



Articles of Incorporation for the Flying Eagles Inc.

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ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this non-profit corporation is: "Flying Eagles Inc."

ARTICLE II
Objectives

To maintain a club, to improve, advance and protect the interests of radio controlled model builders, and to provide for and regulate the conduct and exhibitions of said radio controlled models.

ARTICLE III
Memberships

Section 1: The types of membership in this club shall be the same as the current memberships in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section 2: All membership applications shall be accompanied by a fee as determined by the general membership for that particular year. Dues cover a period from the month of acceptance into the club to the end of the year.

Section 3: Applications shall be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting for approval. There being no challenge, a majority of the members present may declare the applicant eligible for membership. If the applicant is denied membership, full reimbursement of all money paid will be made.

Section 4: This membership does not constitute any responsibility or liability for acts of its members unless such acts have been properly authorized and approved in accordance with rules and by-laws of this club.

Section: 5: Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

Section 6: Honorary membership is granted to all spouses and families (under 18 years old) of members in good standing. Voting rights are hereby restricted to those persons who currently comprise the general membership.

Section 7: Our by-laws will be updated as necessary at the first meeting of any given year. Additional changes to the by-laws at any other time during the year will require a statement of necessity which must be approved by the board.

Article IV
Responsibility of Members

Section 1: Proof of current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is required for any member to fly. New potential members may fly with our instructors three times maximum. After that they will be required to join the club.

Section 2: If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Section 3: Current members of other AMA chartered clubs may fly at our field as a guest for a maximum of three times per year. At least one of our members must be present for guests to fly and guests must present their current AMA membership card prior to flying. Guests are subject to the same club and AMA rules as regular members.

Section 4: This section provides for the enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these bylaws, or rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Section 5: A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of each member to conscientiously set forth by personal example the purpose and the obligations of the Club.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of each member to render aid and assistance to any other member of this club.

Section 8: All members, by becoming members of this Club, there-by vest the proper officers and authorities and committees with the authority to act for and in their behalf in settlement and adjustment to all grievances in the club pertaining to flying or operating radio equipment, subject to the provisions laid forth in the Club's rules and regulations and club by-laws, including reprimands and expulsions.

Section 9: New members to the club that desire to fly must either obtain training from a Club Instructor or demonstrate proficiency to a Club Instructor or the Safety Officer before being allowed to fly solo.

Section 10: Club owned aircraft (commonly referred to as "Trainers") may, from time to time, be available for introducing potential members to the hobby. They will be flown under the direct supervision of a club instructor connected via a "buddy box". These aircraft may be utilized for up to three (3) flying sessions without financial risk to the potential member (club will pay for any/all damages incurred). Club members may (on a temporary basis only) use these aircraft as well, but will be expected to pay for any damages incurred as a direct result of their flight/actions (excluding normal wear and tear). Club instructors while instructing any student will be exempt from having to pay for damages to the club owned aircraft unless their actions are found to be negligent. Any damages to or issues found with these aircraft, whether by member, instructor or potential member, must be reported as soon as possible and before any repairs have begun, to the current club President. The club President may, either on his own or with the aid of others, assess damages, determine responsibility for the payment of damages, and select the appropriate party to repair the damages, as necessary.

Article V
Power of Administration

Section 1: The highest tribunal shall be the membership assembled at all authorized meetings.

Section 2: At meetings of the general membership, the President's actions are subject to the approval or ratification of the membership at their regular meeting.

Article VI
Officers and Elections

Section 1: The club shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Coordinator as set forth in AMA requirement. The club shall also have a five member Board of Directors. The Vice President and Recording Secretary will automatically be on the Board. Three other members will be voted in by the membership. One of these three will be the chair of the board as determined by the board.

Section 2: The term for all officers shall be for a period of one year. The term for board members shall be two years according to the following schedule. Two board members will be elected on even years and one member on odd years.

Section 3: Nominations for officers and Board shall be at the regular membership meeting in November. Any member desiring election as a club officer must be present at the November meeting to accept the nomination. If unable to attend, a member may accept nomination by sending a written statement indicating willingness to serve. This statement may be submitted through any member.

Section 4: Election of officers and the Board of Directors shall be at the first regular membership meeting in December. Voting shall be by secret ballot by members who have paid dues for the year in which the elected officers shall serve. Absentee ballots must be received before the December election. The term of office for all officers shall be one year.

Section 5: In the event of the death, removal or resignation of any Club officer, such vacancy shall be filled within sixty days at any regular membership meeting of the Club or a special membership meeting called for by the officers for that purpose.

Section 6: Any member convicted of misrepresenting returns, altering, mutilating, or destroying deposited ballots or interfering with a member in his exercise of his right to cast his ballot in the Club voting or elections shall be punished as the membership shall determine.

Section 7: Any Club Officer or Board member that misses more than three regular meetings during their term may be removed from their position by a 2/3 vote of the board. The position will be filled as in Section 5 above.

Article VII **Meetings**

Section 1: A regular membership meeting of the Club will be held every month at a location and time as determined by the regular membership.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the President. When a special meeting is called, prior notice shall be given five days in advance thru such means of communications that all members under normal circumstances will know of such meeting. No business may be conducted at a special meeting other than that for which the meeting was called.

Section 3: The quorum at the membership meetings shall be 25% of the paid membership.

Section 4: Rules of conduct of all meetings shall follow Roberts Rules of Order. Business at regular meetings of the membership shall be as follows:

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Recognition of visitors.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Treasurer report.
5. Old Business
 - a. Report of committees
 - b. Etc.
6. Applications
 - a. Accepting and voting on new applications
7. New Business
 - a. Submit all bills for approval, not previously authorized.
8. Adjournment.

Article VIII **Duties of Club Officers**

Section 1: President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club, and enforce the provisions set forth in these by-laws. He shall form and preside over all committees.

Section 2: Vice President - The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, death, incapacity or resignation from office. He shall be the chairman of the entertainment committee.

Section 3: Recording Secretary – It shall be the duty or the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of all meetings of the Club, read all documents, and keep them on file for future reference. He shall receive applications for membership and notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection and shall maintain a complete record of members of the Club active - or otherwise. This record shall show the date of initiation, the cause and date of all suspensions or expulsions together with the correct home address and telephone number, and such matters as deemed necessary to keep a record and continuous standing of a member of this Club.

Section 4: Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues, assessments, fines, and any other receipts of the Club. He will pay all bills as approved by the general membership and keep a proper balance of books and funds of the Club. He shall safeguard all money collected in a suitable manner as may be directed by the Club officers. The Treasurer shall keep an inventory record of all Club properties and records of the Club, including the date of purchase and amount paid. He shall make available to the membership, all Club books and records if called upon to do so, and shall deliver all books and records to his successor. In the event that new Club Officers are voted in (such as after elections), it will be the new Treasurer’s responsibility to update bank records to reflect this change.

Section 5: Safety Coordinator – It shall be the duty of the Safety Coordinator to promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs. This person will act as a communications liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material.

Section 6: Board – It shall be the duty of the Board to be aware of the mission, plans and policies to ensure that they meet the needs of the club, while also aligning with the rules and regulations of the club. The Board will read, evaluate and ensure the accuracy of all reports, and financials. The Board will collect these documents at or before the July meeting and present an audit during the regular August meeting. The board will take a lead to present new ideas, plans or events to the membership for approval. Additionally, the Board with membership approval, will ensure that the club has sufficient resources, including people and funding to continue its mission.

Article IX **Club Committees**

Section 1: Occasional Committee may be appointed by the President as the need arises to dispose of occasional business.

Article X
Fees and Dues

Section 1: Membership and AMA dues shall be paid by the club meeting in January. For new members joining the club after August 15th, their dues will cover membership for the remainder of the current year as well as the entire following year. Seniors (65 years of age and older) will receive a 20 percent discount on their dues. Dues and fees may be changed from year to year by a majority of the membership vote at any membership meeting.

Section 2: Any person wishing to join the club with no intentions to fly, may join at a 50% discount of the current regular membership dues. These individuals will not have voting privileges and will not be allowed to fly, but will otherwise have full membership benefits.

Section 3: Any member whose club dues are not paid by the club meeting in January will have his name removed from the membership list.

Section 4: Any member may withdraw from the corporation by sending a written resignation to the Recording Secretary. Any member who withdraws or is dropped for other reasons may rejoin by following the procedures outlined for new members.

Section 5: Any special assessments shall be paid at the following regular Club meeting.

Section 6: Any passwords, combinations, or authorization codes that are available to the general membership, must be changed during the month of January and provided to the paid members either via email or at the February club meeting.