

# **RADIO CONTROL CLUB of ROCHESTER, INC.**

## **AMA Charter #465**

### **BYLAWS**

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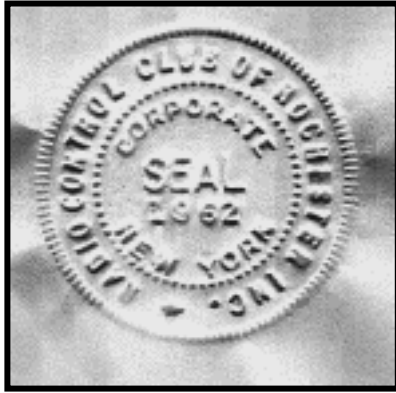
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## **Article One**

### **Organization**

The name of this organization shall be RADIO CONTROL CLUB of ROCHESTER, INC.

The organization shall have a seal and an emblem, which shall be in the following forms:



The organization may at its pleasure by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership body change its name.

The organization shall hold a current charter membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

## **Article Two**

### **Purposes**

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been established:

To foster, cultivate, and encourage the interest of members in the construction, design, operation, improvement, and use of models of aircraft, boats, automobiles, and other moving devices and machines, including particularly all aspects and phases relating to radio control of such models.

To encourage among the members closer personal acquaintance and friendly spirit of mutual cooperation.

To gather, receive and disseminate such information as may seem helpful to the members, to interchange ideas in rendering mutual assistance and to provide helpful vocational advice with reference to aforesaid models.

To encourage the promotion and establishment of subsidiary local clubs fostering such model building and to improve, maintain, and conduct club and recreational facilities.

To purchase, lease, rent, sell, develop, mortgage, convey or otherwise acquire or dispose of real and personal property necessary or proper for carrying out of the purposes of this corporation in such cities and communities as the directors in their discretion deem wise; and to erect, equip, and maintain social club houses and other appropriate buildings for the use and enjoyment of all members of the club upon and under such terms and conditions and subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as the directors may from time to time determine.

To publish and circulate publications of any kind and description relative to radio control model building.

### **Article Three**

#### **Membership**

Membership in this organization shall be open to all.

New members shall be approved by the membership and their decision shall be considered final. During periods when no meetings are held, new members may be approved by a majority of the board of directors.

All members must hold current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership and must abide by all local field rules.

Local guests may use the organization's private facilities once per calendar year if they are a member of the AMA and are accompanied by a current member of the Radio Control Club of Rochester. Sanctioned events are excluded from this limitation. Out of town guests may purchase a guest pass, good for 30 days, as described in Article Eleven, as long as accompanied by a RCCR member.

### **Article Four**

#### **Meetings**

The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held annually on the first meeting in December each and every year except if such day be a legal holiday then and in the event the Board of Directors shall fix the day but it shall not be more than two weeks from the date fixed by the Bylaws. The Secretary shall notify every member in good standing at his address as it appears in the membership roll book of this organization a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting.

Regular meetings of this organization shall be held twice each month, and once during the month of December.

Twenty percent (20%) of the paid up membership shall constitute a quorum.

The presence of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the paid up members shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization. A lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than four (4) weeks from the date scheduled by the Bylaws and the Secretary shall cause a notice of this scheduled meeting to be sent to all those members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as here in before set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

The President may call special meetings of this organization when he deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meetings shall be distributed to all members at least ten (10) days but not more than thirty (30) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting, and by whom called.

At the request of two (2) members of the Board of Directors or five (5) members of the organization, the President shall cause a special meeting to be called but the request must be made in writing at least ten (10) days before the requested scheduled date.

No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

## **Article Five**

### **Voting**

At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be via hand count except that for election of officers ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot any mark or marking that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

At any regular or special meeting if a majority so requires any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors.

At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall immediately prior to the commencement of balloting appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall at the conclusion of such balloting certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

No Inspector of Election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

## **Article Six**

### **Order of Business**

1. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)
2. Introduction of Guests and Prospective Members
3. Reading of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
4. Reports of Officers
5. Reports of Committees
6. Old and Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Good and Welfare (Show and Tell)
9. Adjourn
10. Program

## **Article Seven**

### **Board of Directors**

A Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of members at least nine (9) but not more than nineteen (19), including at minimum the current officers of this organization and officers serving immediately prior to the current officers. At least one of the directors elected shall be a resident of the State of New York, and a citizen of the United States of America.

Board members should be nominated from the current membership by the club president and/or by any member prior to the annual meeting. If the number of nominees exceeds the number of open positions, the nominees with the highest pluralities of votes shall be elected.

The directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization and they shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting. All policies and rules approved by the board shall be voted upon by the membership at a regular or special meeting.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly.

Each director shall have one (1) vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

The Board of Directors shall review the appropriateness of the existing bylaws biannually.

The Board of Directors shall review the records of the Treasurer biannually.

Vacancies in said Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall select from one of their number a Secretary.

An officer or director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any officer or director. Any officer or director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules, as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization, for this hearing.

## **Article Eight**

### **Officers**

**Election:** All officers shall be elected biennially (once every two years) by the membership. The club President shall be elected in alternate years to the other officers.  
**Vacancies:** Shall be filled by presidential appointment subject to majority approval of the Board of Directors

The officers of the organization shall be as follows:

#### **PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all membership meetings.

The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The President shall present at each annual meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization.

The President shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.

The President shall see all books, reports, and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed.

The President shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

The President shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Vice President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the duly elected president.

The Vice President as Program Director shall plan, arrange and cause to be presented, after the business meeting has adjourned, programs containing information that is educational or of general interest to the membership.

#### SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate media.

The Secretary shall file any certificate required by statute, federal or state.

The Secretary shall give and serve all notices of the records and seal of the organization.

The Secretary shall present to the membership at any meetings any communication addressed to the Secretary of the organization.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

The Secretary shall record and compile information for yearly show and tell drawing.

#### TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all moneys belonging to the organization, shall be solely responsible for such moneys or securities of the organization, and shall cause to be deposited in a regular business bank or trust company a sum as the Board of Directors shall direct.

The Treasurer must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it.

The Treasurer shall render at each first monthly meeting of the membership a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of such meeting.

The Treasurer will file the annual form 990N with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as well as any other requirements to maintain the club's status as a non-profit, tax exempt organization with the IRS

#### VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall assist the treasurer in collecting yearly dues from the members and issues RCCR membership cards.

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall distribute club rules, regulations and an information packet to new or prospective members. New members get one small RCCR patch for free.

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall compile and update the club membership and mailing list.

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall update the membership list that is sent into the Academy of Model Aeronautics for the RCCR Club Charter. This list must be updated according to the Academy of Model Aeronautics requirements.

No officer shall be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director from receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a director or officer.

Current officers, newsletter editor, and WEB master shall not be required to pay dues.

## **Article Nine**

### **Salaries**

The Board of Directors shall hire and fix the compensation for any an all employees, which they in their discretion may determine to be necessary in the conduct of the business of the organization.

## **Article Ten**

### **Committees**

The President shall appoint all committees of this organization, and determine their term of office, which shall be at the President's discretion, and the committee and/or it's members can be terminated by the President at any time.

## **Article Eleven**

### **Dues**

1. A schedule of dues will be published annually.
2. Dues are non refundable except under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors

3. Definitions of each membership:

**Senior:** Persons 18 years and older and an AMA member.

**Junior:** members under the age of 18 as of March 1st of the year of membership and an AMA member

**Students:** full time student 19 years old or older and an AMA member

**Additional family members:** a spouse and/or dependent children under the age of 21 residing at the same address as the member and an AMA member



Social: non-flying member

Honorary : free membership with all privileges of membership. Chosen by majority vote at a regular business meeting

New: person who has not previously been a member of RCCR, or who has not renewed their membership in the previous 5 calendar years

### **Dues Structure**

Senior: \$ 75.00 minus work credits

Junior: Free

Student: \$10.00

Additional family members: Free

Social: \$ 35.00

Guest Privilege Pass: \$ 15.00 for 30 days' access with member escort

New Membership: \$ 35.00 + \$ 20.00 initiation fee

Work Credits: \$ 2.00/hour, 20-hour maximum.

### **Work Credits**

1. Working at designated club activities may reduce dues. Work credits toward dues are earned at the rate of \$ 2.00/hour up to a maximum of \$40.
2. Work credits are to be recorded on the back of the RCCR membership card and initialed by the person in charge of the work activity.
3. Work credits are good for 1 year.

### **Dues Payment**

1. Renewal membership dues are due no later than March 01 of a given year.
2. All members must fill out a "Radio Control Club of Rochester, Inc." membership renewal form. If membership is mailed to the club, a copy of AMA current membership must accompany membership renewal.

### **Article Twelve**

#### **Amendments**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by three-quarters (3/4)-majority vote of the members present at any meeting when a quorum is present.

### **Article Thirteen**

#### **Dissolution**

1. The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a three-quarters (3/4)-majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation. All physical assets are to be dispersed in Monroe County,

New York to Chartered Clubs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc and/or local educational institutions with model aviation efforts. Any residual funds will go to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

#### **Article Fourteen**

#### **Disciplinary Action**

The Board of directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which are contrary to membership requirements.