

THE CONSTITUTION OF RIBCRACKERS MODEL AERONAUTICS CLUB

PREAMBLE

This Constitution, upon proper ratification as defined in ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION within, shall revoke and replace all prior constitutions for the club commonly known as the RIBCRACKERS MODEL AERONAUTICS CLUB effective **August 1, 2021**

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION NAME

This organization shall be known as the “Ribcrackers Model Aeronautics Club”, hereafter referred to as “The Club”.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Club shall be non-profit, non-partisan and incorporated as such under the laws in the State of Michigan and shall be organized for pleasure and recreation and other non-profitable purposes of its membership. The Club shall be chartered by the *Academy of Model Aeronautics*, AMA, and organized for the purpose of:

- Building and operating model aircraft.
- Promoting good sportsmanship among its members and members of other organizations.
- Promoting the modeling hobby to the community at large through public demonstrations, displays and other means of communication.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

As used in this constitution the following terms shall have the following meanings:

By-laws - shall mean the working rules and regulations of The Club empowered by this Constitution for the purpose of the efficient operation of The Club in fulfilling its purpose as defined herein.

Executive Board - shall mean a committee existing of all current club officers as defined in ARTICLE V - OFFICERS, of this constitution.

Executive Committee - shall mean a standing committee composed of all members of the Executive Board plus all past presidents of The Club that hold a current membership in good standing within The Club.

Level-1 Vote - shall mean a vote that requires a majority of the total voting membership by written ballot for passage of the matter. For all matters before the membership that require a Level-1 Vote, the Executive Board shall take or cause to take all reasonable actions necessary to give Proper Notice to the entire voting membership, a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of said vote.

Level-2 Vote - shall mean a vote that requires a majority of those votes cast by written ballot by the voting membership in order for passage of the matter. For all matters before the membership that require a Level-2 Vote, the Executive Board shall take or cause to take all reasonable actions necessary to give Proper Notice to the entire voting membership, a minimum of thirty (30) days in advanced of said vote.

Level-3 Vote - shall mean a vote that requires a majority of the voting membership present, at any official meeting of The Club at which a quorum has been established, in order for passage of the matter.

Membership Year - shall mean a one-year period, as defined in the By-laws of The Club, for which membership rights and privileges, as defined in ARTICLE VI - MEMBERS, of this constitution, shall be granted to each member

Proper Notice - shall mean that a sufficient attempt has been made to notify all members of The Club of a matter before The Club. Proper Notice shall be considered given when a reasonable attempt has been made to inform all members of The Club, concerning the facts of the matter requiring notice, by any of, but not limited to, the following means of notification including combination of means thereof:

- Written form in newsletters, telegraphic or other mailings
- Orally in person or by telephonic means
- Other electronic conveyance such as email

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

SECTION 1. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS AND VOTING RIGHTS

The Club shall have the following classes of membership:

Senior Membership General unrestricted membership rights and privileges

Junior Membership General membership with age restriction, no voting rights

Life Membership Perpetual unrestricted membership rights and privileges granted pursuant to ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of this constitution

Non-Flying Membership Same as Senior Membership but without flying privileges

Honorary Membership Honorary membership status granted pursuant to ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 of this constitution, without voting or flying privileges

Senior, Life and Non-Flying members in good standing with The Club constitute the total voting membership. Each member is entitled to one vote on matters submitted to a vote by The Club.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership to The Club shall have no qualifying restriction with respect to sex or race. Qualifications for each class of membership are defined as follows:

Senior Membership – Unrestricted membership for individuals that comply with ARTICLE IV - Section 3 of The Constitution

Junior Membership - Restricted to individuals less than 19 years of age, at the beginning of the Membership Year, that comply with ARTICLE IV – Section 3 of The Constitution. Satisfactory proof of age may be required.

Life Membership – Restricted to any individual 19 years of age and older that comply with ARTICLE IV-Section 3 of The Constitution Life membership status is granted through election, by a vote of the membership as provided in the By-laws.

Non-Flying Membership – Unrestricted qualifications

Honorary Membership - Unrestricted qualifications; Honorary membership is granted through election, by a vote of the membership as provided in the By-laws.

SECTION 3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Individuals, who agree with the purpose of The Club and further agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The Club, may be considered for membership. Admission to The Club will be granted upon satisfactory completion of The Club membership application and payment in full of all applicable dues, assessments & fees. Additionally, all flying memberships will require the following:

- 1) *A current membership to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, (AMA)*
- 2) *A Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) issued Unmanned Aircraft Systems, (UAS) Certificate Number*
- 3) *A FAA Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) Completion Certificate*
- 4) *Be compliant with all emerging FAA requirements that may arise after the date of this Constitution*

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Club, through a vote of the total membership, shall establish annual dues and assessments, in amounts to be established within the By-laws of The Club, for each class of membership. All dues, assessments and all other earnings of The Club shall only be used for maintaining efficient operation of The Club and for other non-profit purposes that may be determined by The Club. The amount of dues and assessments may be adjusted through a Level-2 Vote of the membership, from time to time as determined to be necessary by The Club in order to maintain the purposes as defined herein.

Individuals seeking new membership within The Club must pay the appropriate annual membership dues, fees and/or assessments as provided for in the By-laws as a prerequisite to club membership.

Senior, Junior and Non-Flying members are required to pay yearly dues and assessments in amounts as set forth by the membership as annual dues. Annual dues for Life and Honorary membership shall be waived.

All required dues and assessments of each member shall be fully paid for the coming year, on or before the dates and times as specified in the By-laws of The Club. Those members, required to pay dues and assessments, who have not paid said annual dues and assessment by the dates and times defined in the By-laws of The Club, shall be considered not in good standing and all membership rights and privileges shall be automatically suspended. A member may be immediately reinstated with full appropriate rights and privileges, upon satisfying all applicable membership requirements set forth within and upon paying all associated dues, assessments and late fees.

SECTION 5. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

There is no limit to the maximum number of members in The Club.

SECTION 6. TERM and TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

All memberships as defined within, except for those Life and Honorary memberships, whose terms are perpetual, shall be for the period of one year as defined by the Membership Year.

Membership rights and privileges may be suspended in part or in total if a member has engaged in conduct that is in violation of club rules or procedures as defined by this constitution, the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-laws of The Club. Authority and procedures for declaration and enforcement of the membership suspensions shall be defined in the By-laws of The Club.

Membership in The Club shall be considered terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(1) Upon giving notice of termination, delivered to any member of the Executive Board of The Club, either in person, by U.S. Mail or by electronic means. Such membership shall terminate upon the date of delivery of the said notice or date of deposit in the U.S. mail. Any member, whose voluntary termination has been affected, may reinstate their membership subject to ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS of this constitution.

(2) Upon failure to renew his or her membership by paying all applicable dues, assessments and late fees pursuant to the By-laws of The Club, before the first (1st) day of the sixth (6th) month of the Membership Year. A member may be reinstated into The Club by paying the total amount of delinquent dues, assessments and late fees at the time of termination, in addition to satisfying all applicable membership requirements set forth in ARTICLE IV- MEMBERS, of this constitution.

(3) After providing a member with reasonable written or electronic notification that the Executive Committee has determined that the member has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the interests or purposes of The Club. Within thirty (30) days of such notice of termination, said member shall have the opportunity to be heard by the Executive Committee for appeal of the previous decision, either orally or in writing. Any person expelled from The Club shall receive a refund of dues already paid for the current dues period.

In addition to those requirements set forth in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, of this constitution, any individual whose membership rights and privileges have been either terminated or suspended, shall not be granted a new membership into The Club for a minimum period of one (1) full year, from the date of termination or suspension, or for a longer period, as may be determined by a Level-3 Vote of the membership.

All rights and privileges of a member in The Club shall cease upon termination of membership as herein provided.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS - The elected officers of The Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS - Any member with voting rights may serve as an officer of The Club.

SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Officers shall be elected by a Level-3 Vote of The Club membership for the term of one (1) year. Nominations for club officers shall begin in the first regular meeting of the ninth (9th) month of each Membership Year and close in the last month of the Membership Year. The election of new officers shall be held at the Annual meeting of The Club. The newly elected officers shall take office on the first day of the Membership Year following the election.

SECTION 4. DESIGNATION AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board, of The Club, as defined in this constitution, shall have the authority to conduct and transact business on behalf of The Club and other such duties as prescribed within the By-laws of The Club subject to control of the general membership. It may hold and conduct separate meetings, as needed, and shall regularly report its activities at the regular meetings of The Club.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for all club appointments of committee chairpersons and other official positions as defined within this constitution, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws of The Club or as otherwise prescribed by law.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time; by a vote of the Executive Committee, as set forth in ARTICLE VI – SECTION 1, of The Constitution or by a Level-2 Vote of The Club membership. Any officer may resign by giving written notice to any member of the Executive Board of The Club. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or later as specified therein. Unless otherwise specified in the notice of resignation, the explicit acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 6. VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy in any office, other than that of President, such vacancy shall be filled temporarily by appointment of the Executive Board. In the event, of the vacancy in the office of the president, the vice-president of The Club shall assume the duties of the president. The vice-president shall have all rights, duties and authority of the president as authorized by this constitution and shall continue to act as president for the remainder of the term of office.

SECTION 7. AUTHORITY

Officers and other official positions, as may be defined in the By-laws of The Club, shall conduct the business of The Club consistent with this Constitution and the By-laws of The Club.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of The Club and shall, subject to the control of the general membership, supervise and control the affairs of The Club and the activities of the officers. He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by The Club Bylaws, this Constitution, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, the Executive Committee and at all meetings of the members. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or this Constitution, he shall, in the name of The Club, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by The Club.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions of the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by The Club By-laws, by this Constitution, or as may be prescribed by the Executive Board.

SECTION 10. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- * Certify and keep at the principal office of The Club the original of this Constitution as amended or otherwise altered to date and The Club By-laws.
- * Keep at the principal office of The Club or at such other place as the board may determine, a record of minutes of all meetings of the members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special and the proceedings thereof
- * See that all notices are duly given in accordance with this constitution or as may be required by law
- * Be custodian of the records of The Club
- * Maintain membership records containing the name and address of each and, in the case where any membership has been terminated, shall record such fact together with the date on which such membership ceased
- * In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by this Constitution, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Executive Board.

SECTION 11. DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- * Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of The Club, and deposit all such funds in the name of The Club in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Executive Board
- * Receive, and give receipt for monies due and payable to The Club from any source whatsoever
- * Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of The Club as may be directed by the members of The Club, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements
- * Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of The Club's monies and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses
- * Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any member of The Club, on request therefor
- * Render to the President and members of The Club, whenever requested, an account of any or all of transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of The Club
- * Prepare, or cause to be prepared, financial statements to be included in any required report
- * In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of The Club, or by this Constitution, or which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Executive Board.

SECTION 12. COMPENSATION

Officers of The Club shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee of The Club comprising of those members as defined in ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS of this Constitution.

The Executive Committee shall act as the judicial body of The Club including but not limited to, hearing all matters of member discipline and the removal of club officers. Resolution of disciplinary action pending before the Executive Committee shall require a simple majority of the committee members present. Resolution of matters involving the removal of club officers from office will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Executive Committee members present at the time of the vote. Any activities of the Executive Committee are subject to reversal or modifications by a Level-3 Vote of the membership of The Club.

The current club President shall preside as committee chairperson, for the Executive Committee, for all matters of business of the Executive Committee except for matters effecting the discipline or removal of the President. For matters regarding the discipline or removal of the president from office, the Vice-President will then preside as committee chairperson; and if the Vice-President is unable or unwilling to act as Chairperson for the Executive Committee, the Chairperson will be selected from the members of the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote of the members present at the committee meeting.

Each member of the Executive Committee will have one vote for all matters of business before the committee except for the acting Chairperson which will only cast a vote for the purpose of breaking a tie. A quorum, consisting of a minimum of 5 members of the Executive Committee, of which a minimum of 2 members must be current officers of The Club, is required to transact business at any committee meeting. In the absence of past presidents holding current memberships in good standing within The Club; the membership can select, by a Level-3 Vote, current member(s) in good standing within The Club to fulfill the quorum requirement of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Club may establish standing committees as defined within the By-laws of The Club as determined necessary to maintain its efficient operation and to promote the purposes of The Club.

SECTION 3. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

The Club may establish temporary committees as designated by the Executive Board, from time to time as may be necessary to maintain the efficient operation and purposes of The Club.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

The Club will generally promote its purpose through meetings of the membership. There shall be two (2) types of Official meetings of The Club general membership as defined below. For a meeting of the general membership to be considered an Official meeting of the membership, the meeting must be: a) properly scheduled and, b) where a quorum has been attained, pursuant to this constitution and The Club By-laws. For The Club business to be binding and official it may only be transacted at meetings that are deemed Official as defined above.

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

A **Regular Meeting** is a meeting opened to the entire membership of The Club, for which the date, time and location of such meeting has been established and openly announced, most commonly early in the Membership Year, pursuant to the By-laws of The Club. The last Regular Meeting of the Membership Year shall be deemed the Annual meeting of The Club for the purposes of this constitution, Articles of Incorporation or as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A **Special Meeting** is a meeting of the voting membership of The Club, which has not been generally, established as a regularly re-occurring meeting. The Executive Board, or the Executive Committee, may call for a Special Meeting of The Club as may be determined necessary but only after Proper Notice, as defined in ARTICLE III – DEFINITIONS of this constitution, has been given to all voting members of The Club in advance of said Special Meeting. The advance notice must include the date, time, location and main purpose for the *Special Meeting*.

SECTION 3. QUORUMS

A quorum for Regular Meetings shall constitute those voting members present at said meeting of which a minimum of two (2) members must be members of the Executive Board as defined within. A quorum for Special Meetings shall constitute 20% of the total voting membership of The Club at time of said meeting of which a minimum of two (2) members must be members of the Executive Board as defined within.

SECTION 4. MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings of the membership of The Club shall be conducted pursuant to the By-laws of The Club.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

All Articles and Sections of this Constitution may be revised, amended, or deleted by a Level-2 Vote of the membership in good standing at the time of the vote.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

Ratification of this Constitution shall require a Level-1 Vote of the membership in good standing, at the time of the ratification vote.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION of THE CLUB and DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

The Club is perpetual in nature with no set termination date. At any time, the General Membership of The Club may approve the dissolution of The Club by a Level-1 Vote of the membership. As a result of any such vote, all of The Club assets, (including personal property and cash) must be disposed, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service regulations regarding these matters as it relates to Tax Exempt Organizations under Section 501c (3) of United States Tax Code.

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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AERONAUTICS CLUB BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

These By-laws as authorized by THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RIBCRACKERS MODEL AERONAUTICS CLUB adopted on **August 1, 2021**, are the administrative rules by which The Club will operate.

SECTION 1: OFFICIAL CLUB POSITIONS

In addition to Club Officers, as defined within the constitution of The Club, there shall be the following Official Club Positions for the purpose of the efficient operation of The Club. Any voting member of The Club in good standing is qualified to hold one or more Official Club Positions. The selection of club members for Official Club Positions is by a consensus vote of the Executive Board but may be subject to a Level-3 Vote of the general membership at any properly scheduled meeting.

Official Club Positions:

- a) **Field Marshall** - Responsible for maintenance and improvements of all Club flying sites.
- b) **Safety Officer(s)** - Responsible for ensuring The Club and AMA safety rules are being followed at The Club flying site(s) by all persons using the flying site and enforce said rules as necessary to ensure the safety of all persons and property at the flying site. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of The Club, The Safety Officer(s) is(are) empowered by these By-laws to suspend flying privileges of any member, or to revoke flying privileges of any guest when said Safety Officer(s) determine(s) that such conduct is in serious violation of The Club and/or AMA safety rules and where immediate action is required to end said improper conduct. Said suspension and/or revocation is for the duration of the day of the offense. The Safety Officer(s) may then recommend to the Executive Board further disciplinary action.
- c) **Chief Instructor** - Responsible for the management of The Club Student Pilot Training including but not limited to the coordination and certifying of The Club Pilot Training Instructors. The Chief Instructor is also empowered to act as a Club Safety Officer during any Club training session and granted all authority thereof.
- d) **Instructors** - Responsible for the actual training, testing and certification of members with flying privileges who have not obtained the status of pilot pursuant to the Rules of The Club. The Chief Instructor, subject to the control of the Executive Board, shall determine the quantity of The Club Instructors. The Club Instructors may only assist in the operation of aircraft with those persons who are in compliance with ARTICLE IV - SECTION 3 of The Constitution unless said instructor is an AMA approved Intro-Pilot Instructor.
- e) **Meeting Raffle Coordinator** - Responsible for coordination and execution for meeting related raffles subject to the control of the Executive Board.
- f) **Parliamentarian** - Responsible for answering questions of proper meeting procedures. Parliamentarian rulings on meeting procedures at any meeting shall be considered final and binding on the meeting Chairperson and general membership. The Parliamentarian shall resolve questions and issues related to the establishment of a meeting Quorum. In the absence of the Parliamentarian, the Secretary shall assume the responsibilities of the Parliamentarian. In addition, the Parliamentarian shall ensure that changes to The Club Constitution and/or By-laws are properly documented and published

SECTION 2: OPERATIONAL RULES & PROCEDURES

The Executive Board has the implied authority to run the day-to-day business of The Club and to make decisions, issue purchase orders and other normal actions of business within the spirit of The Club's Constitution, however all actions of the Executive Board may be subject to general membership ratification.

The Executive Board shall prepare and present an annual budget to the general membership of The Club for approval. Approval of the annual budget shall be subject to a Level-3 Vote of the general membership, occurring at a properly scheduled meeting of The Club. The annual budget shall detail and forecast the expected income and spending levels of The Club for the upcoming year and should be presented to the membership for approval no later than the second regular meeting of the Membership Year. Attached to the annual budget the Executive Board shall also submit an annual calendar of Club events and activities to be supported by the annual budget.

The Executive Board may commit and spend Club funds as required for the efficient operation of The Club through the use of purchase orders and /or performance contracts when the amounts and types of such expenditures are clearly contained within the approved annual budget of The Club and when said expenditures are not in excess of the amounts detailed in said annual budget. The Executive Board may not spend Club Funds in excess of \$500 for any committed expenditure that is not clearly contained within the approved annual budget without explicit approval of the general membership by a Level-3 Vote occurring at an Official meeting of The Club. All checks drafted for Club expenditures greater than \$500 shall require a signature approval of both Club Treasurer and Club President.

The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish and enact temporary rules and orders necessary for the safe operation of club activities, overall public safety or when said temporary rules and orders are needed for the preservation of property under the control of The Club. All said temporary rules and/or orders may be modified or reversed by a Level-3 Vote of the general membership at a properly scheduled meeting of The Club.

The Membership Year for The Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in a calendar year.

SECTION 3: MEETINGS

Regular meetings of The Club shall be held on the first Monday every month at The Clubs current flying site or at a designated alternate location, when the current flying site is unavailable.

As a general rule, club meeting shall be run as informal as possible but not to make it impractical to enact the business of The Club. In the case of conflicts or issues that arise regarding the order of any Official meeting of The Club, Roberts Rules of Orders shall apply.

Agenda of Regular Meetings to include the following items:

- Call to Order
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Special Activities (Raffles, Training, Model-of-the-Month, etc.)
- Announcements
- Adjournment
- Raffles, when active

SECTION 4: DUES & ASSESSMENTS

The following fees are in affect:

Annual Dues

New Member (one time) Initiation Fee -----	\$ 50
Senior Member Annual Dues -----	\$100
Non-Flying Member Annual Dues -----	\$ 20
Junior Member Annual Dues -----	\$ 0

Special Assessments

Late Fees for late payment of Annual Dues -----	\$ 25
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Due Dates and Late Fees

Annual membership dues are payable on the first day of the Membership Year. Any member paying annual membership dues after the third regular meeting of the Membership Year is subject to a late fee assessment in addition to the applicable membership dues and other associated assessment.

Work Credit Assessments

There are currently no annual credit assessments for work that is performed by a club member during a membership year. The Club reserves the right to initiate work credits against annual dues at any time via a Level-3 Vote

SECTION 5: CLUB FLYING SITES & FIELD USAGE RULES

The Club Safety and Field rules, as included in the Appendix of these By-laws, are intended to protect the personal safety of club members and guests, the general public and personal property adjacent to Club activities.

All members of The Club shall comply with The Club Safety and Field Rules and any member found not in compliance with the Safety and Fields Rules may be subject to disciplinary action, pursuant to these By-laws and/or The Constitution, up to and including termination from The Club upon due process.

The Safety and Field Rules maybe changed from time to time as determined necessary by The Club to assure the safe promotion of club activities and interests.

Changes to Safety and Field Rules of The Club are subject to a Level-3 Vote of the membership at any Official club meeting.

SECTION 6: ELECTION OF LIFE & HONARARY MEMBERSHIPS

- 1) Life and Honorary Memberships are granted to individuals in recognition of their dedicated and unselfish service toward promoting the purpose and spirit of The Club and the hobby.
- 2) Criteria for Life and Honorary Memberships:
 - a) Recognizable actions are both significant and long lasting,
 - b) Extended period of service is desired but not required
 - c) Individual is of good character
 - d) A history of support and guidance of others in the hobby, a “Role-Model” for others in the hobby

- 3) Any voting Member of The Club may recommend an individual for consideration as a Life or Honorary member to the Executive Board for review
- 4) Executive Board shall review all recommendations of individuals for Life and/or Honorary memberships.
- 5) Upon Executive Board determination that an individual meets the criteria for a Life and/or Honorary Membership, the Executive Board shall place the name of the individual in nomination before the general membership of The Club.
- 6) A Level-2 Vote of the General Membership is required for ratification of individuals for Life and/or Honorary Memberships.

SECTION 7: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 1) The Executive Board shall have the authority to temporarily suspend any members flying privileges for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until such time as the Executive Committee shall be able to review the matter, upon observation of, or subsequent to a reasonable investigation of a report of, a member's actions that were:
 - a) in serious violation of The Club's Safety Rules,
 - b) endangering public safety
 - c) materially and seriously prejudicial to the interests or purposes of The Club. This includes but is not specifically limited to, personal politically charged agendas directed at the General Membership
- 2) Any member violating a properly issued suspension order by, the Executive Board, any Club Officer, or any empowered person holding an Official Club Position shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of all Club membership rights and privileges upon due process.
- 3) Due process is considered any procedure that is consistent with ARTICLE IV, Section 6 of The Constitution.

SECTION 8: STANDING COMMITTEES

Special interest of The Club may be promoted, from time to time, through the establishment of specific standing committees.

SECTION 9: AMMENDMENTS

All Sections of these By-laws may be revised, amended, or deleted by a Level-3 Vote of the voting membership at any Official meeting of The Club, as defined in ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS of The Constitution.

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APPENDIX to BY-LAWS: CLUB SAFETY & FIELD RULES

PREAMBLE

Ribcrackers Model Aeronautics Club is a recreational flyer & modeler community-based organization. It is our intent to operate our aircraft in full compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) Unmanned Aircraft Systems, (UAS) Recreational Flyer Exemption for limited recreational operations of unmanned aircraft (Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) § 44809). The following Club Safety & Field Rules are the rules by which The Club shall operate.

SAFETY and FIELD RULES:

- 1) All flyers must have the following credentials:
 - a) A current membership to the *Academy of Model Aeronautics, (AMA)*
 - b) A FAA issued UAS Certificate Number
 - c) A FAA Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) Completion Certificate
- 2) All flight from our flying field will be Line-of-Sight operations only
- 3) No flying is permitted over pit areas, public roads, buildings, parking areas and/or work crews
- 4) Flying is restricted to members and their official guests
- 5) It is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to make certain their guests, and their guests' equipment are in Compliance with the Ribcrackers Club Safety & Field Rules
- 6) Guests at the field are limited to three visits per year
- 7) No alcoholic beverages are permitted at any time
- 8) Pilots and their aircraft & equipment must be in compliance with all emerging FAA requirements that may arise subsequent to the date of these By-Laws
- 9) All flying aircraft must be labeled with an FAA issued UAS Certificate Number
- 10) Due to our proximity to Oakland Southwest Airport, a spotter is required for all flights at the current Ribcrackers flying field location
- 11) Full-scale aircraft have the right-of-way over model aircraft. If a full-scale aircraft is sited during a flight, it is the model pilot's responsibility to keep as much air space as possible between the two aircraft. The model aircraft should also stay below 100'AGL during such an encounter
- 12) No gas, diesel or nitro powered aircraft flights are allowed prior to 10am on any flying day
- 13) All pilots must be signed off by a club instructor, prior to flying solo at the club field
- 14) A Ribcracker Instructor must supervise all student flights in the absence of an Instructor's Sign-off
- 15) During student nights, non-student flights are at the discretion of the Ribcracker Instructor
- 16) No taxiing or take-offs are allowed directly from the pit area
- 17) With the exception of take offs & landings, no flying is allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of the flight line
- 18) With the exception of club events, no more than three models are to be airborne at any time
- 19) Anyone entering the runway must announce their intentions and be sure their intentions have been acknowledged by others
- 20) When flying, the pilot is to be located at one of the designated flight stations
- 21) All take-offs & landings are to be called out by the pilot or their assistant
- 22) Landing and dead-stick flights have the right-of-way... call out your intentions in both cases
- 23) Helicopters must follow the same traffic pattern & flight rules as fixed wing aircraft
- 24) Turbine powered flight is not permitted
- 25) Mufflers are required on all engines
- 26) No breaking in of engines in the pit area while other members are flying
- 27) Smoking is not permitted in the area of gas, diesel or nitro fueled aircraft
- 28) All spectators must remain south of the safety line fencing on the south side of the pit area
- 29) Anything you bring to the field must leave with you when you depart

TRANSMITTER USAGE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Pilots using 2.4 GHz spread spectrum transmitters have no special use requirements
- 2) Pilots using 72 MHz FM transmitters (72.010-72.990 MHz, Channels 11-60) must comply with the following requirements:
 - a) A frequency pin must be obtained from the cabinet at the field before turning on your transmitter
 - b) All FM transmitters must display a proper frequency flag and have the frequency pin affixed to the transmitter while on the field.

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