

THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS R/C FLYERS
CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS



GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
ACADEMY of MODEL AERONAUTICS
CLUB # 1695
SIERRA FOOTHILLS R/C FLYERS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 IDENTIFICATION

Section 1 Name. The name of this club shall be "The Sierra Foothills R/C Flyers, "hereafter in this document may be referred to as: "The Club" or "SFR/CF."

Section 2 Should the Club become incorporated; the name shall become "The Sierra Foothills R/C Flyers, Inc."

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

Section 1 As a non-profit organization, the purpose of this Club is to:

- a) Promote and encourage interest and participation in R/C modeling and flying.
- b) Provide facilities to members to engage in R/C flying activities.
- c) Provide assistance, guidance, and training to members requiring help in developing their building and flying skills.
- d) Provide recreational and social activities for the enjoyment of members.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Club membership shall be open to all persons with an active interest in model aviation.

Section 2 Membership may be denied or revoked for noncompliance with the Club's Constitution or By-Laws.

Section 3 All members shall be members of A.M.A.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section 1 The Club officers shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

Section 1 The Club shall hold at least one meeting of the membership per year.

ARTICLE 6 DUES

Section 1 There will be annual membership dues as determined by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 7 ASSESSMENTS

Section 1 From time to time, a special assessment may be necessary. All special assessments shall require the following procedure: The proposed assessment shall be published in the Club Newsletter. A ballot shall be included in that Newsletter. Passage shall be determined by a 2/3 majority of the ballots returned to the following meeting. It shall be the member's responsibility to get the ballot to the next meeting for the tally.

ARTICLE 8 AMEMDMENTS

Section 1 Any amendment of the Constitution shall require 2/3 vote of the entire membership.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

Section 1 The Club shall be an A.M.A. Chartered Club

Section 2 All Club members shall be members of A.M.A.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS

Section 1 Right and Entitlements:

- a) All members are entitled to:
 - 1) Participate, enter into discussion, and vote on any and all matters brought before the membership at properly convened Club business meetings.
 - 2) Use all Club facilities subject to Club rules regarding use of such facilities.
 - 3) Help, guidance, and instruction in learning to fly until they are competent to meet the requirements of consistently safe solo flight.
 - 4) Full participation in all Club social activities and events.
 - 5) Hold office.

- Section 2 Dues and fees: A member whose membership has lapsed more than 2 years (24 months), will be assessed the current field fund in addition to current membership fees upon re-joining the club.
- Section 3 A prospective new member, shall apply for membership to the Treasurer at regular Club meetings. The Treasurer shall insure that the prospective member receives and is familiar with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Field Rules of the Club before granting membership.

ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS

- Section 1 President
- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and act as spokesman for the Club in all matters.
 - The President has the power to appoint committees as deemed necessary.
- Section 2 Vice President
- The Vice President shall act for the President when he is unable to serve.
 - Assist the President in any way directed by the President.
 - The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating all Club Activities.
- Section 3 Secretary
- The Secretary shall be required to take accurate minutes of all Club meetings. Such minutes shall be recorded in the Official Club Minutes/Newsletter Book and shall be retained for 5 years.
 - The Secretary shall handle all Club correspondence.
 - The Secretary shall take attendance at all Club meetings and record attendance with the minutes.
 - The Club Meeting Minutes may be substituted for a Club Newsletter.
- Section 4 Treasurer
- The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies received and monies disbursed by the Club.
 - The Treasurer shall also be responsible to see that all members of this Club be listed with the A.M.A. on the third party insurance and that the proper amount be submitted to A.M.A. for said purpose of insurance.
 - The Treasurer shall provide a monthly financial statement showing monetary assets, accounts payable, and accounts receivable.
 - The Treasurer shall maintain a list of members.

ARTICLE 4 ELECTIONS

- Section 1 The term of all officers shall be for one year from January 1 through December 31.
- Section 2 The elections shall be held annually at the December meeting. Nominations shall be opened at the October meeting.
- Section 3 Voting will be by secret ballots.
- Ballots will be included in the October Club Meeting minutes.
 - Ballots may be mailed or cast in person at the December meeting.
 - The ballots will be tallied by the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - The number of valid ballots received must equal at least a quorum, for the election to be valid. If a quorum is not received, the ballots will be held until sufficient ballots are received to constitute a quorum.
 - Candidates for each office receiving the greatest number of votes shall assume that office effective January 1.
- Section 4 A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the appointment of the President, such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

- Section 1 Club meetings will be held every other month, February thru December. Time and place to be published in the Club Minutes.
- Section 2 Purpose of Meetings:
- The Club meetings are planned to be an evening of fun and education for newcomers as well as old timers.
 - Our meetings are to conduct Club business. In order to convene a business meeting there must be a quorum of members present. A quorum is defined as 1/3 of the members. Before starting a meeting, The President shall determine in open forum that a quorum is present.
- Section 3 Procedure for conducting Club meetings shall be the jurisdiction of the President.

ARTICLE 6 DUES, INITIATION FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS

- Section 1 Dues and initiation fees for the following year, shall be established at the October meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present after a quorum has been established.
- Section 2 Annual dues are payable in advance and are due on December 31st.
- Section 3 Assessments shall be levied only according to Article 7 of the Club Constitution.
- Section 4 New member's dues shall be reduced after July 1st.
- Section 5 A field fund shall be established to aid in maintaining flying sites, payable by all new members.
- Section 6 There shall be no refund of membership dues or field funds.

ARTICLE 7 EXPENDITURES

Section 1 The Officers are authorized to spend Club funds on general operating expenses of the Club.

Section 2 Any capital improvement or an expense in excess of \$100 shall require approval by 2/3 of the members present at an official Club business meeting.

ARTICLE 8 REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

This Article is for the purpose of revoking the membership of a member or members who have proven to be undesirable to the Club for the following reasons:

Section 1 Failure to comply with applicable A.M.A. regulations regarding sanctioned clubs. (Automatic revoke)

Section 2 Members are delinquent on dues, initiation fees, or assessments after December 31st. (Automatic revoke)

Section 3 Noncompliance of the Club's Constitution, By-Laws, and Field Rules.

Section 4 Procedure of revoking as follows (unless automatic):

- a) A petition containing 20% minimum of the membership signatures and explaining reasons shall be submitted to the President. Any member in good standing may initiate a petition.
- b) At the next meeting, following adequate notification of the membership and accused, the President shall present the petition to the membership.
- c) The membership and accused will be notified by special card or telephone by the Secretary or the Secretary's designee at least 20 days before the presentation of the petition.
- d) In open discussion the petition will be read and discussed. At this time, the accused member must be accorded adequate time for speaking in his own defense.
- e) A secret vote will be taken and 2/3 majority, of the membership present, is necessary to revoke membership.

ARTICLE 9 SAFETY

Section 1 It is the responsibility of all members to comply with the current A.M.A. Safety Code and Club Field Rules.

Section 2 It is the sole responsibility of each member to insure the safe operation of his models and equipment.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposed amendments to Club By-Laws shall be published as an attachment to the Club minutes. At the meeting following publication, the amendment must be approved by 2/3 of membership present.

Section 2 There is no voting by proxy.