

Dare County Radio Control Flyers

At the Home of the First Flight in the Outer Banks of North Carolina

AMA 2691

BYLAWS & Flying Site Safety Rules

Article I – Name and Location

Name. The name of the Club is the Dare County Radio Control Flyers, and may also be referred to as DCRCF or DCRCFlyers.

- A. Location and Mailing Address.** The Club’s flying field is located behind the firing range area within the Dare County Gun Club on Link Road, 1.5 miles south of the intersection of Highways 64 and 264.. The official mailing address of the Club is the presiding Secretary’s home address. Mail to the officers, or members may also be used for correspondence or, when/ if necessary to conduct club business.

Article II – Purpose

The DCRCF promotes radio control model aviation as a sport and recreational activity at the home of the First Flight, the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The Club is a self-supporting, non-profit organization chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA charter # 2691).

Article III – Membership

- A. Qualifications.** All interested persons are eligible for membership. All Club members are required to be current members of the AMA and are required at all times to comply with these Bylaws and Flying Field Safety Rules as well as the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code (found at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/memanual.pdf>)
- B. Dues and Fees.** To offset operating expenses and maintenance costs, the Club shall collect dues. Dues are collected on a yearly basis for the period April 1st through March 31st. Dues for the following year are due on or before April 30th.

- 1. Members whose annual dues are not paid by May 31 shall be eliminated from the Club membership roll.**
 - 2. Dues for a member joining the Club during the fourth quarter of the year (Jan, Feb, and March) shall have those dues rolled over and applied against the following year's dues.**
 - 3. Members age 18 and younger are required to be current members of the AMA and, shall only be obligated to pay one-half (1/2) the standard membership dues.**
 - 4. If for some reason additional funds are needed for operation of the club or for special considerations a discussion of that matter should be brought to the Club.**
- C. A copy of these bylaws can be provided to any applicant for Club membership or to any Club member upon request.**
- D. Resignation. A member of the Club may resign at any time by notifying the Club President or Secretary. Dues are not refundable.**

Article IV—Club Officers

- A. Responsibilities and Authority. Elected officers shall manage the Club's affairs. The elected officers as a body have the authority to establish and administer the Club's policy changes and to expend the club's money. Actions of the elected officers shall be consistent with these Bylaws, the club's AMA charter, and the club's agreement with Dare County governing authority for use of the club's flying field. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, decisions of the elected officers shall be by simple majority vote when acting as a body. If elected officers' action is required before any special meeting of the officers as a body, the President may collect votes by telephone, email, or by any other manner deemed appropriate by the President.**
- B. Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected at the regular Club meeting held in April of each year. Elected officers shall serve for a period of one year. Officers appointed pursuant to Article IV.D shall serve until the next regular election of officers. An officer may resign at any time by giving notice to the President. An officer who continually fails to perform his or her duties may be removed from office by majority vote of the elected officers.**

C. Duties of Club Officers.

President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The president shall also act as the official spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the Club, unless otherwise directed by the President.

Vice President. The Vice President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve.

Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer in his or her role as Club Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting, be responsible for general Club correspondence, and provide membership records to AMA annually as required to renew the Club charter. The Secretary/Treasurer in his or her role as Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to the Club, pay all bills, keep a record of money disbursed by the Club and present a financial report at each Club meeting as well as preparing and having available a monthly financial statement.

Safety Officer. The Safety officer shall over see the safety of on-field flying activities, in accordance with the AMA Safety Code and the DCRCF Flying Site Rules (Article IX). In the event of an accident resulting in personal injury or property damage, it is a requirement of our AMA Insurance that the Field Safety officer shall file an Incident Report with the AMA national office .

D. Vacancies. The President shall appoint a Club member to fill any vacancy that occurs in any office. Such appointee shall serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

Article V—Meetings.

A. Club Meetings. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on a specified day or date of each month at a time and place set by the President. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote shall be required for actions taken by the Club at these meetings.

B. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Club shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as determined by the President or designated officials.

C. Quorum. At any regular scheduled or special meetings of the DCRCF membership, a minimum of three members entitled to vote who are present in person, shall constitute a quorum of the membership.

D. Voting. Each member in good standing of the DCRCF shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A simple majority of votes cast by those members present shall constitute the action of all the members on any proposed vote. No votes will be accepted by proxy.

Article VI—Record Keeping

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep AMA charter records, insurance records, and records of agreements with the Dare County governing authority. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the minutes and attendance records of all Club meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain all Club financial records and all Club membership records.

Article VII—Committees

The Club has no standing committees. The President and/or elected officials may establish ad hoc committees as necessary to accomplish Club business. These ad hoc committees shall report back to the President and/or designated club officials.

Article VIII—Elections and Nominations

- A. Elections.** Election of officers shall be held annually at the April Club meeting. Those elected shall begin their term of office at the conclusion of the April Club meeting.
- B. Nominations.** The President shall propose a slate of Club officers and directors for election at the March Club meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the March Club meeting. Nominees must be Club members in good standing and must be willing to serve in the capacity for which they have been nominated.

Article IX—Flying Field Safety Rules

A. The Club's current Flying Field Rules are incorporated herein . A copy of the Club's Flying Field Safety Rules shall be (1) provided to each new member as soon as possible after receipt of a valid application, (2) provided to any Club member upon request . Club officers and the Club's Safety Officer shall review the Flying Field Safety Rules for sufficiency at

least annually. Any Club member may propose amendments at any time by providing proposed changes to the Safety Officer who will: (1) review the proposed amendment against AMA rules and guidelines; (2) solicit member input for the proposed amendment; and, (3) ultimately provide a recommendation to the President at the next Club meeting following the Safety Coordinator's assessment process. A simple majority vote of members present at the monthly Club meeting at which a proposed amendment is considered shall be required for the amendment to be adopted. The Flying Field Safety Rules shall be consistent to, and as feasible with the safety rules, policies, and guidelines of the AMA and the DCRCF's agreement with the Dare County governing authority for use of the Club's Flying Field. Violations of the Club's Safety Rules shall be grounds for expulsion or suspension of flying privileges.

B. Grievances. Safety concerns that cannot be resolved informally shall be referred to the President in writing. The elected officers as a body, in consultation with the Safety Officer, shall resolve the concern as provided in these Bylaws.

C. Expulsion and Reinstatement. The elected officers as a body may expel a Club member by majority vote if it is determined that (1) the member has continued to violate the Club's Flying Field Safety Rules, or (2) the member's actions or inactions have endangered other persons or property at or near the Club's Flying Field. (3) the member's conduct has been inappropriate, damaging to, or detrimental to the club as determined by its officers.

D. A majority vote of the elected officers shall be required to reinstate any member who is expelled. Unless reinstated, an expelled member shall not be eligible for Club membership.

E. Suspension of flying privileges. The elected officers as a body shall have the authority to temporarily suspend flying privileges for acts or omissions that do not justify expulsion and/or require additional instruction before further solo flight is permitted.

Article X—Miscellaneous

A. Club information shall be made available by e-mail. Club officers will make every reasonable effort to keep members informed and aware of club events, annual elections, proposed and adopted amendments or revisions to these bylaws and/or the Club's Flying Field Safety Rules.

B. Club Dissolution. Prior to dissolution of the Club all debts and other financial obligations of the Club shall be paid or otherwise satisfied. Any

money remaining in the Club treasury after satisfaction of all Club debts and other financial obligations shall be donated to charity .

Article XI—Bylaws, Amendments and Copies

- A. Amendments. Any Club member may propose an amendment to the Club’s bylaws. Any amendment of the Club’s bylaws shall require a vote by quorum (minimum of three members) of the Club members present at the meeting where the amendment is considered.**

These bylaws & Flying site rules were reviewed and adopted by majority vote at the Club meeting held in _____2016 and are effective as of that date.