

# MOUNT RAINIER RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY - CONSTITUTION

*(As Revised Sept 16, 2023)*

## 1. CLUB NAME:

A. The Club name shall be Mount Rainier Radio Control Society.

1. The Club shall maintain an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Charter.
2. The Club shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the state of Washington.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of the Mount Rainier Radio Control Society, (also known as MRRCS and the Club), is to further interest in radio controlled model aircraft. It is also formed to promote the hobby of model aircraft building and flying for the enjoyment of its members. It will also promote good fellowship and understanding between members of the Club, the Club and other similar interest clubs, and the Club and the general public.

## 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. Purpose:

1. The purpose of the Board of Directors, (also known as the Executive Board), is to assess, deliberate and recommend to the Club membership, decisions regarding management, operations and finances of the Mount Rainier Radio Control Society. The Board of Directors shall have the power to act on disciplinary actions.
2. The Board of Directors shall establish an annual budget which shall enumerate the expected expenses for the fiscal year. The budget shall enumerate the fixed and regular club and field expenses. The budget shall also include expected fund expenditures, if any, for projected field improvements, and also miscellaneous expenses expected during the budgetary year. The budget shall be completed and presented to the Club membership at the regular Club meeting, for the first reading and review, and will be read, second reading, for approval at the subsequent regular Club meeting. First and second reading shall occur prior to April 1st.
3. The Club membership must approve or disapprove, by 2/3rds (two thirds) vote, the annual budget along with any excess fund requests that may occur during the current budgetary year before implementation by the Board of Directors.
4. The Mount Rainier Radio Control Society shall have a budgetary and fiscal year beginning on April 1st and ending on March 31st.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month or as often as necessary.

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6. The Board shall consist of seven members - four Club officers, (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer), the immediate past President, and two members-at-large. The two members-at-large will be elected by the membership each year during the regular Club meeting in December, with the two at-large board members taking office January 1st of the New Year.

7. The chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of the Board of Directors at its first regularly scheduled meeting of the year, but no later than the first of February.

8. The secretary of the Board of Directors shall be the Club Secretary.

9. A quorum shall consist of five (5) board members in attendance at the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. A majority vote will constitute a decision on a motion.

10. The Board of Directors shall authorize the Club Treasurer to make appropriate expenditures of funds for the fixed and regular field and Club expenses from the general Club funds with a report to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

### **3. CLUB OFFICERS AND DUTIES:**

A. The Club shall have the following elected offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The club shall also maintain a Field Safety Coordinator, a Field Maintenance Coordinator, and a Membership Coordinator - all to be appointed by the President. The Safety Coordinator, the Field Maintenance Coordinator, and the Membership Coordinator do not have officer status, nor are they a member of the executive board. They may hold a club office, but must be elected following established procedures.

#### **B. Duties:**

1. President: Conduct and preside at all meetings in approximate accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. He/she shall be the official voice of the Club, and appoint committees as necessary for the operation of the Club. The President can authorize expenditures up to \$1,000.00 (one thousand) each occurrence and not to exceed \$2,000.00 (two thousand) per year. This is for emergencies such as storm damage at the field. The President will cosign all financial documents that exceed pre-established limits already noted in the constitution.

2. Vice-President: Acts under the President, and assumes the duties of the President in his absence. If the President is to be absent for an extended period of time, the Vice President will cosign all financial documents that exceed pre-established limits already noted in this constitution. The Vice-President shall conduct an annual inventory of the club property as requested by the President.

3. Secretary: Keep the minutes of all Club meetings and handle all correspondence, including the Club Charter and annual corporation filing. He/she shall maintain current constitution and by-laws and flying field rules.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall handle all business and monetary transactions of the Club as directed by the President, the membership (by vote), or duly appointed committees. He/she shall report at each meeting the Club's current financial status. Additionally as allowed by section 2.A.10. The Treasurer shall present to the Club membership an annual profit and loss statement, within thirty (30) days after the closing of the fiscal year, which shall include profit and loss statements from individual events. The Treasurer is the primary signer on all financial documents that exceed pre-established limits already noted in this constitution.

5. Safety Coordinator: The Safety Coordinator is appointed by the President. He/she reports to the president. The Safety Coordinator's duties include, but are not limited to: Maintaining a safe environment at the flying site, and to ensure club safety. He/She shall make sure the AMA Safety and MRRCS Field Rules are adhered to. The Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for posting the Field Safety Rules in a prominent location for all members and guests to observe. He/She shall be responsible for posting current contact information for local emergency services in the clubhouse. He/She shall make sure that all First Aid Kits & Devices are current and appropriately stocked.

6. Field Maintenance Coordinator: Is appointed by the President. He/She reports directly to the President. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: all aspects of grounds / facility maintenance of the field. Help to ensure a safe, secure and clean environment. He/She shall report to the Board to help establish the annual maintenance budget.

7. Membership Coordinator: The Membership Coordinator is appointed by the President. He/she reports to the club officers. The Membership Coordinator's duties include, but are not limited to: maintaining records of club membership, collect dues payments, verify members AMA status, Issue membership stickers and keys. He/she shall provide new members with a copy of the constitution, by laws, and field and flying rules. The Membership Coordinator shall provide the secretary with a monthly update of membership changes. Other similar duties as directed by the Secretary / Board.

C. Indemnification of Officers and Board of Directors clause.

1. The Mount Rainier Radio Control Society will indemnify any Officers, Board of Directors or committee member from all liability which may be imposed by any court of general jurisdiction for any and all actions done in good faith in the performance of their duties. The indemnification provided shall also include reasonable legal fees provided that the Board of Directors shall be the judge of the reasonableness of such fees.

D. Unless otherwise specified by the Club membership, The Club Officers will also be the Corporation Officers.

#### 4. ELECTIONS:

A. Election of Club officers will take place each year during the regular Club meeting in December. Newly elected officers will officially take office January 1st of the New Year.

B. Nominations for the elected offices shall be made at the regular Club meeting in November as follows:

1. Nominations from the nominating committee.
2. Nominations from the floor.

C. Succession: Should the president be unable to complete the normal term of office the vice president shall become the president. All other vacancies, including the past president board member and the two at large board members, will be filled by special election.

## **5. CLUB QUORUM AND VOTING PROCEDURES:**

A.. Any number of active members present at a regular Club meeting shall constitute a quorum.

A two thirds (2/3rds) vote of those present is needed to carry a motion.

B. A voting member shall be a member in good standing.

C. Votes on motions regarding large expenditures of money, in excess of \$2,000.00 (two thousand), shall be tabled to the next regular Club meeting to notify the members in good standing to give them adequate opportunity to attend and vote on such motions.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP:**

A. Membership in MRRCS shall be open to all persons interested in building, flying, and/or promoting radio controlled model aircraft.

B. Candidates for flying membership must have a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership for the current calendar year. All pilots are required by the FAA to have an FAA Registration Number and TRUST test completion certificate.

C. Candidates must pay all current appropriate dues.



# MOUNT RAINIER RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY BYLAWS

(Sept 2023 Rev.)

## 1. PAYMENT OF DUES:

All memberships are for one calendar year - January 1st, through December 31st. Except as in 2. A. below, annual dues are to be paid not later than January 31st. Each member must complete an application upon renewal of membership. Applicants for flying membership must provide proof of AMA membership to be verified online by the club. All pilots are required by the FAA to have an FAA Registration Number and TRUST test completion certificate. If AMA membership expires during the calendar year and is not timely renewed, flying privileges will be revoked.

## 2. ANNUAL DUES:

A. Unless exceptions under 2. C. apply, annual dues for members 18 years and older shall be \$150.00. If a member desires, semi-annual payments may be made. The first payment of \$75.00 is due by January 31st and the second payment of \$75.00 is due not later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. If the second payment is not made by June 30<sup>th</sup>, this option is not available the following year.

B. Annual dues for persons 17 years and younger, and persons 18 to 21 enrolled as full time students with documentation to prove such, shall be \$50.00.

C. Exceptions:

(i) Spouses of members and immediate family members are considered members, but do not have voting privileges. Dues are not required, but flyers must be current AMA members and have an FAA Registration Number and TRUST test completion certificate.

(ii) Dues for active duty military personnel will be adjusted to accommodate individual situations. The determination will be made on a case-by-case basis by the president or the vice president.

## 3. MEMBER PRIVILEGES:

The Privileges listed below are afforded to those members considered to be in good standing. A member is in good standing when all dues are paid up to date and the member has not violated MRRCS, AMA, or any other pertinent rules or guidelines.

A. May vote on all issues. Exception: non-paid Family members per section 2C(i)

B. May participate in all Club activities.

C. May sponsor guests and/or prospective members.

D. May hold any Club office. Exception: members must be 21 years old or older.

E. Have unlimited use of the Club facilities.

#### **4. GUESTS:**

A. For the Club's as well as the guest's protection, a guest flying at the MRRCS field, must have a current AMA membership, an FAA Registration Number and TRUST test completion certificate. and must be accompanied by an MRRCS member in good standing. Club members are limited to one flying guest per flying session. Club member will document the guest in the guest register. Exception: A guest flying on a "buddy-box" with an active member in good standing need not have an AMA membership. This exception is valid for one flight only and the aircraft must belong to an AMA member.

B. With the exception of "Special Events," current AMA members may use the MRRCS field up to three (3) times as a guest in the presence of an active member in good standing.

#### **5. STUDENTS:**

A. All flight training shall be accomplished by use of a "buddy box" either electronic or trainer cord with an instructor having the master control transmitter. This requirement shall exist until the instructor is satisfied the student can safely fly the aircraft.

B. Students under the direct supervision of an AMA Registered Introductory Pilot may fly for 90 consecutive days without AMA membership. All other students must be AMA members.

#### **6. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION:**

A. Violations of the rules and or guidelines of the MRRCS Club shall be brought to the attention of the Club officers. Those violations that are determined to be detrimental to the AMA and/or MRRCS rules and guidelines shall be brought before the membership for final decision and appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may vary from temporary loss of flying privileges to dismissal from the Club.

Violation will be interpreted to be by any Club member, on Club property, or during Club sponsored events. Non-member violators will be asked to leave the premises.

B. For cause, any membership may be suspended or terminated. Sufficient cause for such shall be the violation of the Club's rules and guidelines and/or field and flying rules, and for other causes which may be detrimental, degrading, or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, the AMA, or other sanctioned Clubs, members, activities and facilities.

C. Procedure in such actions shall be that any allegations of violation shall first be brought before the officers for consideration and disposition, and if found warranted, a written notice shall be delivered to the member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the next general membership meeting, advising of the charges and extending an opportunity of presenting a defense before the membership. All members shall be given written notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next meeting that such action is to be considered or taken and at that meeting the members present, shall by TWO THIRDS sealed ballot vote, decide the outcome of the complaint. Failure of the alleged violator to appear in defense of such allegations shall in no way preclude any action of the membership.

## **7. NEW MEMBERS**

A. Any person interested in the model aircraft hobby who has a desire to be an active member of the MRRCS and AMA may join the Club. It is desirable that the prospective member be sponsored and/or known by an active member.

B. Prospective members are required to attend a general membership meeting to introduce themselves to the membership. If attendance at a general membership meeting is not possible due to work or other unavoidable requirements, the MRRCS Registrar or any club officer may approve an exception to this requirement. The granting of an exception is on a case by case basis, and, if approved, prospective members must still meet the MRRCS Registrar or a club officer at the field for a new member orientation prior to receiving a field key or being permitted to fly. Members will bring their AMA card, FAA Registration Number, and TRUST test completion certificate to the orientation.

C. If the prospective member is already a member of the AMA, he/she can present their current AMA membership card, tender Club dues and become a Club member immediately. If not already an AMA member, an AMA membership can be applied for. Flying cannot be granted until the prospective member is a member of the AMA or assurance is made that the AMA membership is applied for. All pilots are required by the FAA to have an FAA Registration Number and TRUST test completion certificate. If desired, the prospective member may fill out an AMA membership application at the meeting and turn in the application, with AMA dues, to a Club officer. At that time, the individual can tender Club dues and become a Club member. Non-flying members need not be an AMA Member.

D. New members dues for their initial year shall be \$150.00 if their join date is before June 30th of the current year. Dues for new members joining after July 1st shall pay \$75.00 for the remainder of their initial year.

E. All new members shall pay a one-time Runway Maintenance Fee of \$50.00 with their initial club application.

## **8. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS, CONSTITUTION, AND FIELD RULES**

Any amendments or changes to the bylaws, constitution, and field rules of the Club shall be done by a vote from the members in good standing. All Club members shall be notified of any proposed changes to the bylaws, constitution, or field rules. The members shall be given notice of at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next club meeting to allow for the adequate opportunity to review said changes. Members shall be informed via phone, e-mail or other current method in order to attend the scheduled meeting and vote on any proposed motion of bylaw, constitution, or field rules changes.

Any urgent safety concerns shall be addressed immediately for necessary action, and submitted for review at the next regular club meeting.

## **9. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS**

Members and guests shall be responsible for complying with any federal, state, or local regulations requiring registration and/or licensing of any pilot or aircraft. Including, but not limited to FAA UAS and / or pilot registration and completion of The TRUST test.