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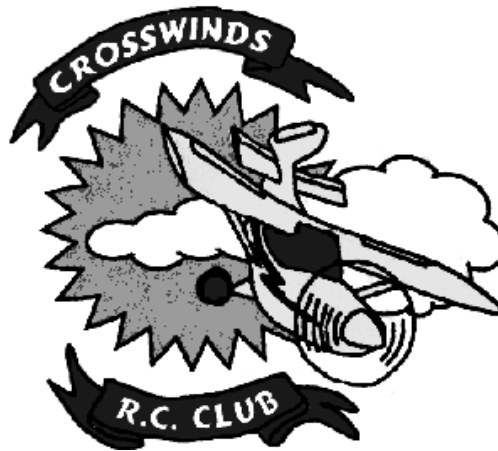
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ARTICLE I: CLUB'S NAME

This organization shall be named the CROSSWINDS Radio Control Club, Inc. using the following symbol for the Club.



ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of CROSSWINDS RC Club, Inc. shall be to promote radio controlled model airplane / helicopter building and flying and to organize safe operation of radio controlled aircraft at the flying site. The Club, acting wholly and individually, will work with flying site representatives as to their required safety policy and see to it that all safety rules are adhered to. This Club will be a nonprofit organization geared toward the continued advancement of radio controlled model aviation in all of its phases in the United States.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this club shall be granted to all residents of the United States provided they meet the following qualifications, which must be in effect:

1. Agree to abide by the Club's Bylaws, and those of the AMA.
2. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:

- a. Full member: Is eighteen (18) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights.
- b. Family Membership: Includes all flying members of the immediate family (spouse and children under the age of eighteen (18) years old). Spouses shall have full privileges and children shall have the same privileges of a Junior Member. The family membership is entitled to cast only one (1) ballot vote.
- c. Probationary Member: A new member within the first twelve (12) months of membership. Member is not eligible for elected office, but may hold appointed positions. Member has full voting rights at Club meetings with the exception of voting by ballot. New members shall pay the applicable membership fee at the time of application.
- d. Junior Member: Is under the age of eighteen (18) years old. Member is eligible to hold appointed positions. Member has full voting rights at Club meetings with the exception of voting by ballot.
- e. Senior Member: Is sixty-two (62) years old or older. Member has full privileges and voting rights.

3. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. All first-time flying members, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of membership in the AMA at time of renewal and/or application for membership.

4. Before joining the Club, new members shall be introduced in person. The membership, by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting, shall approve any application for membership. The applicant will be on probation for 12 (months) subsequent to the approval of his/her application for membership. After this probationary period has ended, his/her membership application will again become subject to the approval of the Club.

5. Any member receiving a safety Grievance as stated in Article 14, who is involved in non-flying violations, or who has key information of a non-flying violation and withholds it from the Officers of the Club, may at the Officers of the Club' discretion be placed on probation for one (1) year regardless of his or her tenure in the Club.

6. Each member shall receive a copy of the Club Bylaws, Field Safety Rules, Membership Roster and a personal Club Identification Card.

ARTICLE IV: DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Club officers with the approval of a simple majority vote. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Officers of the Club on a case-by-case basis. Dues are to be paid no later than the January Club meeting.

2. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a majority vote of the members present at the regular monthly meeting, and the members have been given five (5) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.

3. A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active if his/her dues and/or any other assessments have not been paid. Any member who allows their membership to lapse beyond the January Club meeting of any year shall be considered a new member when renewing their membership and will not be given preference over any other applicant should a membership waiting list be in existence.

4. Types of membership and limits on the total number of members shall be determined by the Club officers and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the Club will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. This meeting date can be changed by the officers of the Club provided the membership is notified at least one (1) week prior to the meeting of the new date and time.

2. At every meeting there will be a sign-in sheet. It is the responsibility of each member to sign the sheet to receive credit for attending the meeting.

3. No Club business may be transacted at a meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum will consist of seven (7) members in good standing of which two (2) must be officers of the Club.

4. Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Officers of the Club by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President of the Board shall forward copies of the proposal to other members of the Officers of the Club for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.

5. Any issue or motion that may result in change of policy, procedure, membership status, or subject matter deemed sensitive by any Officer of the Club will result in a ballot vote.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The officers of this Club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. All officers of the Club shall serve for a period of one (1) year commencing in January of each year and concluding in December of the same year.

2. All members, with the exception of probationary members, are eligible to run for any elective office, but he or she cannot run for more than one office at a time.

3. Nomination and seconding of officers shall be done at the November Club meeting. The membership and/or the nominating committee will at this time nominate Club members for Club officers who are of good standing.
4. Election of officers will be conducted at the December Club meeting
5. Installation of new Club officers shall take place at the January Club meeting.
6. No officer shall hold two (2) offices at the same time.
7. If nominated for an office and elected to that office, a member can retain that office for an unlimited term of office provided he/she is nominated and elected into that office each year by the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF CLUB OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesperson for the Club in all matters. The President shall co-sign all checks disbursed by the Club. He/she shall bring the meeting to order and keep order at the meetings. The meeting shall be held as follows:
 - a. Meeting to order.
 - b. Reading of the previous meeting's minutes.
 - c. Treasurer's report.
 - d. Call for old business.
 - e. Call for new business.
 - f. Committee reports.
 - g. Benefit of the Club.
 - h. Adjournment.
2. The Vice-President shall assist the President at the meeting and, in his/her absence, act as President for that meeting
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and record the same. He/she shall keep the attendance roll of each meeting. He/she shall attend to the correspondence of the Club giving notice of all meetings to members, notifying officers of elections, sending the names of newly elected members to the Treasurer and performing such other duties as his office may require.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all moneys of the Club and make disbursements only at the direction of the President. The Treasurer shall co-sign all checks disbursed by the Club. He/she shall keep a record of all members of the Club and their status with the AMA. He/she shall also be responsible for collecting the dues and any assessments of the membership. The Treasurer shall place all moneys collected by him/her or the Club into a bank account. Checks issues by the Treasurer shall be with a bank check in the Club name signed by both the President and Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX: AUDIT

The President's appointee(s) will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books. If no one is appointed to audit the Treasurer's books, due to inability or lack of interest of the membership, then the President may conduct the audit.

ARTICLE X: VACANCIES

1. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment of a Club member by the President with the approval of the members attending the Club meeting following the vacancy. Such appointee shall serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected. Nomination and elections for an unexpired term of office shall be held at the next meeting following the vacancy, with the exception of President. The Vice President shall replace him/her and a new Vice President shall be elected.

2. In the event an elected officer is absent from a total of four (4) monthly meetings within one (1) calendar year or less, that office will be deemed vacant. At the monthly Club meeting following the fourth (4th) absence, the vacancy will be filled pursuant to Article X paragraph 1 above.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

The committee of the Club shall be appointment by the President and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting (if a vote is requested), to serve throughout the term, or less, of his/her tenure of office. Standing Committees are the Safety Committee and the Field Maintenance Committee.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting. The amendment, if seconded, shall be tabled until such time as the Secretary can distribute written copies of the amendment to all members. In no case shall the amendment be voted upon until the Secretary reports to the President that the copies have been properly distributed. An amendment must receive at least a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present at a regular Club meeting in order to be approved.

ARTICLE XIII: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign their membership by giving written notice to the Club.

2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, their 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 Officers of the Club, becomes the responsibility of the Officers. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a majority vote of the Officers 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 to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a majority vote of the Officers of the Club.
5. The Officers of the Club 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 XIV: 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 Officers of the Club for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Officers of the Club. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.
2. Safety Committee. The Officers shall use its judgment in carrying out action on a grievance form filled out and turned into any Officer of the Club (at least one witness is required).
 - a. **FIRST VIOLATION**
 - (1) Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - (2) Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - (3) The Officers of the Club will give a verbal reprimand to the accused, and this will be recorded in the Club files.
 - b. **SECOND VIOLATION**
 - (1) Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - (2) The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
 - (3) 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.

c. **THIRD VIOLATION**

(1) Officers will notify the accused in writing and the Club members that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.

(2) Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Officers of the Club).

(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.

(4) Voting 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.

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

4. 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 Officers of the Club.

ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Should the Club be dissolved for any reason, all funds remaining in the Treasury shall be used to meet any outstanding debts, liabilities and obligations. The balance of the funds, should there be any, shall be distributed among the membership of record at the time of the dissolution. Each member shall receive a portion of the remaining funds in direct proportion to the length of time that he or she has been a member in good standing.

END OF BYLAWS

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Grievance Form

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):
