

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the LAKE COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.
An Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation**

Consisting of Thirteen Articles
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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this club shall be Lake County Radio Control Club (L.C.R.C.C.).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

This club has been formed to promote model airplane flying, to encourage individual skills development and the exchange of worthwhile ideas, and to engage in a program of safety and research in model airplane design, construction and flying. It is a non-profit organization and all club funds will be used to provide a flying site and its maintenance, a club meeting site and workshop and to promote club activities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1-- Any model aviation enthusiast living in Lake County, Illinois or surrounding area may be admitted into membership.

Section 2-- Any member may be removed from membership for just cause, as voted by a two-thirds majority of membership present at a quorum, scheduled meeting. Repetitious by-laws violation, field rule violation, repetitious operation of model aircraft in an unsafe manner, non-participation in club activities or field maintenance or recommendation of membership Committee shall be grounds for termination.

Section 3-- A membership applicant shall be considered if he has satisfied the following requirements:

- a) Have in his possession a current AMA license or proof of application (Excepting Associate Member).
- b) Has read, understood, and agrees to abide by the Club Constitution and by-laws, including the AMA Safety Rules.
- c) Completes and submits a Membership Application.
- d) Pays dues and any other applicable fees.

Section 5-- The Club may limit the membership to any number. Membership limits may be established by a two-thirds majority of membership present at a quorum, scheduled meeting without prior publication.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Class	Description	Dues/Fees	Voting	AMA	Flying Privileges
Open/Full	Full privileged member	Full	Yes	Required	Yes
Student	Under 19 yrs. or full time student	½	Yes	Required	Yes
Family	Household of an Open Member	None	No	Required	Yes
Honorary*	Recognition for past service	None	Yes	Required*	Yes*
Associate	Non-flying, Non AMA	½*	Yes	Not Required	No

* An Honorary member may also be an Associate member

ARTICLE V - DUES

- Section 1-- If dues are not paid by the close of the March meeting, his (her) membership will be dropped and he (she) will be required to pay the current initiation fee plus the full year's dues if rejoining in that same year.
- Section 2-- The dues for this Club shall be thirty-six dollars (\$60) for open/full members annually and eighteen dollars (\$30.00) for student and Associate members annually.
- Section 3-- An initiation fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged to all new members.
- Section 4-- Special dues: The Vice President/Safety Officer/Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions of specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club, and are to be so identified in the financial records.
- Section 5-- Adjustment of dues will be decided by a vote of two-thirds majority of the membership at a quorum, scheduled meeting.
- Section 6-- Upon annual payment of dues and verification of a current AMA membership, the treasurer will issue that fiscal year's L.C.R.C.C. membership card.
- Section 7-- Requests for refunds of dues are to be directed to the executive committee who may or may not refund at their discretion.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

- Section 1-- An elected Executive Committee consisting of six officers will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Club. The Executive Committee (The Board of Directors) will be elected by the membership at large and consist of a President, Vice President/Safety Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Director and Events Director. All officers will each serve a one year term. Officers will be nominated in November, elected in December and installed at the January meeting.
- Section 2-- The President shall preside over all meetings. It shall be his responsibility to check all Club records to insure that they are handled properly. The President may authorize individual expenditures up to \$250 (not to be combined with or added to any other officer's authorized limit). The President shall act as spokesman for the Club in all matters pertaining to it and shall serve as Committee Chairman when appointing committees.
- Section 3-- The Vice President/Safety Officer shall assume the responsibilities of the President in the event of his absence and will also serve as the club's Safety Officer. As Safety Officer, he (she) will report any safety violations observed or reported to him at the next meeting. The Safety Officer will be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the field and flying rules and will also make recommendations in regard to safety for further Club consideration and by-law adoption.
- Section 4-- The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings, be custodian of all records, notify members of meetings, and arrange all notices of meetings and special events.
- Section 5-- The Treasurer shall collect all monies, keep accurate financial records, maintain a bank account, maintain Not-for-Profit Corporation status, and receive all applications for new membership. The Treasurer may authorize individual expenditures up to \$100 (not to be combined with or added to any other officer's authorized limit). All expenditures in excess of any officer's authorization must be authorized by a majority vote of the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Treasurer shall report receipts and expenses at the monthly general meetings.
- Section 6-- The Events Director will be responsible for activities that will be part of the social meetings each month and may include non-competitive 'fly-ins' or competition 'fun-flies'. He (she) is also responsible for procuring and scheduling any speakers, demonstrations or presentations which may be included as part of the regular monthly club meetings. Preparation and publication of an annual "Calendar of Events" is recommended. The Events Director is empowered to appoint a committee to assist in meeting the responsibilities of this office (see ARTICLE XIII).

Section 7-- The Field Director will be responsible for insuring the proper maintenance of the flying field including, but not limited to, mowing. In order to provide for the efficient and timely maintenance of the field, the Field Director may authorize individual expenditures up to \$100 (not to be combined with or added to any other officer's authorized limit). The Field Director will be responsible for the posting and maintaining of any signs that may be required at the flying site. The Field Director is empowered to appoint a committee to assist in meeting the responsibilities of this office.

ARTICLE VII- VACANCIES

Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment of the President (or Vice President in case of a vacancy in the office of President) and confirmed by a majority vote of the membership at the next quorum, scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VIII- MEETINGS

Section 1-- Monthly general meetings for the Club shall be held at a place designated during the previous meeting, if possible, or in the Club newsletter.

Section 2-- The Executive Committee may call special meetings at any time during the month.

Section 3-- A quorum consists of three elected officers and all members present at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Section 4-- The Executive Committee will meet as necessary at a place designated by the Committee. Meetings will be open to any and all members. Minutes of the meetings shall be kept and published in the Club newsletter.

ARTICLE IX - INFORMATION

Section 1-- All applicants for membership shall be provided with a copy of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2-- In addition to the preceding information, all members shall receive any additional information pertaining to Club business and activities and any amendments to the Constitution and by-laws through the Club newsletter.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1-- Amendments may be made to this Constitution and By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club, providing the members have been notified in writing (by the Club newsletter) at least one week in advance that an amendment is to be considered at that meeting.

Section 2-- The person or persons authoring an amendment shall provide a copy of the proposed amendment to the Editor of the Club newsletter for publication (in compliance with Section 1 of this Article).

Section 3-- Constitution and By-Laws amendments are made by a two-thirds majority vote of all eligible members present at a quorum, scheduled meeting.

Section 4-- Field and Flying Rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all eligible members present at a quorum, scheduled meeting without prior publication.

ARTICLE XI - FIELD AND FLYING RULES

Section 1-- General Field Rules -- These rules apply for all field locations under the control of the Lake County Radio Control Club.

- a) Contest and sport flying shall be governed by the Official AMA Safety Rules and amended by these field rules and any specific contest rules enforced by the appointed contest director.
- b) All motorized vehicles shall be parked in the designated parking area.
- c) Spectators shall remain in the spectator area (generally, behind the pit fence). Only pilots and their crew shall be allowed into the pit area or on the flying field.
- d) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any flying site associated with the L.C.R.C.C.
- e) There shall be no flying of any sort over the flight line, pit area, or other designated restricted area. This includes any maneuver, take-off or landing approach. Initial turns on take-off are away from any restricted area.
- f) No flying is permitted over or near any residence.
- g) All fliers are to use only the designated pit area.
- h) The fliers shall attempt to maintain a minimum 10 feet spacing between each other while on the flight line.
- I) Except for take-off and landing, the pilot shall remain at the designated flight line while flying.
- j) In the interest of safety and good public relations, new members and beginning flyers must accept the assistance of a qualified instructor until satisfactory piloting competence has been demonstrated in take-off, flying, and landing.
- k) Each transmitter in use at the field shall have the appropriate frequency indicator attached to the antenna.
- l) The frequency control system in use at each field must be strictly observed at all times. No transmitter shall be turned on without insuring a clear channel. Transmitters shall be kept in the impound area when not in use. Extra precautions such as knowing every other pilot on your frequency and checking other transmitters in the impound are encouraged.
- m) Silencers are recommended for all engines and are mandatory on all two stroke-cycle engines of .19 C.I.D. or larger.
- n) All fliers shall carry their current AMA license and club identification such as their club badge. Your current L.C.R.C.C. membership card must be placed in the frequency slot prior to taking a frequency pin. This same procedure applies when an L.C.R.C.C. member is sponsoring a guest. On a limited basis, a member known to other fliers present at the field and not having his (her) club ID card, may substitute an alternate form of identification with the consent of the other fliers present.
- o) Any guest fliers shall be briefed on field rules and conduct by his or her host.
- p) Each flier shall announce to the other fliers any unusual or urgent situations such as dead stick landings, loss of control or even normal take-off and landings if such an action could represent a hazard to the other fliers or their planes.
- q) Every member shall share in the responsibility for enforcing the Club field rules. Each member is obligated to bring any violation to the attention of the violator who may be unaware of the infraction.

- r) Weekly mowing will be under the direction of the field director. Mowing is not to be performed during peak flying hours unless conditions dictate otherwise. No flying is permitted while mowing is in progress.
- s) No aircraft shall be flown beyond the range of good visibility or control.
- t) The specific rules regarding the club field shall be posted on the frequency stand bulletin board.
- u) All pets must be kept on a leash in the spectator area at all times. It will be the owner's responsibility to pick up his pet's droppings.

ARTICLE XII - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 1-- The Membership Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee and other club members as appointed by the chairman and shall be chaired by the Treasurer.

Section 2-- Their responsibilities and duties shall be as follows:

- a) To annually review the roster and recommend to the membership for removal any member not complying with membership requirements as specified by Article III, Section 2.
- b) Compile results for presentation of awards as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XIII- EVENTS COMMITTEE

Section 1-- An Events Committee may be appointed by the Events Director.

Section 2-- Their responsibilities and duties may include the following:

- a) Set up contest schedule.
- b) Draft volunteers for Contest Directors.
- c) Assist Contest Directors.
- e) Assist the Membership Committee when necessary.
- f) Assist the Events Director and accomplishing his responsibilities.