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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC

A Chartered Club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Incorporated 1967 as a nonprofit recreational and educational organization under the laws of the State of Maryland.)
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this club shall be the Chesapeake Bay Radio Control Club, Inc., (CBRC) hereafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Club objectives shall be to promote the development of radio controlled modeling as a recreational, sporting and educational activity; to advance the science and technology of the activity of radio controlled model flying; to encourage brotherhood among the members of the Club and the community; to mold the youth into productive and useful adult citizens by creating an interest in a worthwhile endeavor; to stimulate youth towards careers in aviation and science; and to aid the programs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be the following classes of membership.

(a). Regular Membership - Any person who possesses an individual model airplane sporting license issued by the AMA and abides by all rules and licensing requirements of the FCC; is of good moral character; committed and devoted to the concept of supporting the art of radio control modeling; is sincerely interested in the Club's welfare and the use of a good flying site shall be eligible for Regular Membership. He/she shall continue to be a Regular Member in good standing upon the payment of periodic dues as proposed by the Board of Governors and approved by the membership, adherence to the objectives of the Club and maintenance of the qualifications for membership. A Regular Member is entitled to vote, hold office in the Club and may share assets in the Club. A Regular Member is entitled to use the flying field and all of its attendant facilities.

(b). Associate Membership - New members shall be accepted into the Club as Associate Members without prior membership approval, providing they meet the requirements of Article III, Section 1 (a) as described above. Associate Members shall be accepted into Regular Membership at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Club's membership and upon majority approval of those members present. However, no such member shall be eligible for Regular Membership sooner than three months after originally becoming an Associate Member. An Associate Member who fails to attain Regular Membership at the end of the mandatory three month waiting period shall be carried on the rolls of CBRC no longer than the next sixty days. An Associate Member who has not been accepted into Regular Membership and who has been dropped from the rolls will be required to reapply for Associate Membership unless allowed to continue as an Associate Member by appeal to the Board of Governors. Associate Members may not hold office, vote, or share in the Club assets. They may, however, participate in all Club activities.

(c). Social Membership - A Social Member need not be a member of the AMA, may not hold office, may not vote, or share in Club assets. A Social Member may attend meetings and

other Club activities. A Social Member may not use the flying field or any of its facilities. A Social Member may become an Associate Member at any time by meeting the requirements of Article III, Section 1 (a).

(d). Military Membership – A service member on extended active duty at a location outside the CBRC area shall be eligible for Military Membership providing the requirements of Article III, Section 1 (a) are met. A Military Member is entitled to use the flying field and all of its attendant facilities while on leave. When a Military Member is subsequently assigned to a base in the CBRC area, such member shall be required to assume the dues obligation of Regular Membership.

(e). Youth and Student Membership- A student engaged in a formal course of study at a regular school or a youth who has fulfilled the membership requirements as set forth in Article III, Section 1(a) and has not reached his/her eighteenth birthday by June 15th of the year of membership shall be eligible for Student or Youth Membership. He/she shall remain a Student or Youth Member in good standing as long as he/she continues the study of courses at a regular school or has not yet attained his/her eighteenth birthday, pays his/her periodic dues and continues to adhere to the objectives of the Club. Student or Youth Members may vote, hold office and share in Club assets.

(f). Family Membership - Any members of the same family, (mother, father and children under the age of eighteen), shall be eligible for a Family Membership, All members enrolled under a Family Membership must meet the requirements of Article III, Section 1 (a). Family Memberships are applicable to Associate, Regular and Senior Citizen Memberships One member of a Family Membership may vote, hold office, and share in Club assets.

(g). Honorary Membership - The Club may elect Honorary Members. Honorary Members may not hold office, vote or share Club assets. They may participate in all Club activities provided they meet the requirements of Article III, Section 1 (a).

(h). Senior Citizen Membership - Any Person who reaches his sixtieth birthday on or before June 15 of the year of membership and otherwise qualifies as either a Regular Member or a Social Member shall be eligible for Senior Citizen Membership. He/she is entitled to those privileges consistent with Regular or Social Membership as applicable.

(i). Life Membership - A Life Membership may be recommended by the Board of Governors for any current or past Club member who is or was a member in good standing and who has made outstanding and valuable contributions to the Club. Candidates for Life Membership shall be approved by a vote of three fourths of the members present at a regular meeting of the Club. The Board may recommend no more that one candidate per year for Life Membership. Life Members will have the right to vote on club matters, hold office, and have all the privileges of a regular member.

Section 2. The Board of Governors may create other classes of non-voting membership and shall establish procedures for the application and admittance to all classes of membership.

Section 3. Termination of Membership - Membership may be terminated in the following manner:

(a). Resignation - A member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the President. Such resignation shall become effective on the date submitted.

(b). Any Member who does not abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Club shall be subject to membership termination by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

Administration of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Governors who shall be responsible for the formulation of all Club policy as prescribed within the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Governors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, one Regular Club Member per active flying site (Member at Large) who shall be appointed by the President, and two Regular Club Members (Members at Large) who shall be elected by the general membership at the general elections. The President shall serve as Chairman at all Board of Governor's meetings.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held once each calendar month on a regular schedule.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Club may be held at any convenient time, upon call by the President, or upon a petition signed by any ten (10) Regular Club Members, provided that such call shall name the time, place and purpose of such meeting, and shall be issued at least one week in advance of the proposed date.

Section 3. To conduct the Club's business at any meeting, a quorum consisting of 25% of the voting members must be present.. Motions duly made and seconded regarding regular business policies of CBRC require a majority vote for passage.

Section 4. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Governors. He/she shall direct the affairs of the Club with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors. Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution or By-Laws, he/she shall appoint all committees. In the event of incapacity or inability to fulfill the office and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds of the Board of Governors, the remainder of his/her term shall be filled in the following order of succession: Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as are delegated to him/her by the President and shall succeed to the office of the President in the event of death or resignation of the President. He/she shall preside at meetings in the event of temporary absence of the President. Additionally, he/she shall act as the parliamentarian and shall thus advise the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary procedure in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. He/she shall advise the President, the Board of Governors, and Club Members on Constitutional questions.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Club and Board of Governors meetings and shall be the official custodian of all the Club records. The Secretary shall direct the mailings of all notices required to be given. The Secretary shall keep an accurate census of the membership.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the official custodian of all Club funds. He/she shall collect all dues and monies of the Club and shall direct the keeping of accurate books of account. He/she shall cause audits to be made periodically as ordered by the Board of Governors and shall submit financial reports to the Board of Governors and be responsible for verifying AMA and FCC compliance.

Section 6. The election of Officers shall be held annually at the September meeting. To provide continuity in the Board of Governors, the elected officers shall serve for a term of two years with the President, Treasurer and one Member at Large being elected in odd numbered years and the Vice President, Secretary and one Member at Large being elected in even numbered years. The term of office shall run for two years from October of the year in which the election is held. Nominations shall be made by a Nominating Committee and by individual members. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. Upon any office, except that of the President, becoming vacant for any reason, a special election shall be held at the next regular scheduled meeting at which a quorum is present to fill the vacant office for the remainder of the term.

Section 7. Removal Clause - Any Officer is subject to removal from office during the period of his elected term if seventy-five (75) percent of the membership as a whole votes for his/her removal from office.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. The Board of Governors shall be the managing body of the Club and shall direct its affairs.

Section 2. The Board of Governors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and three Regular Members of the Club as defined in Article IV of the Constitution.

Section 3. Except as specifically limited by this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Governors shall have full power and authority to do all acts and perform all functions which the Club itself duly convened at its regular meetings may do or perform.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held upon the order of the President. In any event, meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held at least six (6) times per year.

Section 5. The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting shall be read to the general membership at the next meeting of the general membership.

Section 6. Expenditures authorized by the Board of Governors on behalf of CBRC cannot exceed one-half (1/2) the total funds in the treasury any given month. The vote of the Board of Governors must be two-thirds in favor to approve any expenditures.

Section 7. The Board of Governors must obtain general membership approval before obligating CBRC to any loans, debts or other major commercial transactions.

Section 8. The Club Member(s) appointed by the President shall additionally serve as Field Chairperson(s) for the flying site(s).

ARTICLE III – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of the Club shall be proposed by the Board of Governors and approved by the membership. The categories of membership shall be Regular Member, Family

Member, Senior Member, Youth/Student Member, Military Member, Social Member, Life Member, Honorary Member, and Associate Member. The initiation fee for Associate Members shall also be proposed by the Board of Governors with approval by the membership no later than at the February meeting. There shall be no dues for Honorary or Life Memberships. Student/Youth Memberships are exempted from the initiation fee.

Section 2. Associate Members accepted into full Club Membership shall be required to pay the appropriate annual dues on a pro rata basis based on the month of membership eligibility.

Section 3. Dues are payable at the regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting in June. Should a member's dues not be paid at the June meeting, good standing will not be affected until such failure to pay his/her dues extends beyond the regularly scheduled July meeting of the same year. At such time, any member who has not paid the necessary dues shall be removed from the membership list of the Club.

Section 4. There shall be no refund made to a Member who terminates his/her membership with the Club.

ARTICLE IV - SPECIAL FUNDS

Section 1. The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions of specifically obtained funds from any individual or institution to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club or for any specific project undertaken by the Club.

Section 2. The Treasurer is further authorized to receive funds given as loans to the Club by an individual or organization and the Treasurer shall maintain the necessary bookkeeping procedures to properly administer said loans.

Section 3. From time to time the Board of Governors may propose special assessments to be levied upon the membership. Such proposals must be published to the membership at least 15 days in advance of the meeting at which the assessment is to be discussed. To become effective, the assessment must be passed by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members at a regular meeting of the Club. Publication of such a proposal in the newsletter will constitute notification as required by this article. Levies or assessments may be a one time event or a monthly assessment, but, if monthly, may not remain in effect for more than one year unless continued by vote of the membership as specified above at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE V - OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall name a resident agent for the purpose of maintaining liaison with the State of Maryland as required by the Corporation Act.

Section 2. The President shall name a Field Safety Officer who shall ensure that all possible safety precautions are enforced at all Club sponsored flying sessions. The Field Safety Officer shall name such others to assist him/her as may be required.

Section 3. The President shall name such other appointees and committees as required on either a standing or special basis. Standing appointees and committees shall serve from the time of appointment until the end of the President's tenure in office; and special appointees and committees shall serve for the length of time required.

Section 4. The President shall appoint a Newsletter Editor who shall publish on a monthly basis the Club Newsletter to inform the membership of general Club information as well as other information as he/she considers pertinent.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to the Constitution and By-Laws at any regular meeting of the Club membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Voting Members present provided that notification of such amendment was sent to the general membership at least 15 days in advance of the time that the proposed amendment is to be considered. Publication of proposed amendments in the Club Newsletter will constitute notification as required by this article.

ARTICLE VII - PETTY CASH

A fifty dollar (\$50) fund shall be set aside from the treasury for the purpose of meeting miscellaneous expenses associated with Club business. Both the President and the Treasurer shall have the authority to authorize expenditures such that the total does not exceed the \$50 limit. The fund shall be replenished upon acceptance of the Treasurer's report at a regular meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - FLYING FIELD RULES

All members shall comply with existing safety and procedural rules at flying sites as well as any other regulations promulgated by the Field Safety Officer. The Club safety rules shall, at a minimum, be in conformance with the Safety Rules promulgated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Each member and/or guest shall be required to openly display his or her current AMA license during any flying at Club facilities. Club Members shall also display their current membership card.