

# **Constitution**

## **Hernando County Radio Control Club**

**Revision Date April 9, 2022**

**Article I. (CLUB)**

1. The name of the club shall be the **HERNANDO COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.** It is a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Club number 2608. (Hereafter referred to as CLUB)
2. The purpose of the Club is to promote the building and safe operation of radio control models and the acceptance and good will towards the hobby/sport.

**Article II. (MEMBERSHIP)**

1. Membership shall be open to any Academy of Model Aeronautics (hereafter referred to as **AMA**) member in good standing and has completed the TRUST (The Recreational Safety Test) and has a FAA Registration ID number that is interested in aeromodeling and/or the stated interests of this club.
2. Requests for removal of a member must be made in writing to the Trustees, who will review the case and give recommendations to the Club membership. Any member may be voted out of the club by a majority of all the members of the Club.

**Article III. (MEETINGS/ COMMUNICATIONS)**

1. Meetings shall be held at a time and place determined by the By-Laws.
2. The **annual meeting** will be held in **December** of each year. The Officers will be elected at the annual meeting.
3. No officer shall hold private or closed meetings where decisions are made and implemented except hearings held by the Trustees, as defined by article V of the By-Laws.
4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership in good standing and two (2) Officers shall be necessary to conduct Club business, hold monthly meetings, voting on Special Assessments and change field/safety rules.
5. Primary vehicle of contacting members is via e-mail and the club web site.

**Article IV. (VOTING)**

1. Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. Members over the age of 19 shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the conduct of business. In a Family membership, the member and the member's spouse shall each have one (1) vote. All members shall vote either in person or by the use of signed, authorized absentee ballot for Constitutional and By-Law changes. The authorized absentee ballot shall be posted on the Club Website and e-mailed to the membership prior to the regular meeting when the vote is held. The returned ballots must be received by the Nominating/Ballot Counting Committee prior to the vote.

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2. A majority vote of the membership present at a meeting as defined in Article III, Paragraph 4 will be necessary to make the changes except as follows.
3. Thirty- five percent (35%) of the membership in good standing shall be necessary to vote on changes to the By-Laws. A majority vote of this percentage of the membership will be necessary to make the changes mentioned.
4. A vote by thirty-five percent (35%) of the membership in good standing shall be necessary to change the Constitution, or impeach an Officer. A majority vote of this percentage of the membership will be necessary.
5. Proposed amendments to the Constitution or changes in the By-Laws shall be posted on the club web site, and presented at any regular meeting, but may not be enacted upon until the next regular meeting. This notification must be emailed and posted on the website at least 7 days in advance of the next meeting. (a down loadable absentee voting form with the proposed changes will be available on the Web Site that can be filled out, signed and mailed to the committees mailing address)
6. Any proposal passed at any regular meeting may be appealed in writing, requesting a new vote at the next regular meeting. If the previous vote is upheld, the proposal cannot be challenged again for a minimum of one (1) year.

#### **Article V. (DUES and SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS)**

1. The amount of the membership dues and Special Assessments shall be listed the Club Web Site

#### **Article VI. (OFFICERS)**

1. The elected officers of the Hernando County Radio Control Club, Inc, shall consist of the **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer** and three (3) **Trustees**. The term of all officers shall be for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, except the term of the three Trustees shall be for two (2) years. A Trustee cannot succeed him/her-self.
2. The appointed officers of the Club shall be the **Safety Officer(s)**, chosen by the Trustees. The **Safety Officer(s)** will be appointed for a term of one (1) year.
3. There will be a three (3) member Nominating/Ballot Counting Committee appointed by the Trustees. The term of this committee will be for one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. These members shall have been members in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years and cannot be Trustees.

#### **Article VII. (DUTIES)**

1. The duties of the **President** shall be as follows:
  - a) Preside at all regular meetings;
  - b) Make appointments to all committees except the Nominating/Ballot Counting Committee;

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- c) Represent the Club when meeting with other organizations;
  - d) To see that the decisions of the Club are implemented;
  - e) To settle disputes between members through action with the Trustees;
  - f) To maintain the conduct of the Club as required by the Constitution and By-Laws;
2. The duties of the **Vice-President** are as follows:
- a) To assist the President;
  - b) To be a member of standing committees, except the Nominating/Ballot Counting committee;
  - c) To act as President, Secretary and/or Treasurer in their absence;
  - d) To succeed the President if he/she is unable to complete their term of office;
  - e) To act as liaison to other related organizations as needed.
3. The duties of the **Secretary** are as follows:
- a) To keep a record of all meetings of the club. These written records will include but not be limited to: old business, new business and motions approved and disapproved;
  - b) To notify all members at least seven (7) days in advance of any meeting in which a Constitutional or By-Law change may be enacted;
  - c) To keep an accurate list of members in good standing
  - d) To keep an accurate list of attendance at the meetings
  - e) To assume the duties of Vice-President in his/her absence.
4. The duties of the **Treasurer** are as follows:
- a) To keep an accurate record of all monies received and paid out by the Club;
  - b) To keep an accurate record of all dues paid by the membership;
  - c) To process new memberships and renewals and to provide the Secretary with updated membership information.
5. The duties of the **Trustees** are as follows:
- a) To mediate all arguments between members and Officers;
  - b) Hold hearings to resolve differences with recommendation to the President;

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- c) To implement the replacement of aircraft, support equipment and/or property to the Club or its members, where the damage or loss was caused by a member or members of the Club;
  - d) To issue letters of reprimand for safety violations, code of conduct or other violations;
  - e) In cases where a member is up for termination, to make recommendations to the President, who will present the matter to the membership;
  - f) To audit the financial records as stated in the By-Laws;
  - g) To assure that Club Officers act in a responsible manner;
  - h) To make decisions on any constitutional questions needing immediate answers
6. The duties of the **Nominating/Ballot Counting Committee**:
- a) To present a slate of Officers by the November meeting;
  - b) To present a candidate for an office which becomes vacant, in accordance with the By-Laws;
  - c) To manage the election of officers, including but not limited to receiving and counting ballots;
  - d) To count all written ballots on proposed changes to the Constitution and/or By-Laws.
7. The duties of the **Safety Officers** are as follows:
- a) To see that the Safety Rules of the Club and the AMA are posted;
  - b) To inform the membership of any safety information;
  - c) To make decisions and act where safety is concerned and then refer the matter to the Trustees at a safety hearing when necessary;

## Article VIII. (GENERAL)

1. All points concerning operations and business of this Club shall be governed by this Constitution the By-Laws, and Robert's Rules of Order.
2. All points concerning conduct and organization at the flying site shall be covered by the Club's Constitution, By-laws and field/safety rules, which shall conform to the AMA's and FAA's rules and regulations. To remain current with the most recent government-related news, regularly visit the AMA Government Affairs blog at [www.modelaircraft.org/gov](http://www.modelaircraft.org/gov). Here you will find the most up-to-date information, including a TRUST FAQ page.