may not take advantage of this section.

3. Any changes in the dues structure of HPRRCC shall be proposed and discussed and voted upon at a scheduled business meeting by members present.

D. RESIGNATION

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

E. TERMINATION

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.

F. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if, in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. (Refer to ARTICLE XI for the exact procedure.)

G. REINSTATEMENT

A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club. (Refer to ARTICLE XI for the exact procedure.)

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer may also serve as Safety Officer. All officers shall be elected.

B. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all officers and committee members shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning January 1 of each year. The officers shall be elected at the November meeting of the preceding year.

C. DUTIES

1. The President shall preside at meetings.
2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.
3. The Secretary shall record minutes and process club correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall handle club funds.
5. The Safety Officer shall appoint members of the Safety Committee. He/she shall administer the Safety Procedure outlined in Article XI in consultation with the Safety Committee. He/she shall also periodically inform the club membership about safety concerns at the field.

D. VACANCIES

Should any elected office become vacant, an election will be held at the next business meeting following such vacancy, provided all members have been notified at least two (2) weeks in advance.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

1. This club shall have at least one non-flying session each month. At this meeting the business of the club shall be carried on. At these meetings social activities may be scheduled according to the wishes of the members.
2. The regular meetings of HPRCC shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting may be called for the express purpose of conducting business that must be concluded before the next scheduled regular meeting. Such a special meeting shall require the agreement of three (3) of the four (4) elected officers. Members must be given notice no later than 48 hours prior to a special meeting.

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All records shall be passed on when new officers are elected.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

A. STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be two standing committees:

1. The Fun Fly Committee shall plan and oversee the Fun Flies of the year. This committee shall consist of five (5) members which will include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) club members.
2. The Safety Committee shall advise the Safety Officer in his duties. The Safety Officer shall appoint at least two club members to the Safety Committee.

B. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President shall establish special committees if the need arises. The President shall appoint the committee chairs who shall ask for volunteers for committee membership.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer elections shall be made at the October meeting immediately preceding the November election meeting. Nominations for officer positions can be made from the floor, by mail, or electronically.

B. ELECTION

1. Elections shall be held at the November meeting.
2. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot among the members present.
3. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of members voting.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall run concurrent with the calendar year.

B. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

1. The duration of the club shall be perpetual.
2. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.
3. The treasury of the club shall be distributed among the members in good standing of the club at the time of dissolution equally.
4. If the club possesses any real assets, they shall be sold upon club dissolution with the proceeds accruing to the treasury.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

A. PROPOSED

Any member may propose changes to these Bylaws at any time. Such proposals must be brought to the attention of the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. Such proposals must be communicated to all club members by email or regular mail at least two weeks prior to the next regular meeting.

B. APPROVAL

Proposed changes to these Bylaws, once communicated to the entire membership according to the procedures outlined above, shall be discussed and voted on by members present at the regular meeting.

C. VOTING

Voting shall be by secret ballot of the members present at the regular meeting. Passage shall require a simple majority.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND 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 Safety Officer for his/her consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. If a Grievance Form is properly filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer, he/she shall use his/her judgment in carrying out the following:

A. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

B. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer. If the Safety Officer so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this action shall be issued and a copy provided to the membership by email or regular mail.

C. THIRD VIOLATION

The Safety Officer will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via email or regular mail that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

D. TIME LIMIT

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

E. IMMEDIATE EXPULSION

Any member receiving a Grievance who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, against any Club Officer or member, or against Club facilities or equipment 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 Club Officers.

Hobby Park Radio Control Club Grievance Form

Date: _____ Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness (required): _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):
