



The Radio Control Club of Detroit  
Constitution and By-Laws  
Revised – August 2009

# **Radio Control Club of Detroit**

(Affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics)

## **Constitution**

### Article 1 - Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Radio Control Club of Detroit.

### Article 2 - Purpose:

The purpose of this club shall be to further the advancement of radio controlled model aircraft in all its aspects as a hobby/sport.

### Article 3 - Membership:

All persons shall be eligible for membership providing:

- A. The applicant is a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- B. The applicant has attended one regular club meeting.
- C. The applicant is 18 years of age or older, or a parent or legal guardian is a member of the club. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, then the parent or legal guardian must sign a consent form to assume full responsibility for the applicant. The consent form will also allow the applicant to participate in all club activities.
- D. The applicant must understand and abide by the RCCD field regulations, RCCD safety regulations, and all AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) regulations.
- E. Any waiver of the above requirements must be obtained from the membership committee

To become a member an applicant must:

- A. Make an application in writing to the membership.
- B. Be approved by two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled club meeting.
- C. Remit the initiation fee and other financial obligations to the club treasurer.

Types of membership:

- A. Senior active members are those 18 years or older, duly elected into membership in good standing, with club financial obligations not in arrears.
- B. Junior members are those under 18 years of age, duly elected into membership in good standing, with club financial obligations not in arrears. All junior members must have a parent or legal guardian and a senior member from RCCD with a pilot status present while flying at the RCCD field.

- C. Honorary members are those so appointed by the membership. They shall have no financial obligations or voting privileges. Honorary members using the club flying facilities must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- D. Life members are those who, because of outstanding service to the club, are nominated by the president or membership committee and approved by the membership. Members who have served five terms as a club officer shall be awarded life membership. Life members shall be exempt from paying dues, however they will remain responsible for any special assessments. Life members using the flying facilities must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- E. Temporary members are those who seek a place to fly for a limited time. Members are duly elected into membership and in good standing, with club financial obligations not in arrears. Temporary membership will only be allowed once for a period of 30 days. After 30 days the member may seek a permanent membership with RCCD. For permanent membership application the member must follow all of the procedures for a new applicant.  
Note: see Bylaws article 3, section 10

#### Article 4 - Termination of membership:

Membership may be terminated by;

- A. The member's own request.
- B. Allowing club financial obligations to become in arrears.
- C. Request of the club, as a result of a two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided subject member has had an opportunity to plead his or her case at no less than two regularly scheduled club meetings.

#### Article 5 - Reinstatement of membership:

A member whose membership has lapsed or been terminated for any reason must be voted into the club as a new member, with full payment of obligations.

#### Article 6 – Officers:

The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one year.

Any vacancy in office will be filled by election at the regular meeting following the occurrence of such vacancy.

The duties of the office shall be:

- A. **President:** The president is the senior officer of the club and shall preside at all club meetings and functions. He shall appoint all committees. The president shall have the power to convene special meetings of the club at such times as he deems necessary. He shall have the power to make legal contracts in the name of the club, subject to the

approval of a two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the club. In the event the president, because of circumstance, cannot legally sign contracts, the assignment of power shall fall on the next officer in line who meets the legal requirements. If none of the elected officers meet these qualifications, the membership may elect a qualified member to act in their stead.

- B. **Vice-president:** The vice-president shall act in the capacity of an assistant president, and shall assume the duties of any club officer during an absence. He shall maintain a program for the education and training of new members in flight proficiency.
- C. **Secretary:** The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the attendance and minutes of each meeting. He shall be responsible for all club correspondence, and for club contest records. He shall be head of the publicity committee for all club-sponsored affairs. He shall serve as the club ballot officer.
- D. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting and recording all dues, fees and assessments levied by the club. He shall have the sole authority to write checks (countersigned by an authorized club officer) and make bank deposits for the club. The treasurer is authorized to receive contributions, grants, donations, or bequests from any individuals, institutions or estates, and hold same in the name of the club, to be used for either endowment purposes or operating expenses. He is responsible for meeting all financial obligations of the club from club funds. The treasurer shall make a financial report to the membership at least once per month. He is responsible for notifying members of delinquent dues.

#### Article 7 - Election of officers:

Nominees for office must have been a member for a period of one year preceding the date of the election.

The election of officers shall take place at the first regularly scheduled meeting in December.

The club officers shall officially assume office the first meeting in January.

The election shall be by a plurality vote. In case of a tie, a run-off election shall be held.

Election of officers will be by written ballot.

Nominations will commence three months prior to election.

In the event of there only being one nominee per office, the chair may declare those nominees are thereby elected by acclamation.

#### Article 8 - Committees:

The club shall have the following committees:

The **executive committee** is composed of the officers of the club. It shall meet as needed to plan

policies and make recommendations to the membership. It can also rule upon applications for membership that request a waiver of eligibility requirements and make recommendations to the membership. It shall investigate and recommend action on delinquent members.

The **audit committee** shall review and audit the treasurer's books and records each year and report to the membership. This audit shall take place as soon after elections as possible. The committee shall consist of the incoming and outgoing treasurer and at least two members other than officers. The audit shall be announced to the general membership, and any members who wish to attend this audit may do so.

The **membership committee** shall consist of two club members; they shall be responsible for the collection of dues and for confirmation that prospective members have a current AMA card. They will submit the completed paperwork and moneys collected to the treasurer at the end of the meeting.

#### Article 9- Voting:

Only active and life members are permitted to vote.

Voting on all club business (including financial matters) shall require a simple majority at a regular scheduled meeting, except for constitutional amendments.

#### Article 10 - Amendments:

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any regularly scheduled meeting, provided that a reasonable attempt has been made by written notice to notify all members one month in advance. A two-thirds vote is required for ratification of the amendment.

#### Article 11 - Business:

The recommended order of business shall be:

- A. Reading of the minutes.
- B. Treasurer's report.
- C. Introduction and the voting of new applicants for membership.
- D. Committee reports.
- E. Old business.
- F. New business.
- G. Showing of projects of members.
- H. Adjournment.

Business once acted upon is considered final. A two-thirds vote is needed to re-open a previous item of business.

Collection of funds where possible, shall be made before the meeting opens or after adjournment.

## **Bylaws**

### Article 1 - Policies:

The bylaws listed herein are considered to be items of major policy, and must be approved or amended in the same fashion as a constitutional amendment.

### Article 2 - Meetings:

Regular meetings of the club shall be held at least once a month..

Quorum: 10% of the membership counted on March 31 shall constitute a quorum.

The parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order and shall be the reference for anything not covered in the constitution or bylaws.

### Article 3 - Financial obligations:

Initiation fee of \$20.00, this is assessed to all new members joining the club. Former members, upon rejoining the club, are subject to the initiation fee and article 5 of the constitution.

Regular dues of \$75.00 per year, plus the extra funds necessary (if any) to achieve a balanced budget to be submitted by the budget committee and approved by the club membership.

1. All members shall be required to perform 10 (ten) hours of work for the benefit of the club. Exemptions may be made by a member of the membership committee, or any member of the Executive Board.
2. Upon completion of the work requirements, \$25 (twenty-five) will be deducted from the member's dues at the time of renewal.
3. The \$25 (twenty-five) will be pro-rated if there are less than 10 (ten) hours of work performed.

Such other financial obligations as may be duly voted on by the membership.

Financial obligations are assessed on the first meeting on November of each year, and are payable through January 31. A member is considered delinquent if his obligations are not paid by January 31 and his membership is automatically suspended. A member has until March 1 to meet his financial obligations. After March 1, membership is automatically terminated. There will be a \$5.00 penalty assessed on dues paid after January 31.

All obligations are assessed on a per family basis. If more than one person in a family household belongs to the club, the obligations fall only on the senior member of the household. If the only member of a household is a junior member, then this member is responsible for all of the financial obligations.

Members must show proof of their current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics before their membership can take effect. Members paying financial obligations without proof of such membership will not be presented with their club membership card until such proof is presented to the club treasurer. No person shall fly an aircraft at the club facilities without a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. No club member shall use facilities unless all current financial obligations are met.

New members joining prior to the first meeting in August shall pay the full years dues. Those joining at the first meeting in August or any time during the balance of the year shall pay one half of the dues for that year. Dues paid on or after the first meeting in November will be applied to the following years dues.

The officers of the club are exempt from the regular dues during their term in office and will receive an exemption for the same period of time served, after leaving office. They shall still be liable for all special assessments.

Members upon having reached the age of 65 shall pay \$55.00 a year dues, and said members shall still be liable for all special assessments.

Temporary members will be assessed \$30.00 for a onetime period of 30 days. After which, if the temporary member decides to have a one year membership, then this member will be obligated to pay all initiation fees, regular dues, and any other financial obligations as stated above in article 3 (financial obligations).

Junior members as defined by the RCCD constitution and not the son or daughter of a senior member, shall pay the reduced dues of \$13.00 until they reach the age of 18. All other financial obligations will still apply.

Guests are limited to three (3) visits per year to use the facilities and must be accompanied by a current member of RCCD. Exceptions to this limitation may be made by any member of the Membership Committee or Executive Board.

#### Article 4 - Disbursements:

The club officers may, at their discretion, spend up to \$50.00 each, of club funds in the interim between meetings for the benefit of the club. Any expenditure over this amount must be voted on at a regular club meeting.

#### Article 5 - Disbandment:

In the event of disbandment of the club, all assets of the club will be given to the United Fund.

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