

By-Laws

of the

Swan Harbor RC Club

The intent of this organization is to operate its facilities as a miniature airport, including formal runways, ramps, parking, pit areas, storage areas access roads and other pertinent areas referred to in the current field rules. Safe areas shall be designated for observers.

The purpose of the organization is to pool resources in an effort to reduce the burden on individual members and enjoy the hobby of radio controlled aircraft.

I. The club shall consist of:

A. Members at large

B. Four (4) officers

1. President

2. Vice President

3. Secretary

4. Treasurer

C. A Board of Directors consisting of the current Officers, the immediate Past-President and two (2) elected Members at Large, one (1) of whom may be a junior member.

1. The immediate past president shall be Chairperson of the Board of Directors and shall conduct all meetings of the Board, in his absence the current president shall preside.

2. Four (4) board members shall consist of a quorum.

II. The Office of the President shall be filled by a member in good standing and shall be elected by a simple majority vote. In the event of three (3) or more nominations, a majority of 51 % of the participating membership. If this does not occur, then a revote will be taken between the two members receiving the highest and second highest number of votes. The office of president is a one year term with no term limits.

A. The incumbent president shall continue in the office until a clear majority for a new president occurs.

III. The office of Vice President shall be elected in the same manner and by the same rules of majority. The term of Vice President shall be for one year with no restrictions on term limits.

IV. The office of secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by the membership at large. The person receiving the most votes winning the office. The term of these officers shall be for one year with no restrictions on term limits.

V. Election of Officers shall be made from a slate of candidates proposed by the Board of Directors and nominations from the general membership.

A. All candidates must express a willingness to fulfill the duties of their respective office.

B. Voting shall be done by secret ballot and shall be counted by the Board Chairperson and witnessed by one or more members of the Board of Directors.

C. Voting will be held at the annual Christmas Party by secret ballot. In the event a member cannot attend the Christmas Party, an Email vote will be accepted by December 1st or before the published Christmas Party date. Email votes should be sent to the treasurer and counted at the Christmas Party. Officer nominations will be made during the October club meeting and published in the November Club Newsletter.

D. Members only may hold office. Only members in good standing may vote.

VI. Membership shall be by invitation only. Age, religion, race, sex, or creed shall not be determining factors for invitation. The procedure for invitation shall be:

A. Presentation of prospective members by a member in good standing to the balance of the membership, and to the officers at a regularly scheduled meeting. A potential member may petition for membership by contacting any officer.

B. If consensus of the general membership at a normally scheduled meeting is in favor of the applicant, the President on behalf of the club will issue an invitation for Probationary Membership.

C. The probationary period shall be for one year, during which time the prospective member enjoys all the rights and privileges of membership, but may not hold nor run for any office. Payment of any dues must be made prior to acceptance of the prospective member.

D. At the end of the probation period a vote shall be taken by the general membership as to the acceptance of the prospective member. A dissenting vote of 10% shall cause the prospective member to be ineligible. All ballots not returned shall be counted as a vote of acceptance. A block shall be provided on the ballot to extend the period of probation for one year. Should 10% of the membership check this block and there are less than 10% dissenting votes, probationary period shall only be granted once.

- E. All members who intend to fly must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
 - F. A \$50.00 nonrefundable initiation fee is required to become a member. Junior members (under 18) pay half the normal dues and initiation till the age of 18. Then normal rates will apply.
 - G. Persons in the family of a member or probationer are welcome to participate in meetings and functions as guests if they do not wish to become members.
- VII. In the event a member displays conduct which continuously disrupts the peace and quiet enjoyment by other members of the sport of Remote Control Miniature Aircraft Flying, the Board of Directors is empowered to take the necessary steps, with full discretion to correct the problem, and is further empowered to revoke the offending membership, if necessary.
- VIII. The Club may own realty and personal property, as required to fulfill the purpose of the organization.
- IX. The club shall be non-profit and may not engage in any activity that will provide profits other than for normal expense and expansion. Excess funds will be retained in the treasury. The Board of Directors is empowered to make an appropriate adjustment to the following year's dues to all members in good standing.
- X. Dues and assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors and may be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of Article IX.
- A. All Dues and assessments are due and payable within 30 calendar days from the dues date. Delinquency greater than 30 dates may be cause for revocation of membership and initiation fee will be due upon reapplication of membership unless waived by the Board of Directors.
 - B. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to determine if extenuating circumstances exists for the extension beyond the 30 day limit, but under no circumstances shall membership be maintained, unpaid, for more than 60 days.
 - C. The membership fiscal year will be from January 1 to December 30 of the same year.
- XI. Amendments to these by-laws may be done in the following manner:
- A. Presentation of the change to members at a general meeting.
 - B. Submission of the proposed change to all members by way of Email or Club Newsletter.
 - C. Discussion at a general meeting of the proposal made to the membership according to Article XI paragraph B.

- D. Voting will be done via Email and club meeting.
- E. The Email ballot will stipulate that those Email ballots not returned within a specified time will not be counted.
- F. For an amendment to pass, 51% of the ballots returned must be in favor of the proposed amendment.
- G. The effective date of the new amendment will be 30 days after the amendment passes.

XII. As a condition of membership, and in order to carry out the aims and purposes of

The Swan Harbor RC Club, all members, probationers and guests are required to

Adhere strictly to the following three rules:

- A. Observe all posted rules and safety regulations at the flying site.
- B. Behave in a proper manner for the good of all members.
- C. Must have a current AMA membership.
- D. Must have a current FAA registration number and each aircraft be labeled.
- E. Above all have fun!!!