

CLUB BYLAWS OF SCENIC R/C FLYERS

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ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

Scenic R/C Flyers, hereinafter referred to as “the Club”

B. LOCATION

Latitude: 33 degrees, 57 minutes, 53.5 seconds North (33.95901).

Longitude: 083 degrees, 37 minutes, 25.7 seconds West (-083.62096).

Northeast of the intersection of Wall Road and Highway 316 near Statham in Barrow County, Georgia.

C. STATUS

The Club is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics as a Charter Club.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Club is to encourage and promote educational and recreational advancement of model aeronautics in the greater northeast Georgia area. Additionally, the organization seeks to promote fellowship among model airplane hobbyists, encourage camaraderie through meetings and events, and to furnish and maintain a safe flying site for use by our membership.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. ELIGIBILITY

Open to any person interested in radio controlled or control line model aircraft and desiring to be part of an organization dedicated to the enrichment and enjoyment of the hobby.

B. CATEGORIES

a. Adult – Age 18 through 64

b. Senior – Age 65 and older

c. Youth – Under age 18

d. Family- Senior Member, Spouse, and Children/ Grandchildren under 18

e. Honorary – Special member(s) appointed by the Board of Directors

C. REQUIREMENTS

a. Members must be capable of and willing to operate their aircraft in a safe manner.

b. Members must abide by all the written rules of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, hereinafter referred to as “AMA”, and Scenic R/C Flyers, as well as verbal directions given by Officers of the Club. (Refer to addendums B, C and D).

c. All members are required to join and maintain current membership in the AMA.

D. APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

For new members a current application form (see Addendum A) must be filled out completely and, accompanied by the initiation fee and dues, must be submitted to the Treasurer. Along with dues, renewing members must provide updated information and corrections to all membership data including address, phone numbers, email address, etc. Proof of current AMA membership must be provided by both new and renewing members, preferably via a photocopy of your current AMA membership card.

E. RESIGNATION

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

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

A. INITIATION FEE

New members or returning members will be assessed an initiation fee of \$50 in addition to dues. This requirement is waived for Youth, Junior, or Honorary members. In special cases (hardship, job loss, etc.) returning members can request waiver of the initiation fee via written appeal to the Treasurer. The appeal will be communicated to the other officers and a majority decision will determine the outcome of the appeal.

B. ANNUAL DUES

- a. Adult - \$90.00
- b. Senior - \$80.00
- c. Youth - \$50.00
- d. Family \$100.00
- e. Honorary – No dues

C. TIMELY PAYMENT/LATE PENULTIES

For the Club to meet its' fiscal obligations and in fairness to dues paying members it is important that dues be paid a timely manner. Annual dues are due April 1st. See Article IX for specific past due policies.

D. DUES PRORATION

For new members or returning members rejoining the Club, dues are prorated according to application date:

April thru June: Adult - \$90; Senior - \$80; Youth - \$50, Family \$100

July thru Sept.: Adult - \$75; Senior - \$65; Youth - \$40 Family \$ 80

Oct. thru Dec.: Adult - \$45; Senior - \$35; Youth - \$30 Family \$55

Jan. thru March: Adult - \$25; Senior - \$15; Youth – 15.00 Family \$35

E. REFUNDS

Dues or fees will not be refunded to resigning, suspended, terminated, or expelled members.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Regular membership meetings will be held quarterly on the second Thursday of March, June, September, and November at 7:00PM. Membership meetings will be restricted to members in good standing. Alternative dates and times and/or additional meetings may be established by the President or Board of Directors.

B. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Notice for all membership meetings will be provided to all members at least two weeks in advance. Important subjects to be voted upon requiring a two-thirds (2/3) vote for passage, such as but not limited to elections of officers, changes to bylaws, financial obligations exceeding \$500 per year, field location, and member expulsions or reinstatements will be spelled out within the meeting notice. Notice will be considered as having been “provided to all members” if posted at the Club field, posted on the Club web site (<http://www.scenicrc.org/>), and sent via email to the members e-mail addresses on record. It is the members' responsibility to assure Club email records are accurate and up to date. Members unable to attend a meeting may ask the Treasurer to cast votes on their behalf by so indicating their desires in writing, via email or mail, prior to the meeting. No ballots will be mailed for any election.

C. MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEQUENCE

- a. Call to order
- b. Determination of a quorum (5)
- c. Corrections to previous meeting notes
- d. Treasurer's report
- e. Special Orders (Elections, etc.)
- f. Unfinished business
- g. New Business
- h. Announcements/Programs (e.g. speakers)
- i. Adjournment

D. MEMBERSHIP MEETING RULES OF ORDER

Membership meetings will be conducted according to "Robert's Rules of Order In Plain English" by Doris P. Zimmerman.

E. MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM

The outcome of votes and actions will not be considered official unless a membership meeting is attended by at least five (5) members.

F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Regular Board of Directors meetings will be held at a place, time and date to be determined by the President, preferably the second Thursday of February, May, August, and October to allow time for notice and proposal distribution before membership meetings. Other Board of Directors meetings may be called upon demand of three of the Directors, notice for which to be communicated to all of the Directors at least three days prior to the meeting specifying the place, time, date, and subject of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected annually.

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a. PRESIDENT

The President is the executive officer of the Club and will preside at all meetings. He will be the spokesman for the Club. He will appoint standing and special committees as he deems necessary. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered. He will assign someone other than the Secretary-Treasurer to reconcile the Club financial records maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer. Both the President and the Secretary-Treasurer will have check signing privileges for the Club checking account.

b. VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President will assist the president in all matters and will assume the duties of the President if, for any reason the President is not able to perform his duties.

c. **TREASURER**

The Treasurer will have charge of all Club funds. He will collect dues and is authorized to pay any and all Club obligations from these funds. He will keep appropriate records of all Club monetary transactions and will provide a Treasurer's report at each quarterly Club membership meeting. He will maintain an up-to-date inventory of Club assets and property. He will provide all new members with a hardcopy membership kit including membership card, and gate combination. If the Vice President is unable to perform his duties, the Treasurer will assist or take over those duties as needed.

d. **SECRETARY**

The Secretary will keep accurate minutes of all Club Membership meetings and record attendance. He will assist the Treasurer in counting and certifying all votes in all elections. If the treasurer is unable to perform his duties, the Secretary will assist or take over those duties as needed.

e. **SAFETY OFFICER**

The Safety Officer will provide a communications link between the Club and the AMA in matters related to safety. He will act as a safety advisor and monitor for the Club and its' members. Ultimate responsibility for safety belongs to the individual Club members' attitudes, judgment, and practices and NOT to the Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator will develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the Club so as to be a positive influence on member attitudes, judgment, and practices.

D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

The President can appoint additional Club officers as he deems necessary. Examples include Field Marshall, Committee Chairman, Webmaster, etc.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICER NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REMOVAL AND VACANCIES

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer positions can be from the floor or by mail to the Treasurer.

B. ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the November membership meeting by a show of hands vote of the members attending plus absentee votes. Elected Officers will serve from January 1st thru December 31st. Persons unable to attend this election may send absentee votes via mail or email to the Secretary for representation. Absentee votes must show the name of the voting member. Election requires a majority of votes cast. Absentee votes will be counted and certified by both the Treasurer and the Secretary.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Any officer in good standing may resign his office at any time by submitting his resignation to the President or Secretary.

D. REMOVAL

Any officer can be removed from office with cause. With a two-week notice a new election process will be initiated. The removal will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Removal of the officer must be approved by a 2/3 majority of voting members attending the meeting or voting by e-mail. An officer will be considered incapacitated if, for any reason, he is unable to perform the duties of office and the Board of Directors has declared him incapable of service by a two-thirds vote of Directors voting.

E. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies will be temporarily filled by a vote of the remaining officers. Nomination and election of a replacement officer will take place at the next membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Club will be conducted and administered by a Board of Directors, which will be composed of at least five members. Five of the Directors will be the current officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. The President will appoint any remaining Director(s).

ARTICLE IX: TERMINATION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT

A. TERMINATION

a. AMA MEMBERSHIP

Any member who fails to maintain membership in good standing in the AMA will automatically and immediately have his flying and voting privileges suspended. If membership in AMA is not restored within 30 days he will be terminated as a member of the Club.

b. NON-PAYMENT OF SCENIC R/C FLYERS DUES

Any member who has not paid Scenic R/C Flyers dues by April 30th is automatically and immediately terminated as a member of the Club.

B. EXPULSION

Any individual member may be expelled from membership in 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 rules of the AMA, or rules of the Club, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. Any voting on such matters will be a secret ballot. A vote to expel is valid only if two weeks notice of the vote to expel was provided to the membership prior to the vote, except in the special case of Retaliation (see Article X).

C. REINSTATEMENT

a. TERMINATED MEMBERS

Reinstatement of terminated members is the same as a new member applicant. It requires completion of an application form, payment of a new Initiation Fee, payment of dues in full, and proof of AMA membership.

b. EXPELLED MEMBERS

A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for an expelled member to become eligible to re-apply to the Club as a new member. Thereafter reinstatement will work the same as described for Terminated Members above.

D. NOTICE

Resignation, termination or expulsion of any member will be posted on the web site, at the Club field, and via email to all members.

ARTICLE X: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism for enforcement of rules and resolution of unacceptable behavior. Although most complaints can and should be resolved informally, those that cannot or that are serious or dangerous in nature should be referred to the Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a grievance form.

A. GRIEVANCE FORM

A Grievance Form (Addendum D) will be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer or other officer of the Club. At least one witness is required to sign the form.

B. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name(s) will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer or other officer of the Club who will also record the reprimand in Club records.

C. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name(s) will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal. If the Board of Directors so decides, flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this will be published to the membership via email and posted on the Club web site and at the flying field.

D. THIRD VIOLATION

Expulsion procedures will be carried out via the process described in Article IX.

E. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

The three actions will not be enforced via the grievance procedure unless they are accumulated within a two-year period.

F. ESCALATION

The Board of Directors can escalate the grievance procedure to the expulsion stage, at its' sole discretion, without waiting for three violations, if deemed necessary for the good of the Club.

G. RETALIATION

Any member accused of a grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed retaliatory by majority vote of the Board or Directors. Expulsion for retaliation does not require a vote of the general membership and may result in criminal charges being brought against the accused.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any meeting in which notice of the amendment was provided to all members at least two weeks prior thereto.

ARTICLE XII: RECORD KEEPING

All Club records will be carefully maintained and passed on to new officers when they are elected.

ARTICLE XIII: COMMITTEES

As determined by the President.

ARTICLE XIV: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. FISCAL YEAR: April 1 thru the following March 31

B. WEB SITE: <http://www.scenicrc.org/>

C. STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR PROCEDURES: To be decided

D. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – Addendum A

E. AMA SAFETY CODE IS ENFORCED BY SCENIC R/C FLYERS

F. SCENIC R/C FLYERS FLYING SITE SAFETY RULES – Addendum B

G. SCENIC R/C FLYERS FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES – Addendum C

H. GRIEVANCE FORM – Addendum D

I. NON-GENDER PRONOUNS

For simplicity, use of the pronouns “he” and “his” are non-gender. They replace “he/she”, “his/hers”, etc.

J. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The duration of the Club will be perpetual. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership. After payment of all Club obligations the property, assets and cash will be sold and or distributed evenly among the remaining members in good standing.

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