



Constitution and By-Laws

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Article 1. Name, incorporation, affiliation.

Section 1 The name of the organization is Radio Control Society of Marine Park Inc. And shall be referred to and designated as R.C.S.M.P. Inc.

Section 2. R.C.S.M.P. Inc. Is a not-for-profit corporation organized under New York corp. Laws, and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemented there to. Incorporated March 25, 1969.

Section 3 R.C.S.M.P. Inc. Is a charter club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and as such is subject to the rules and regulations of the said A.M.A.

Article 2. Purpose

Section 1 The primary purpose of R.C.S.M.P. Is to provide a forum for individuals interested in radio controlled model aircraft. More specific purposes are listed below, but should not be considered exclusive:

- A. To provide organized representation to the academy of model aeronautics.
- B. To provide organized management of flying field.
- C. To construct and assemble model airplanes to fly and control their flight in a safe and orderly manner, and to study and understand safe methods of flying model aircraft.
- D. To operate and maintain a club and club room for the purpose of assembling for public entertainment, sports, recreation and to promote friendly intercourse among the members of such club.
- E. To foster and promote among its members sport games, and athletic activities of what so ever kind description and to engage and compete with others in such sports, games and activities.
- F. To do such other and further acts and things necessary or conducive to the best interests of the club, but only so far as the same are permitted by the laws of the state of New York, to corporations organized under the membership corporation law.

Article 3. Membership

Section 1 Any individual who indicates an interest in building and/or flying radio controlled model aircraft shall be eligible for membership in the R.C.S.M.P. Inc., subject to the affirmative approval of the executive board. The following classes of membership are established:

- A. Senior member: any member 19 years of age or over.
- b. Junior member: any member under 19 years of age.
- C. Honorary member. An individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the club or A.M.A.

Article 4. Termination of membership

Section 1 Any member in good standing may terminate his membership by notifying R.C.S.M.P. Inc. in writing.

Section 2 The membership of any member of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. may be terminated for repeated and/or flagrant violations of the by-laws or rules and regulations of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. by 2/3 vote of membership at any regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The member will be given 30 days written notice before meeting at which the hearing is to be held and vote taken.

Section 3 Any member who willingly alters, changes, or defaces any area of the flying facility or meeting facility without proper approval from the executive board of R.C.S.M.P. Inc shall face possible action and/ or termination from R.C.S.M.P. Inc.

Article 5. Dues

Section 1 Members of the executive board shall pay no dues during their term in office.

Section 2 Dues for all classes of membership will be set by the executive board subject to a majority vote the members present at a regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting.

Section 3 A member in arrears of 3 months dues shall be deemed to be no longer in good standing, shall be ineligible for voting, all drawings, contests, chuck-a-buck, and model of the month, and shall be subject to a suspension or termination of membership.

Addendum to article 5 section 3 (3/94)

Any member in arrears of 3 months dues shall be required to pay a \$25.00 reinstatement fee to return to good standing. The reinstatement fee shall be considered "dues" and shall be placed in the appropriate club funds. Any member 6 months or more in arrears shall be deemed terminated membership of R.C.S.M.P. Inc.

Section 4 Initiation charges and field assessments:

A. The entire \$50.00 new senior member fee is called field fund assessment, all of which to be added to the club field fund.

B. The entire \$10.00 new junior member fee shall be called field assessment, all of which-to be added to club's field fund.

C. Any member who is a member of the immediate household of a senior member (e.g. Child, wife, husband) who has paid full field assessment shall be exempt from paying the field assessment.

Section 5 Emergency assessments may be levied if passed by 2/3 vote of membership present at regular membership meeting

Article 6. Books and records

Section 1 R.C.S.M.P. Inc. shall keep correct and complete records of all accounts and minutes of all membership and executive board meetings.

Section 2 a record of the names, addresses, A.M.A. # and F.C.C. license of all members shall be kept by the corresponding secretary.

Article 7 Meetings

Section 1 There shall be one (1) regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting and one (1) monthly executive board meeting.

Section 2 The executive board may hold special membership meetings as deemed desirable. Official business will be conducted at such meeting only if written notice is given to the membership at least 7 days prior to such meeting.

Section 3 (*3-24-15) A quorum will now be made up of 12 members of the membership .

Article 8 Nominations and elections of officers

Section 1 R.C.S.M.P. Inc. Officers shall be nominated by the general membership, annually, at the October membership meeting. Additional nominations and elections will be held at the regularly scheduled November meeting.

Section 2 Members must be present and in good standing to nominate a candidate for office.

Section 3 A candidate for office will be on the ballot if the member is in good standing, has been duly nominated and has accepted the nomination in person or in writing to any member of the executive board.

Section 4 Any member in good standing may vote in person or by submitting a signed written ballot in person to a member of the executive board prior to the voting process. (1/91 - voting for members of the executive board is now done by secret ballot).

Section 5 A candidate to be eligible for the position of chief field controller must be an active asst. Field controller and a club certified qualified flyer. * (amended 10/95)

Article 9. Officers

Section 1 The officers of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. shall consist of a president, vice president, treasurer, recording sec., corresponding sec., chief field controller, and up to two field managers. * {amended 10/95)

Section 2 The term of office of all officers will be one (1) year starting at the December general meeting new business segment and ending at the December old business segment.

Section 3 In the event of death, incapacity, inactivity of resignation of any officer, the executive board shall appoint a replacement without the vote of the general membership.

Section 4 (*6/11/85) The president as chief executive officer shall preside at all meetings and may include himself as a member of any regular or special committee. He shall have the authority to establish or dissolve committees, appoint or remove chairman and make final and binding decisions relative to disputes and protests on procedural matters. *The president shall also select one of the executive members to serve as vice president during the term of office.

Section 5 The vice president shall substitute for the president at all functions, which the president is unable to attend.

Section 6 The treasurer shall monitor the financial affairs of the club. Accurate financial records must be kept. The treasurer would have the authority to spend up to \$100.00 in petty cash with the authorization of the president. Any amount above \$100.00 shall be put to a vote by the membership at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. *(amended 8/19/93)

Section 7 The recording secretary shall take the minutes of all membership and executive board meetings. The recording secretary shall maintain all nonfinancial and non- membership records and correspondence. An updated record must be kept of the by-laws and copies must be available at all meetings.

Section 8 The corresponding secretary shall maintain records of all active members and correspond with the A.M.A. concerning membership affairs. The corresponding secretary is also responsible for sending out meeting notices.

Section 9 The chief field controller will supervise all field control and flying activities of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. The chief field controller is also responsible for selecting and training member volunteers in rule enforcement and procedures needed to prepare them for field control duties.

The chief field controller will act as a club safety officer and head a committee consisting of all assistant field controllers, chief qualifiers and club instructors. The duties of the safety committee will be to monitor field safety and the field rules. The committee will continually review and update the club field rules and make appropriate changes if deemed necessary. The advice of this committee will be accepted by the membership if the majority of the committee is in favor of a rule change. Any member who wishes to change a field rule must present such change to the safety committee. Upon approval of the safety committee the proposed rule change will be presented to the membership for ratification. Upon ratification by the membership the rule change will become effective. If the safety committee does not approve the proposed rule change they must show just cause in their decision and present to the membership the results of their findings. In such a case the proposed rule change will not become effective upon the ratification of the safety committee's findings by the general membership. The proposer of the rule change shall be present (if he/she so desires) at the safety committee meeting to further elaborate and monitor the progress of the safety committee findings. Any rules put into effect by AMA, FCC, FAA, or other governmental or local authorities regarding urgent changes in field operations or necessitated by an emergency situation at the field will be put into immediate effect by the chief field controller if deemed necessary. The chief field controller will also have the authority to appoint a chief instructor and chief qualifier whose principal duty will be to preside over the instructors

and qualifiers and appoint members upon their training and qualifications to the position of club instructor and club qualifier. (Amended 1/94)

Section 10 (*11/5/81) The field manager will supervise all activities of keeping the field in a safe, clean, usable condition. The field manager will also be in charge of field support membership recruitment and in conjunction with club treasurer will keep records of field support members and of field fund. The field manager must approve any expenditure of monies from the field fund.

Section 11 (*10/19/88) In order to call attention to the connection between our elected officials and our flying activities and our clubs role in maintaining control and supervision of our flying site, all members of the executive board are to make every effort to spend as much time as possible at the R.C.S.M.P. Inc. flying site.

Section 12 All executive board members of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. are required to become assistant field controllers. *(added 10/94)

Article 10. Executive board

Section 1 The management of the affairs of R.C.S.M.P. Inc. shall be vested in the executive board.

Section 2 The executive board shall be composed of, (as per article 9) Section 4), the president, vice president, treasurer, recording sec., corresponding sec., field controller and up to two field managers. A total of seven members. *(amended 10/95)

Article 11. Order of Business

Section 1 The order of business for each monthly membership meeting shall be based on parliamentary procedure as stated in Roberts's rules of order.

Article 12. Amendments

Section 1 All proposed amendments to these by-laws must be introduced at the general membership meeting one month prior to being voted on. In addition all members eligible to vote must be informed of the upcoming vote by means of a written notice. The club corresponding secretary will mail the notice to them. This notice shall state the proposed by- law amendment and be included with the clubs next meeting notice. The amendment must be approved by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the membership, in good standing, at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting. (Amended1/91)

Article 13. Availability of By-Laws

Section 1 An up to date copy of the By-Laws shall be made available for inspection by any member of R.C.S.M.P. Inc.

Article 14 Field Fund (*added 6/80)

Section 1 Field assessment portion of initiation fee will be placed in a special field fund. This money may not be used for any purpose other than field repairs, addition, improvements or maintenance or for expenses related to the above by-laws, approved by membership at regular membership meeting Jan. 15, 1998.

Article 15 Funds (*3/17/82)

Section 1 Whereas R.C.S.M.P. Inc. Is a growing, healthy club and whereas we know that in order to encourage new membership and promote an atmosphere that will keep the confidence of all our members, there must never be an opportunity for doubt to arise regarding the administration of the club and the use of club funds. We hereby propose that starting from the time this proposed by-law is passed by our membership, our executive board at its monthly meetings will regularly audit the financial records of all club incoming funds and monies expended. This on-going audit is to be done monthly. If the executive board finds this to be impractical they may decide to audit less often but at least once every two months. This proposal which gives every member of the executive board complete awareness of the status and handling of the club treasury, we think will give our membership greater confidence that their funds will always be handled exactly as our club proposes and By-Laws dictate.

- * Reorganized and unified 2/88 by Carlo Franc Avilla (corresponding sec.)
- * Updated 10/88 by Carlo Franc Avilla (recording secretary)
- * Reprinted on 1/93
- * Updated and reprinted on 1/94
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- * Reorganized and updated 1/96 by Joseph Lupo and Hiram "J.J." Rodriguez.
- * Updated and reprinted 5/98 by Joseph Lupo
- * Updated and reprinted 12/2004 by Harold Hohne (recording secretary)
- *Updated and reprinted 4/2009 by Thomas Mascialino (corresponding sec.)
- *Updated and reprinted 3/28/2013 by Harold Hohne, (recording secretary)
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