



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RADIO CONTROL CLUB INC.

Welcome to the DC/RC Club

Dear New Member:

The Board of Directors and fellow members of the District of Columbia Radio Control Club (DC/RC) welcome you to the club. We feel that DC/RC is one of the foremost R/C clubs in the nation and look with pride at the accomplishments of the members since it's founding in 1952. It is our policy to assist you in any way we can to achieve the same success and pleasure that we enjoy in the pursuit of our hobby. Joining the DC/RC Club and the Academy of Model Aeronautics shows that you are concerned about acquiring and keeping flying sites, as well as developing your modeling skills.

Included in this information packet are several items that will assist you in entering the mainstream of club activities: the field operating rules and regulations, frequency flights control system, club constitution and by-laws, and club membership roster. Your monthly club newsletter will be sent on the next publishing cycle.

Our newsletter is one of the most widely distributed in the country, and our editor is constantly on the lookout for new material. Do not hesitate to contact him or her, if you have something to contribute. If you read the newsletter, you can keep abreast of club activities like technical programs, contests, fun-fly and what the board of directors is doing.

Like all hobbies, what you get out of the DC/RC membership will be in direct proportion to what you are willing to put into it. Participate in club activities, volunteer for work on club projects, meet other members and have lots of fun with this hobby and our club!

Welcome again to DC/RC! The Board of Directors

INTRODUCTION

Almost every youth, at sometime in his or her life, builds and fly a model airplane. Many find model aviation a fascinating and challenging hobby/sport to pursue through adulthood. An industry has grown up to support our hobby that includes many domestic and foreign companies and a number of publications.

The District of Columbia metropolitan area is the home of DC/RC Club, one of the largest, oldest and most prestigious clubs dedicated to the R/C segment of the hobby. Our club has put together this document to tell you about accomplishment activities organization, objectives, and ourselves. We hope it will provide you an appreciation of the maturity and scope of our activities.

Our flying site is the Walt Good R/C Flying Field located in the South Germantown Regional

Park. The field is a facility of the Montgomery County Recreation Department. The DC/RC Club provides technical and management supports and contributes both money and time to field maintenance and improvements. Together, the DC/RC and the Recreation Department have created an excellent flying site.

The club offers flight instruction to the newcomer to R/C, and you will find many members willing to help you with the construction of your first model and to provide advice and help as you progress. Please note that Article IX, Section 2; of the by-law requires that new members demonstrate their ability to fly safely before they are allowed to fly without an instructor present.

Safety is an important program on the DC/RC agenda. Please read and follow the regulations furnished. Most of the time there will be one or more senior flyers at the field that will answer any questions you might have about the rules and will remind you of the correct procedures, if you are doing something unsafe.

The club meetings are held on the third Friday of every month at 8:00 PM at the Montgomery County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave. (Rockville, Maryland) in the first floor auditorium. Each meeting usually includes a technically oriented program and a discussion of models brought in by members.

CLUB GOVERNMENT

The District of Columbia Radio Control Club, Inc. is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Maryland. The club is governed by constitution and its business conducted by a board of directors elected at the October general meeting from among the members in good standing. The board is comprised of nine members, each elected for a term of three years. The club, through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), carries public liability insurance on R/C model aircraft flights covering owners of flying sites, the club itself, members and spectators at club events. All members of the club must be members of the AMA and must comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding the use of their radio systems.

The board of director's form of club government was introduced to the membership in June 1970. A revised constitution delegating authority to nine elected board members was necessary to meet the needs of the expanding membership. Before this change, all business was conducted at the club general meetings. Business activities are now conducted at monthly meetings of the board with certain actions requiring a report to the membership at the general meetings.

The board from among its members elects the club President. The six senior members of the board assign members of the board to chair continuing and special committees, such as competitive activities, field maintenance, field acquisition, newsletter, public relations and safety/sound.

The club-recording secretary, membership secretary and treasurer are nominated by the President and confirmed by the board at the beginning of each fiscal year. Except as otherwise noted in the Constitution and by-law, the board of directors shall conduct all business of the club, control all offices and committees, and discharge all corporate responsibilities of the club.

HISTORY OF THE DC/RC

The District of Columbia Radio Control Club has been in existence for over 35 years. The informal beginning of the club took place in August 1950 with meetings in Walt Good's basement in Bethesda. When the number of enthusiasts passed 20, a formal club named DC/RC was established at a meeting in August 1953 at Lake's Hobby Shop in Wheaton, Maryland.

In 1953, Don Clark and Jim Reed selected the first flying field on Tolson's farm north of Wheaton. The first issue of the club newsletter appeared in 1957. In addition, that year, the first "R/C Only" contest sponsored by DC/RC was held at the Frederick Airport.

In 1958, the club held the first of 12 annual technical symposiums on radio control at the Applied Physics Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University. Each symposium furthered the development of technical knowledge and disseminated this information throughout the world by publishing proceedings of the meetings.

Record trials were started, as an annual club event in 1963, in an effort to establish world records recognized by the FAI (*Federation Aeronautique Internationale*) in Paris, France. Club members Ray Smith, Bob Scott, Ben Givens, Walt Good and Maynard Hill have held or now hold world R/C records.

Annual club events now include an auction in March, an opening-day fun fly in May, the IMMA Bealeton fly-in in September, and the Octoberfest fun fly.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOBBY BY DC/RC MEMBERS

DC/RC members have been prominent in model aeronautics, both nationally and internationally. Members have held positions of president and vice-president of the AMA and US delegate to the Committee for International Aero Modeling (CLAM).

As designers, experimenters and inventors, individual DC/RC members were responsible for development of the first dual-proportional radio systems. They also pioneered the use of small-transistorized DC-DC converters to provide high voltage for receivers and transmitters, thus eliminating the need for "B" batteries with their considerable weight.

DC/RC members have been local, regional and national winners in many R/C contests. Tissandier (FAI) awards, AMA fellowships and induction into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame have recognized individual achievements of members.

As a club, DC/RC sponsored the first sanctioned thermal soaring meet, proposed limits on engine displacement that were adopted, conducted training courses for pattern flying judges, and in September 1971, provided numerous workers and officials in support of the Seventh RIC World Championship for Aerobatics at Doylestown, PA,

In pursuit of their hobby, many of our members have made contributions to R/C technology. R/C models have been used on programs conducted by NASA, DOD and other government agencies. DC/RC member Maynard L. Hill holds eight worlds R/C Records as of October 1995.

To introduce the public to model aviation, the club welcomes spectators at the flying field to observe our flying activities. The DC/RC demonstration team stands ready to perform at public

events. This team, composed of uniformed expert flyers, presents a polished program under conditions that assure the safety of both participants and spectators.

The DC/RC award-winning newsletter reaches each member of the club before the monthly general meeting. It contains a summary of club business, activities and hobby articles of interest to all members.

Walt Good R/C Field

Germantown, Maryland Field and Flight Rules DCRC Club¹

Model Airpark Hours of Operation
8:30 am until dusk, Monday – Saturday.
9:00 am until dusk on Sunday and Federal holidays.

General Rules

1. All model aircraft operation must be in accordance with the official AMA² Safety Code³ and these field rules.
2. All pilots must be current members of the AMA.
3. Any pilot must have a current AMA Card and either a current DCRC Club membership or be a guest of a pilot with these credentials when engaged in flying activities at the Club field.
4. Proficiency in the safe operation of a model aircraft as demonstrated by a pilot proficiency test. This test can be administered by any DCRC certified instructor.
5. DCRC members or guests who are not certified may fly while accompanied by a certified member.
6. A pilot using 72 MHz shall place a DCRC card at the Frequency Board at the proper channel space. If there is already a card at that channel then notify the user of that channel that you are waiting. Leave your Transmitter in the impound area. **DO NOT TURN YOUR TRANSMITTER UNLESS YOU HAVE CONTROL OF THE FREQUENCY!**
7. 2.4 GHZ transmitters or a Club Member's card do not need to be placed in the Frequency Board or in the impound area.

Flight Operation and Safety

Fixed Wing Prop Planes

1. Safety shall be the primary concern and responsibility of all members.
2. Takeoff and Landing shall be essentially parallel to the flight line. The direction shall be determined by a consensus of the flyers present.
3. **No more than Five (5) aircraft in the air at one time.**
4. Pilots shall control their planes while standing on the designated pilot blocks behind the safety fence.
5. **No flight operations are allowed behind the flight line or over the pit/parking area**
6. Dead stick landings have priority over all other traffic
7. Prolonged engine operation is not allowed in the pit or pilot area.
8. No taxiing in the pit area.
9. Aircraft with obvious defects or problems should not be flown until the aircraft is fully air worthy.
10. As a courtesy relay to other pilots your intentions as to takeoff, landing, and dead stick, etc.

11. Spectators should normally stay behind the pit area, but they may make brief visits inside the pit if accompanied by DCRC club member. Animals must remain behind the pits.
12. **RC COMBAT IS NOT ALLOWED AT THE DCRC FLYING FIELD.** There will be no activity or engagement between two (2) airplanes or there will be no streamers attached to the back of the model. You can fly a combat type model as any other model.

Helicopters

1. No more than five (5) Helicopters shall be in the air at one time.
2. They shall be flown in the designated helicopter area.
3. Helicopters shall be hand carried from the pit area to the flight line.

Turbine Aircraft

1. Turbine aircraft pilots must display a current AMA waiver
2. Model turbine engines shall not be started without having a fire extinguisher within arm's reach.
3. Starting in designated start up areas only.
4. Engine Failsafe - Set according to engine and radio instruction manuals. The AMA rules for operating turbines call for automatic shutdown if "lost link" occurs for 2 seconds.

Sound Rules

1. Montgomery County's 65 dBA sound limit, as measured at the property line, cannot be exceeded by any activities at the field.
2. Models will comply with AMA sound rules which are "96 dBA measured at three meters from the center line of the model with the model standing on the concrete or macadam, and 94 dBA on an earth or short grass surface." If the model exceeds the ground based testing, the model must undergo additional in-the-air sound measurements administered by the DCRC Sound and Safety Officer. Gas powered models shall not exceed 73dBA as measured from the designated measurement point in the pit area while the model is flown over the trees forward of the flight line in the following manner: 1) Models capable of Aerobatic flight will fly a vertical figure eight maneuver. 2) All other Models will fly a high-Speed pass. 3) Test maneuvers will be flown at the maximum performance level of the model.
3. 40% and bigger models must have a 3 blade prop and a set of canister mufflers, a 35% models must have a 3 blade prop or a canister muffler.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

i District of Columbia Radio Control club (DCRC Club) has the written authority to manage the model flying facility.
ii Academy of Model Aeronautics provides the insurance coverage required by the County for all field users.
iii The AMA Safety code can be found at www.modelaircraft.org



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MODEL AIRPARK
PILOT PROFICIENCY TEST
DC/RC RADIO CONTROL CLUB
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND**



www.dc-rc.org

Article I, Section F of the Montgomery County Use Agreement limits the use of the airpark to people who pass a pilot proficiency test administered by DC/RC. Test conductors designated by the DC/RC Board of Directors will give this test. The test must be administered at the Montgomery County Model Airpark. Before taking this test study the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code in your AMA Membership Manual and make sure that you understand the rules and the reasons for them. Make sure that you also read and understand the current DC/RC Field and Flight Rules.

When you (and your test conductor) are confident with your performance in the air and your knowledge of ground and safety rules, you will be ready to take your pilot proficiency test. Contact the DC/RC Sound and Safety Officer for a list of designated test conductors. The test is very straightforward and consists of:

1. Carry out pre-flight safety checks of the airplane. For example, check for loose, cracked or missing parts, check to make sure the plane has fuel, and check the batteries for proper charge using an expanded scale voltmeter.
2. Start the engine in a safe and secure manner. For example, have a buddy hold the plane, use a chicken stick or electric starter to flip the propeller, and never reach over the propeller to turn the needle valve or remove the glow starter. (Note: It is an excepted practice to start a giant scale engine by hand.)
3. Take-off in the designated direction and climb to a safe altitude.
4. Fly two figure-eight patterns with the crossover point in front of the pilot. Height to be constant.
5. Fly a rectangular landing approach and overshoot runway from below 20 ft (this is not a low pass).
6. Fly a rectangular landing approach in the opposite direction and overshoot the runway.
7. Perform a simulated dead-stick landing with the engine at idle beginning at a safe height (approx. 200 ft) heading into wind. When approximately 20 ft. above the runway, power up and overshoot the landing area.
8. Fly a rectangular landing approach and make a safe landing from the designated direction.
9. Remove model and equipment from the runway and complete a post-flight check.
10. **See and Avoid manned aircraft at all times.**

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Successfully completing this test is recognition that you have demonstrated a basic ability to perform minimum 'safe solo' flight maneuvers at the DCRC Field. DCRC DOES NOT CERTIFY THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF SAFELY FLYING (i) THE TEST MANUEVERS ON A CONSISTENT BASIS, (ii) ANY MANUEVER OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THE TEST, (iii) ANY AIRPLANE OTHER THAN A BASIC TRAINER AIRPLANE, (iv) AT ANY OTHER FLYING SITE OR (v) UNDER LESS THAN CALM, CLEAR WEATHER CONDITIONS. Safe flying requires consistent, careful inspection of your plane and equipment, care and concentration in the pit area and while flying, practice, and sound pilot discretion in the choice of airplanes, maneuvers and flying conditions. ***The term of the Proficiency rating is for 2 years or during continuous membership in the DCRC Club.***

INDEMNIFICATION

The pilot candidate listed below agrees to indemnify and save harmless DC/RC and the test conductor listed below from and against any and all actions, liability, claims, suits, damages, costs or expenses of any kind, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may be brought or made against DC/RC or the test conductor of which DC/RC or the test conductor must pay and incur by reason of or in any manner resulting from any injury, loss or damage to person or property arising or resulting from the pilot candidate's operation of a model airplane, and/or the certification issued pursuant to the Pilot Proficiency Test.

I _____, AMA No. _____ have read, understood, and received copies of the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and the DCRC Field and Flight Rules and all information contained herein. I have successfully demonstrated my ability to complete the DCRC Pilot Proficiency Test as witnessed by _____, AMA No. _____ on ____/____/____.

Candidate Signature: _____

Candidate completes and signs this form. Test conductor sends to the DCRC Membership Secretary
DC/RC Pilot Proficiency Test



MONTGOMERY COUNTY MODEL AIRPARK PILOT PROFICIENCY TEST - HELICOPTERS

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When you (and your test conductor) are confident with your performance in the air and your knowledge of ground and safety rules, you will be ready to take your pilot proficiency test. Contact the DC/RC Sound and Safety Officer for a list of designated test conductors. The test is very straightforward and consists of:

1. Carry out pre-flight safety checks of the helicopter. For example, check for loose, cracked or missing parts, check to make sure the aircraft has fuel, and check the batteries for proper charge using an expanded scale voltmeter.
2. Start the engine in a safe and secure manner, hold the head to keep main blades from spinning, carry to flight line.
3. Smoothly lift off into a stable hover, hover for one minute.
4. Fly left and right at 90 degrees below 20 feet.
5. Transition into forward flight above 20 feet.
6. Fly two figure-eight patterns with the crossover point in front of the pilot. Height to be constant.
7. Perform a controlled decent beginning at a safe height (approximately 50 feet).
8. Transition to a hover and land outside of the flight line.
9. Remove model and equipment from field and complete a post-flight check.
10. See and Avoid Manned aircraft at all times

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I _____, AMA No. _____ have read, understood, and received copies of the current Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and the DCRC Field and Flight Rules and all information contained herein, and I have personally viewed the location of each of the large orange markers that delineate the corner boundaries of the flight safety zone. . I am also a current member of the DCRC club and I have successfully demonstrated my ability to complete the DCRC Pilot Proficiency Test as witnessed by _____, AMA No. _____ on ____/____/____.

Candidate Signature: _____

Candidate completes and signs this form. Test conductor sends to the DCRC Membership Secretary

DC/RC Pilot Proficiency Test

Constitution and By-Laws
of the
District of Columbia
Radio Control Club, Inc.
(DC/RC Club)



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CONSTITUTION OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RADIO CONTROL CLUB (DC/RC Club)

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the **District of Columbia Radio Control Club, Inc. (DCRC Club)**.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purpose of the DCRC Club shall be to promote the development of radio controlled miniature aircraft as a recreational, sporting, and educational activity, to encourage and foster the programs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and to develop youth toward careers in aviation and science.

ARTICLE III
Meetings

Section 1 - The DCRC Club shall meet regularly once each month on the day and at the time provided by the By-Laws. In the event of an emergency, or for good cause, the Board of Directors of the Club may change or cancel regular meetings.

Section 2 - An annual meeting for the election of members to the Board of Directors of this Club shall be held not later than the thirty-first day of October in each year as provided in the By-Laws of this Club. This meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

Section 1 - There will be three kinds of membership, namely: Member, Junior Member, and Honorary Member. All Members and Junior Members must submit a completed membership application form, such form to be prescribed by the Board of Directors and which shall include the statement, "I have read and agree to support and adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of the DC/RC Club Inc."

Section 2 – *Member*- Each member shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Section 3 - *Junior Member* - Each Junior Member must be eligible to be a Member and must not have reached his nineteenth birthday before the first day of July of the membership year. Junior Members are entitled to all privileges of membership except voting and serving as club officer.

Section 4 - *Honorary Member*- Honorary Members may be elected by the Club membership and shall be exempt from payment of dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Club, shall have no interest in the property of the Club, and shall be entitled to attend all meetings and to enjoy other privileges of the Club.

ARTICLE V
Officers and Directors

Section 1 - The governing body of the DCRC Club shall be a Board of Directors constituted as the By-Laws may provide. Directors shall be elected from among the members of the Club eligible to vote in Club affairs.

Section 2 - The officers of this Club shall be President and Vice-President elected by the Board of Directors from among the Board's membership.

Section 3 - Each Director shall take office at the first Board meeting following his election. He shall hold office for a period of three years, through three elections, unless he sooner resigns or is recalled, as the By-Laws may provide. Each Director shall accept responsibility for one or more specific Club activities, as may be agreed among the Directors.

Section 4 - Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring before the expiration of a normal term of office shall be filled temporarily by appointment of a Club member by the Board of Directors as an interim Director. The office shall be filled at the next annual election by election of a Director for the un-expired portion of the regular three-year term of office.

Section 5 - Except as herein otherwise provided, the Board of Directors shall conduct all business of the Club, control all offices and committees, and discharge all corporate responsibilities of the Club. Decisions of the Board shall be recorded in writing and as will be provided in the By-Laws, regularly reported to the Club membership. Decisions of the Board shall be binding upon the membership unless revoked or amended as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 6 - All business conducted by the Board of Directors shall be conducted at a regular or special meeting of the Board, a quorum being present. Approval of any motion before the Board requires the favorable vote of five Board members.

ARTICLE VI
Dues

Every member and junior member of the Club shall pay annual dues in such sums as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of this Club.

ARTICLE VII
Duration of Membership

Section 1 - *Period.* Membership shall continue during the existence of the Club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 - *Termination.* Any member failing to pay his next year's dues by December 31 of the current year shall become delinquent and his membership suspended as of January 1 of the next year. Suspended members may be reinstated by payment of dues to date and a late fee as may be established by the Board of Directors. A suspended member, whose state of suspension has continued beyond one year from the date of his suspension, ceases to be a member. During a period of suspension, the suspended member will not be authorized the use of the facilities of the Club, nor shall be entitled to receive the Club Newsletter.

Section 3 - *Termination for other causes.* The membership of any member may be terminated by the Board of Directors for a reason, which the Board may deem to be sufficient by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the Board members thereof at a meeting called for that purpose. In such a case, the members shall be given at least ten days notice in writing of such pending action and an opportunity to submit to the Board a written answer. He shall also have the privilege of appearing before the Board to state his case. Service of such notice shall be made by personal delivery or by registered letter to his last known address. In case of a decision to terminate membership, the Secretary shall, within seven days after the date of the Board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the Board. Such member may, within fourteen days after the date of such notice give written notice to the Secretary of his intention either to appeal to the Club or to acquiesce. Silence is considered acquiescence. In the event he appeals, the Board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held within twenty-one days after the receipt of said notice of appeal. At least five days notice of such meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the Board. The action of the Board of Directors shall be final if no appeal is made.

Section 4 - *Resignation.* The resignation of any member from this Club shall be in writing (addressed to the President or to the Secretary) and shall be accepted by the Board of Directors, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the Club has been paid.

ARTICLE VIII

Acceptance of Purpose and Compliance with Constitution and By-Laws

A member, by applying for membership, thereby accepts the principles of the DC/RC as expressed in its purpose and submits himself or herself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the Club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

By-Laws

This Club shall adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of this Club. Such By-Laws may be amended as therein provided.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

This Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Club at which a quorum exists, and which follows by a period of at least thirty days a regular meeting at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution or the By-Laws has been presented to the membership by a representative of the Board. In addition, copies of any proposed amendment shall have been provided to the membership prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken. The proposed amendment must receive the favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present including absentee ballots in order to be accepted. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution or to the By-Laws shall be delivered in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the provisions of the amendment and give its recommendations at the regular Club meeting at which the amendment is presented.

BY-LAWS OF THE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC. (DC/RC Club)

ARTICLE I

Election of Board of Directors

Section 1 - At a regular meeting, one month prior to the meeting for election of Board members, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the Club to fill seats on the Board of Directors that are to be vacated. Nominations will not be accepted at the election meeting. Three seats on the Board will become vacant each year. The nominations duly made will be recorded by the Secretary and will be published in the Club Newsletter. The membership will vote for the nominees at the election meeting. Each Club member will enter upon a ballot his vote for three candidates from among the nominees. The three candidates that receive the greatest number of votes will be elected members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled as stated in Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution.

Section 3 - Any member for the election of the Board of Directors may use an absentee ballot. Ballots may be requested in writing from the Recording Secretary. No reason need be given. The envelope containing the ballot must be signed by the member submitting the ballot and returned to the Recording Secretary. Ballots not received before the close of balloting, for whatever reason, shall be considered null and void. Electronic versions of absentee ballots are acceptable once authenticated by the membership secretary and must be received and accepted at least 48 hours before the pending vote.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall consist of nine Directors, three of which shall be elected each year in regular elections maintaining the principle of replacing at least one-third of the Directors each year as their terms expire.

Section 2 - Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Directors at the first Board meeting following annual Club elections.

Section 3 - The President shall nominate Club members or Board members to the posts of Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be confirmed by approval of two-thirds of the Directors. If Club members are appointed as Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, or Treasurer, they will have no vote in the conduct of business and will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, subject to re-nomination and confirmation upon the election of a new President. The Board will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the offices of Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer and for the actions of any other designated agents or representatives of the Board appointed to fulfill executive responsibilities.

Section 4 - A Director, Treasurer or Secretary may resign office upon submission of a written resignation to the Board of Directors. A Treasurer or Secretary may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A Director may be suspended from office by a two-thirds vote of the Directors, or upon submission of a written petition to the Board signed by twenty percent of the Club membership. A director shall be notified of his

suspension and the date of the open meeting at which the issue will be discussed by the most expeditious means available. Following publication in the Newsletter that a recall (or termination) hearing is to be conducted at the next Club meeting (no names shall be published); the issues shall be debated in open forum before the Club membership, a quorum being present. A Director shall be considered recalled unless he receives the support of three-fourths of the members present at the open hearing.

Section 5 - The Board of Directors shall cause to be reported prior to the end of next regular meeting of the Club membership, in addition to any other items of interest, any decisions of the Board which involve one or more of the following elements:

- a) A commitment of the Club, or any of its Directors, to any special or continuing relationship or affiliation with any other organization active in the Club's field of interest.
- b) Any participation of the Club or Directors in their official capacities in activities sponsored by other organizations in the field.
- c) All organized Club activities planned for participation by any part of the Club membership.
- d) Any one-time allocation of funds voted by the Board in excess of \$100, or any recurring commitment of funds for one purpose or project expected to total more than \$300 during the ensuing six month period.
- e) Any changes of officers, appointments, or functional assignment of Directors.

ARTICLE III Duties of Office

Section 1 - *President*. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his office.

Section 2 - *Vice-President*. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his office. In addition, the Vice-President shall be the officer in charge of entertainment at Club meetings.

Section 3 - *Secretariat*. The Secretariat shall be made up of the following:

Recording Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep records of proceedings at meetings of the Board of Directors, to make necessary reports to such organizations as the Club may become affiliated with, and to assure that Club members and members of the Board of Directors are appropriately informed of the Club meetings and/or meetings of the Board of Directors and to perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Membership Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Membership Secretary to keep the official record of the Club membership and to make necessary reports to such organizations as the Club may become affiliated with.

Section 4 - *Treasurer* - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for same to the Club annually and at any other time upon demand of the Board and to perform such other duties as pertain to his office. Once each year, the Treasurer shall submit the books of accounts of the Club for audit by representatives of

the Board of Directors. Upon his retirement from office he shall turn over to his successor or to the President all funds, books of accounts or any other Club property in his possession.

ARTICLE IV **Meetings**

Section 1 - *Annual Meeting*: An annual meeting of this Club shall be held on the third Friday of October of each year or at such other time as the Board of Directors shall direct, but during the month of October, and if not upon the third Friday at a time and place of which all members have been notified by written notice. The annual meeting shall be the meeting at which the election of members of the Board of Directors for the terms open shall take place.

Section 2 - The regular monthly meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members.

Section 3 - Eighteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meeting of the Club. Absentee ballots shall be included in the quorum count for the meeting.

Section 3a - Any member for any voting issue may use an absentee ballot. Ballots may be requested in writing from the Recording Secretary. No reason need be given. The envelope containing the ballot must be signed by the member submitting the ballot and returned to the Recording Secretary. Ballots not received before the close of balloting, for whatever reason, shall be considered null and void. Electronic versions of absentee ballots are acceptable once authenticated by the membership secretary and must be received and accepted at least 48 hours before the pending vote.

Section 4 - Special meeting of the Club may be called upon written notice to each member of the Club signed by ten members of the Club posted or delivered to the membership at least one week in advance of the date set for the special meeting. Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at special meetings.

Section 5 - Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President whenever deemed necessary, or at the request of two members of the Board, due notice having been given.

Section 6 - Two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V **Dues and Fees**

Section 1 - Annual membership dues of the Club shall be set by the current Board of Directors for members and junior members. Membership dues are payable prior to December 31 of each year for the ensuing year. Memberships granted after October 1 will be valid for the remainder of that year and all of the following year. A new member is defined as a person who was not a member in the prior calendar year. The dues will be based on the current proposed and approved operating budget for the upcoming year. There will be a limit of 5% increase or decrease per year in the membership dues.

Section 2 - No special assessments shall be levied upon the Club membership at any time except by consent of the membership as a whole and by a majority vote of sixty-six percent (66%) of the membership. Notice of such proposed special assessment shall be given in writing at least thirty days in advance of the voting date.

ARTICLE VI
Special Funds

Section 1 - The Treasurer of the Club may be authorized by the Board of Directors to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the general funds of the Club.

Section 2 - The fiscal year of the Club shall run from November 1 through October 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE VII
Resident Agent

The Resident Agent appointed by the Board of Directors shall fulfill the requirements of the Corporation Act.

ARTICLE VIII
Club Activities

The various continuing committees of the Club shall be chaired by members of the Board of Directors, as determined by the six senior members of the Board. The continuing committees of the Club shall normally consist of Competitive Activities, Public Relations, Field Acquisition, Newsletter, Field Maintenance, and Safety and Sound. The six senior members of the Board shall have the authority to create new committees and/or to combine committees so as to best carry on the business of the Club.

ARTICLE IX
Membership

Section 1 - Persons wishing to join the DCRC Club will make application in writing on such forms as may be specified by the Board of Directors from time to time. Dues in full shall accompany the application. Upon acceptance of the application and dues the applicant will become a member of the DCRC Club, entitled to the use of the Club's facilities.

Section 2 - A new member may make full use of the facilities, vote in the Club's elections (except Junior members), and take part in the activities - with the exception of certain aspects of flying radio controlled model aircraft. A new member may fly radio controlled model aircraft at the Club's flying facilities under the supervision of another certified member of the Club, such supervision being required until the new member has satisfactorily demonstrated his qualifications and successfully completes the Pilot Proficiency Test (PPT) administered by a Designated Pilot Proficiency Test Conductor (DPPTC). The term of the Pilot Proficiency will coincide with the pilot's membership in good standing. Any pilot who is not a DCRC Club member forfeits his Pilot Proficiency and use of the field. Reinstatement of flying privileges can be obtained by becoming a member in good standing, or by passing the PPT again (for a yearly Administrative fee) to be administered by a DPPTC.

ARTICLE X
Flying Field Rules

The Board of Directors shall publish, when needed, rules to provide for safe conduct, proper conduct, and controlled flying at the various flying sites of the Club. All Club members and guests will be bound by these rules. Violation of these rules can constitute grounds for termination of membership according to Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution. Only current AMA members are allowed to use our field and only pilots who have successfully completed the PPT examination and are current DCRC Members in good standing will be allowed to enter the locked gate. The use of the facility is restricted to DCRC Members and AMA members who have successfully completed the PPT. The Gate combination and unrestricted access to the flying site is limited to Certified DCRC Members only. Others do not have unrestricted access to the flying site. A DCRC Certified member must be on site for all flight operations. Guest flyers that can demonstrate their flight proficiency to a Designated Pilot Proficiency Test Conductor (DPPTC) and are current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) may be issued a 3 day guest pass.

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¹ District of Columbia Radio Control club (DCRC Club) has the written authority to manage the model flying facility.

² Academy of Model Aeronautics provides the insurance coverage required by the County for all field users.

³ The AMA Safety code can be found at www.modelaircraft.org