

PIKES PEAK RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

Article I. NAME

The name of this Club is: Pikes Peak Radio Control Club, Inc. (PPRC)

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club is to promote the sport and hobby of radio-controlled model airplane building and flying; to provide flying and meeting facilities for its Membership; to assist and encourage beginners in the sport; and to generate enthusiasm for all aspects of aviation.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. All Club Members must be members in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Members less than 19 years of age by July 1st of the joining year are called "Juniors." Members 19 to 65 years of age are called "Regular" Members. Members over the age of 65 known as "Seniors" – those who are age 65 on January 1 of a dues year. Active duty members of the armed forces living in the Pikes Peak area may elect to join the Club as an "Active Military" Member – this includes members of foreign military services. There are no restrictions on who may join the Club.
- B. Members in good standing may, at their pleasure, designate a "guest" who may use Club facilities, if accompanied by a Club Member, provided that he or she (the "guest") has a current AMA license. The guest's use of the Club facilities will be limited to a reasonable number of visits. Cadets of the Air Force Academy are considered guests as often as they desire, if they meet guest requirements.
- C. Anyone causing willful damage to Club property will meet the Club's Executive Committee and, if found culpable, be suspended from Club privileges for a period to be determined by the Executive Committee, plus pay for any damage to said property. Any Member who willfully and consistently acts in opposition to published Club rules and procedures will meet the Club's Executive Committee and, if found culpable, be suspended from Club privileges for a period to be determined by the Executive Committee. In either instance, if the offending Member chooses not to meet with the Committee after receiving written notice, the Executive Committee may proceed with a disciplinary hearing and action without the Member in attendance.
- D. Any Member in good standing who, for any reason, leaves the Club may be reinstated by payment of the current annual dues and any assessment(s) levied on the Club during his absence. He will not be required to pay a second initiation fee.
- E. When, in the judgment of the majority of the Members present at a Regular Club meeting, it is determined that the flying facility has become overcrowded, the total number of Members in the Club may be limited to a number not less than the then-current membership. In this event, a membership waiting list may be established.

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Article IV. REGULATIONS

- A. All Club activities and enterprises will conform to the rules and regulations of the FCC, the AMA, and landowner as applicable.
- B. Members will fly in a reasonable fashion as set forth in the approved Club rules. Models using engines of a displacement greater than .28 cubic inches will be equipped with an effective muffler.
- C. A clothes pin frequency control system will be used at the Club flying field. Unless the appropriate frequency pin is clipped to a Member's transmitter, he will not turn his transmitter on! Members will supply their current AMA card or a replica of the card to replace the frequency pin in the storage box while the frequency pin is in their possession. Members will return frequency pins to the storage box when not operating so that others may fly. Members flying with 2.4 Ghz systems will place their current AMA card in the storage box and take a "2.4" or "Spektrum" pin to clip to the transmitter or on the person (See the approved Club rules).
- D. Members will be supplied a club badge each year which shows the member's name, and members are required to wear their club badges in a visible manner at all times when at the flying field, in order to aid in identification of authorized members,

Article V. SAFETY

- A. Flying safety and ground safety at the Club's flying field are the primary responsibility of each and every Club Member! All members will comply with the Safety Code (Safety Rules) established and published by the Club. Continued unsafe flying will be grounds for disciplinary action by the Executive Committee which can range up to and including expulsion of the offending Member from the Club, with the resultant loss of all Club privileges. Disciplinary action for unsafe flying practices will be taken by the executive Committee following a hearing attended by the Club's Safety Officer (as a non-voting Member) and the offender. Such action will be taken only after the offender has been given one warning by a Club official. If the offending Member chooses not to attend such a hearing after receiving written notice, the Executive Committee may proceed with a disciplinary hearing and action without the Member in attendance. Once a Member has been expelled, he may not rejoin the Club for a period determined by the Executive Committee. His dues will not be refunded.

BY-LAWS

I. The Executive Officers of the PPRC and their respective duties will be:

- A. The President presides at all Club and Executive Committee meetings and will act as official spokesman for the Club. During his term of office the President will not be required to pay Club dues. (Eff. 1996)
- B. The Vice President is elected for a one-year term at the December Club meeting. He will preside when the President is unable to serve. He will assume the Presidency of the Club, completing the term, if the Presidency becomes vacant. At the end of his year, the Vice President automatically becomes (at the end of the December Club meeting) the new President and a new Vice President is elected. During his term of office, the Vice-President will not be required to pay Club dues. (Eff. 1995) If the position of Vice President becomes vacant during the year, the President will call for nominees to that position at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting. An election to choose between the nominees will be held

in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of these By-Laws at the following Club meeting, and the newly elected Vice President will assume his/her duties immediately upon conclusion of the election. (Eff. 2002)

- C. The Secretary is appointed by the Club President for a one-year term at a January Club meeting. During his term of office, the Secretary will not be required to pay Club dues. He will keep minutes of all Club meetings and will record final transactions and decisions at Executive Committee meetings. He will maintain a current Club roster at all times and will publish it yearly in June. He will handle all official Club correspondence with the concurrence of the Club President.
- D. The Treasurer is appointed by the Club President for a one-year term at a January Club meeting. During his term of office, the Treasurer will not be required to pay Club dues. He will maintain records of all Club financial transactions and, together with the President, be signatory on all Club financial transaction devices. He will place all assessment funds in the Club's savings account(s), and will maintain the checking account with Club dues and any other income other than assessment funds for operating expenses for the current calendar year.

II. APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- A. The Safety Officer is appointed by the President for a one-year term. He will prepare the Club's Safety Code (Safety Rules) and, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, distribute them to the Membership. He will assure that the Club's Safety Rules are posted prominently at the Club's flying field(s). He will constantly review the Club's safety practices to insure their appropriateness.
- B. The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the President for a one-year term. He will prepare the Club's Newsletter each month, announcing the date, time, and place of the Regular Club Meeting. The Newsletter will also contain news of interest.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee will consist of the Executive Officers as well as Members, selected by the President, representing various fields of interest within the Club. This Committee may conduct Club business with external agencies. The Committee's recommendations and decisions will be confirmed or disapproved by the General Membership by majority vote of those present and voting at a regular monthly-scheduled Club meeting before the Club is committed to any specific action. The Executive Committee will meet on a monthly basis at the call of the President. It is specifically charged with preparing a yearly budget for the Club, which will be approved by the General Membership after discussion at the February Regular Meeting. Club funds may not be used for any purpose without prior approval by the general membership in the annual budget or by special vote at a club meeting, be it regular or special meeting.

IV. MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings of the Club will be held monthly at the time and place designated in the Club Newsletter. Meetings will consist of two parts: Club business, followed by informal Club activities (programs, swap-meets, etc.). Meeting shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.
- B. Special Meetings may be called, for a specific purpose, by the Executive Committee at any time they are required. The Secretary is responsible for notifying Members of Special Meetings.

V. DUES

- A. The amount of the Club's dues for each Member category will be established for the following year at the November Regular Club Meeting. Club dues will be due and payable on January 1st each year. Renewing members will pay the full dues amount regardless of the month of the year they pay. Dues are not returnable, and Members who have not paid their dues by the end of the regularly scheduled February Club meeting automatically lose all Club privileges until such monies are paid. **New members joining the club in the time period from June 1st to October 31st will be required to pay one-half the current annual dues plus the normal initiation fee to secure club membership for the remainder of that calendar year.** New Members who join on or after November 1st will pay a full year's dues at the then-current rate, which will apply for three months (or less) remaining in the current year plus the following year. This policy only applies to new Members.
- B. If the Club votes to increase dues at the November meeting, the new Member will be expected to add the difference. If the dues are reduced, the new Member will receive the difference in repayment. A one-time Initiation Fee for new Regular or Senior Members will be \$75.00 and \$25.00 for Junior Members. Active Military Members are exempt from paying the Initiation Fee but will be expected to pay the Initiation Fee during the year they separate or retire from active duty service and convert to Regular membership.
- C. Family Memberships will be permitted, with only one initiation fee to be paid, plus yearly dues for each family Member. "Family" is in the sense recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.
- D. Monies owed the Club will not be repro-rated for any reason unless the Member specifically requests such action from the Executive Committee, who may or may not approve the request.

VI. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

- A. No special assessment will be levied on the Club Membership, except by a confirming vote by a simple majority of those present and voting at a meeting following prior notification in the Club Newsletter. This notification will include:
 - 1. The time, date, and place of the meeting at which the special assessment will be considered.
 - 2. The complete details of the issue to be decided.
 - 3.

VII. COMMITTEES

- A. Committees, such as Contest, Publicity, Flying Field Improvement, etc., may be appointed as deemed necessary by the President of the Membership. Recommendations of any Committee may be acted on only by the Membership.

VIII. ELECTIONS

- A. At the regularly scheduled meeting prior to an election (November) nominations for Vice President will be accepted from the Membership. At least two nominees will be named for the office. Nominees, at their option, may submit a half-page summary of their qualifications or proposed programs to the Newsletter Editor for publication.
- B. The election shall be by secret ballot. Ballots shall be counted by a group of three Members selected at random by the Chair Officer. Only Members present shall be able to vote. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie.
- C. The newly-elected Officer will assume his/her duties upon conclusion of the election meeting.

IX. AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments or additions to the Club's Constitution or By-Laws may be proposed by the Membership or the Executive Committee at any Club meeting. With the concurrence of the Membership present at that meeting, these changes will be published in the Club's Newsletter for the consideration of all. At the next following Regular meeting the Constitution/By-Laws change(s) may be adopted or rejected by a simple majority of those Members present and voting.

X. FACILITY USE

- A. Use of any PPRC Club facility for any use other than those covered in these By-laws must be requested and approved in advance by the Club President or Vice President using an approved Club form.

XI. CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Official club communications must be approved by a majority of the executive committee. This includes correspondence, fliers, newsletters, websites, and any publicly available information that represents the Club. The executive committee at its discretion may choose to pre-approve particular communications by designating a specific person as the responsible party (e.g. official club correspondence is delegated to the club secretary, the website is delegated to the webmaster, newsletters are delegated to the newsletter editor, etc.).” Guidelines for club communications include but are not limited to the following:
- may not contain offensive, disparaging, or derogatory language or images
 - may not contain the name, logo(s), emblems, and/or trademarks of any business without the expressed written consent of the trademark holder or their designee (exceptions to this include brand names used for descriptive purposes, for example in raffles or contests)
 - must be consistent with- the purpose of the Club as defined in the Club constitution and bylaws.