

# HAMILTON COUNTY R/C FLYERS

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Election of the Officers

Section 1 - The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will become vacant each year. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to provide the Club with a slate of nominees for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary to be presented at a regular meeting, one month prior to the Annual Meeting for election of Officers. The presiding Officer shall ask for additional nominations from the floor at this time. The Secretary will record the nominations duly made and the nominations will be published in the Club newsletter. The membership will vote for the offices from the list of those nominated. The nominees that receive the greatest number of votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected as Officers. The President will appoint a member to the office of Treasurer for approval by Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Section 2 - A vacancy on the Executive Committee, except that caused by termination of the office, shall be filled by appointment, by the Executive Committee and the person so appointed will serve the remaining portion of the term of office. The appointment is subject to approval by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, a quorum being present, or in agreement.

### ARTICLE II

#### Executive Committee

Section 1 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past President.

Section 2 - The President shall nominate a Club member to the office of Treasurer who shall be confirmed by approval of two thirds of the Executive Committee. A Club member appointed as Treasurer, will have the same rights and responsibilities as the elected Officers in the conduct of business and may continue to serve additional terms subject to re-nomination and confirmation upon the election of a new President. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the office of Treasurer, and for the actions of any other designated agents or representatives of the Committee appointed to fulfill executive responsibilities.

Section 3 - An Officer may resign office upon submission of a written resignation to the Executive Committee. A Treasurer may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

*Section 4 – The Executive Committee shall not make any decisions which involve the sale, purchase, allocation or disposal of club funds or assets with a combined value of \$200.00 or greater without first receiving approval by a majority vote by the club at a regular monthly meeting at which a quorum is present.*<sup>4</sup>

### ARTICLE III

#### Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Club, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to this office.

Section 2 - Vice President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at meetings of the Club in the absence of the President and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to this office. In addition, the Vice President shall be the officer in charge of programs and entertainment for the Club meetings.

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Section 3 - Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep records of proceedings at regular Club meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and to keep the official record of Club membership. It is also the Secretary's duty to make necessary reports to such organizations as the Club may become affiliated with and to assure that Club members and members of the Executive Committee are appropriately informed of regular Club and Executive Committee meetings and to perform such other duties as usually pertains to this office.

Section 4 - Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the Club monthly and at any other time upon demand of the Executive Committee and to perform such other duties as pertains to this office. Once each year, the Treasurer shall submit the books of accounts of the Club for audit by representatives of the Executive Committee. Upon his retirement from office, the Treasurer 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 be held during the month of February of each year. It shall be held on the second Thursday of February or at such other time as the Executive Committee shall direct. If not on the second Thursday, it shall be held 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 Club members elect the Officers to serve for the positions and terms, which have become open.

Section 2 - Regular Meetings - The regular monthly meetings of this Club shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or cancellation of the regular monthly meeting shall be given to all members of the Club.

Section 3 - Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the Annual and regular meetings of the Club.

Section 4 - Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held four (4) times in each calendar year. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the President whenever deemed necessary, or at the request of two (2) members of the Committee, due notice having been given. The President, or Vice-President in his absence, shall preside at all of the Executive Committee meetings.

Section 5 - A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE V

#### Dues

Section 1 - Dues for Open Membership (18 years and older) shall be \$50.00 per year. Family Membership consist of additional or extra Open Members or Student Members living in the same household and shall pay \$5.00 and \$1.00 respectively each per year. Student members (see Constitution, Article IV, Section 2) not under Family Membership, shall pay \$15.00 per year dues. *Distant members shall pay \$20.00 per year dues.*<sup>5</sup> Dues for new membership after October 1 will extend membership through the following year. ~~A person may be elevated to Honorary Member status by unanimous approval of the Executive Committee.~~<sup>1</sup> The Honorary Member will pay no dues and will receive the newsletter free of charge.

*Section 2 - A one time Initiation Fee of \$25.00 in addition to regular Dues will apply to all new Open Memberships. This Initiation Fee will not apply to current Open Memberships that are renewed prior to the deadline stated in Article VIII, Section 3. Suspended and cancelled Open Members shall pay a Re-Instatement Fee of \$25.00 in addition to regular Dues in order to have their membership re-instated.*<sup>2</sup>

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### ARTICLE VI

#### Special Funds

The Treasurer of the Club may be authorized by the Executive Committee to receive contribution or specially obtained funds, from any individual or institution, to be applied to the general fund of the Club.

### ARTICLE VII

#### Club Activities

The Executive Committee shall appoint the various standing committees of the Club. These committees shall include but are not limited to: Competition Activities, Field Maintenance, Newsletter, and Safety & Rules. All Club Flight Instructors must be members of the Safety & Rules Committee.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Membership

Section 1 - Membership application must be accompanied by full payment of Club dues, proof of current membership in AMA, and must be approved by a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - A new Member may make full use of the facilities, vote in the Club's elections, and take part in the activities--with the exception of certain aspects of flying radio controlled model aircraft. To fly radio controlled model aircraft at the Club field, a new Member must fly under the supervision of a Flight Instructor, such supervision being required until the new Member has satisfactorily demonstrated his qualifications to fly unassisted. A Flight Instructor must initial a new member's membership card.

Section 3 - The membership of the Club shall be limited to no more than 75 members of all classes except Honorary members. The membership shall be open first to those who were Members of the Club the previous year provided the New Year's dues are paid before the due date of ~~March 31~~ the *Annual Meeting*.<sup>3</sup> In the event membership is closed during any year and there shall be additional requests for membership, the Secretary shall maintain a list, or the actual application, of those seeking membership and notify them, in the order the request was received, as membership becomes available.

### ARTICLE IX

#### Flying Field Rules

The Executive Committee shall publish rules to provide for safe and proper conduct, and controlled flying at the various flying sites. All AMA and Club flying and safety rules must be strictly followed.

### ARTICLE X

#### Training Program

The Safety & Rules Committee shall administer a Club training program.

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**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendment 1 – Article V, Section 1**

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Reason to Amend: Wording is inconsistent with Constitution which states that Honorary members may be elected by the Club membership.

**Amendment 2 – Article V, Section 2**

Section 2 - A one time Initiation Fee of \$25.00 in addition to regular Dues will apply to all new Open Memberships. This Initiation Fee will not apply to current Open Memberships that are renewed prior to the deadline stated in Article VIII, Section 3. Suspended and cancelled Open Members shall pay a Re-Instatement Fee of \$25.00 in addition to regular Dues in order to have their membership re-instated.<sup>2</sup>

Reason to Amend: Club voted to install a \$25.00 fee for new members and lapsed memberships

**Amendment 3 – Article VIII, Section 3**

Section 3 - The membership of the Club shall be limited to no more than 75 members of all classes except Honorary members. The membership shall be open first to those who were Members of the Club the previous year provided the New Year's dues are paid before the due date of ~~March 31~~ the *Annual Meeting*.<sup>3</sup> In the event membership is closed during any year and there shall be additional requests for membership, the Secretary shall maintain a list, or the actual application, of those seeking membership and notify them, in the order the request was received, as membership becomes available.

Reason to Amend: Update Due Date to date of Annual meeting as voted by the club.

**Amendment 4 – Article II, Section 4**

*Section 4 – The Executive Committee shall not make any decisions which involve the sale, purchase, allocation or disposal of club funds or assets with a combined value of \$200.00 or greater without first receiving approval by a majority vote by the club at a regular monthly meeting at which a quorum is present.*<sup>4</sup>

Reason to Amend: Add wording to reflect limits as voted by the club.

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**Amendment 5 – Article V, Section 1**

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Reason to Amend: Potential to generate additional club revenue with minimal impact to day to day club activities.