

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc. (PGRC)

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The club is established to unite radio control aircraft modelers as an organized group. The objectives of the club shall be to promote:

1. Radio control model flying
2. Model aircraft construction
3. The advancement of model aviation in all its phases as a recreational, sporting and educational activity
4. Activities of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section 1: The club shall meet regularly once each month on the day and at the time provided by the By-Laws. In the event of an emergency, or for good cause, the Board of Directors of the club may change or cancel regular meetings.

Section 2: An Annual Meeting for election of members of the Board of Directors of the club shall be held no later than the thirty first day of October in each year as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be three types of membership: Member, Junior Member, and Honorary Member. All members must submit a completed membership application form, such form to be prescribed by the Board of Directors and which shall include the statement "I have read and agree to support and adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of PGRC."

Section 2: Member. Each member shall be a member of the AMA.

Section 3: Junior Member. Each Junior Member must be eligible to be a Member and must not have reached his/her twenty-first birthday before the first day of July of the membership year. Junior Members are entitled to all privileges of membership.

Section 4: Honorary Member. Honorary Members may be elected by the club membership and shall be exempt from payment of dues, shall have no vote, shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club, shall have no interest in the property of the club, and shall be entitled to attend all meetings and to enjoy other privileges of the club.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: The governing body of this club shall be a Board of Directors constituted as the By-Laws stipulate. Directors shall be elected from among the members of the club eligible to vote in club affairs.

Section 2: The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, and Safety Officer. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors from among the Board's membership.

Section 3: Each Director shall take office at the first Board meeting following his/her election. A Director shall hold office for a period of three years, unless he/she sooner resigns. Each Director shall accept responsibility for one or more specific club activities, to be agreed upon among the Directors.

Section 4: Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring before the expiration of a normal term of office shall be filled temporary by appointment of a club member by the Board of Directors as an interim Director. The office shall be filled at the next annual election by election of a Director for the unexpired portion of the regular three-year term of office.

Section 5: Except as herein otherwise provided, the Board of Directors shall conduct all business of the club, control all offices and committees, and discharge all corporate responsibilities of the club. Decisions of the Board shall be recorded in writing and as well be provided in the By-Laws, as appropriate. Decisions of the Board shall be binding upon the membership unless revoked or amended as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 6: All business conducted by the Board of Directors shall be conducted at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present. Approval of any motion before the Board of Directors requires the favorable vote of a simple majority of the Board members present at such meetings.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

Every Member and Junior Member of the club shall pay annual dues as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII: DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Period. Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as hereinafter described.

Section 2: Termination. Any member failing to pay their next year's dues by December 31 of the current year shall become delinquent and their membership suspended as of January 1 of the next year. A suspended member whose state of suspension has continued beyond one year from the date of their suspension ceases to be a member. During a period of suspension, the suspended member will not be authorized the use of the facilities of the club nor shall he/she be entitled to receive the club newsletter

Section 3: Termination for Other Causes. The membership of any member may be terminated by the Board of Directors for a reason which the Board may deem to be sufficient by the vote of not less than two thirds of the members thereof at a meeting called for that purpose. In such case, the member shall be given at least ten days written notice of such pending action and an opportunity to submit to the Board of Directors a written response. The member shall also have the opportunity of appearing before the Board to state his/her case. Service of such notice shall be made by registered letter to the member's last known address. In case of a decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall, within seven days after the date of the Board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the Board. Such member may within fourteen days after the date of such notice give written notice to the secretary of his/her intention either to appeal to the club or to acquiesce. Silence is considered acquiescence. In the event he/she appeals, the Board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at regular meeting of the club to be held within twenty-one days after the receipt of said notice of appeal. At least five days notice of such club meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the club, and only members of the club shall be permitted to be present when such appeal is considered at such meeting. The action of the Board of Directors shall be final if no appeal to the club is made. If an appeal is made, the action of the club shall be final.

Section 4: Resignation: The resignation of any member from this club shall be in writing (addressed to the President or to the Secretary) and shall be accepted by the Board of Directors, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the club has been paid.

ARTICLE IX: BY-LAWS

This club shall adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with the constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such By-Laws may be amended as therein provided.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

This constitution and By-Laws may be amended only at a regular membership meeting of the club, and by the approval of 50% of the membership or three quarters of the members present at the meeting, whichever is smaller, and which follows by a period of at least 20 days, a regular meeting at which the proposed amendment to the constitution or to the By-Laws has been presented to the membership by a representative of the Board. In addition, copies of any proposed amendment shall have been provided to the membership prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken. Any proposed amendment to this constitution or to the By-Laws shall be delivered in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the provisions of the amendment and give their recommendations at the regular club meeting at which the amendments presented.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION
PRINCE GEORGE'S RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I: ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: At a regular meeting, one month prior to the meeting for the election of Board Members, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club to fill seats on the Board of Directors that are to be vacated. Nominations will be accepted up to and including the election meeting. The nominations duly made will be recorded by the secretary and will be published in the club newsletter. The membership will vote for the nominees at the election meeting. Each club member present at the annual meeting can enter a vote for the candidates of his choice to fill the vacated Board positions from among the nominees. The candidates that receive the greatest number of votes will be elected to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled as stated in Article V Section 4 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE II: OPERATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members of PGRC, each elected to a three-year term.

Section 2: Seven Directors constitute a quorum for a Board Meeting and the President or Vice President must be present.

Section 3: The Directors shall elect from among their members the officers of the club at the first Board Meeting following election of the new Board members by a vote of the simple majority.

Section 4: A Director may resign upon submission of a written resignation to the Board of Directors. A Director may be removed from office by a two thirds (7 votes) vote of the Board of Directors. A Director may be suspended from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, or upon submission of a written petition to the Board of Directors signed by twenty percent of the club membership. A Director shall be notified, by the most expeditious means available, of his suspension and the date of the open meeting at which the issue will be discussed. Following publication in the newsletter that a recall (or termination) hearing is to be conducted at the next club meeting, the issue shall be debated in open forum before the club membership. A Director shall be considered recalled if he/she receives support of three quarters of the members present at the open hearing.

Section 5: The Board of Directors shall cause to be reported prior to the end of the next regular meeting of the club membership, in addition to any other items of interest, any decision of the Board which involves one or more of the following elements:

- a) A commitment of the club, or any of its Directors, to any special or continuing relationship or affiliation with any other organization active in the club's field of interest.
- b) Any participation of the club or Directors in their official capacities sponsored by other organizations within the club's field of interest.
- c) All organized club activities planned for participation by any part of the club membership.
- d) Any one-time allocation of funds voted by the Board in excess of \$1,000, or any recurring commitment of funds for one purpose or project expected to total more than \$1,500 during the ensuing six-months
- e) Any change of officers, appointments, or functional assignments of Directors.

Section 6: Upon request of at least twenty members at or prior to any regular or special meeting of the club membership, the reading of any part of the minutes, or correspondence of the Board of Directors, will be presented as requested.

Section 7: Any decision of the Board of Directors may be revoked or amended by a 50% of the club membership or three-quarters of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the club.

Section 8: Members wishing to present items for consideration by the Board of Directors may do so at any regular Board meeting either in person or in writing.

ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF OFFICE

Section 1: President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meeting of the club and Board of Directors and shall act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

Section 2: Vice-President. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at the meetings of the club and the Board of Directors in the absence of the President and shall otherwise perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve.

Section 3: Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and perform all duties to maintain the clubs legal status with the State and federal governments. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall preside at the club meeting.

Section 4: Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all monies due the club and shall secure same in a banking institution, disburse club monies in payment of club obligations as

provided by the Board of Directors, disburse monies to the AMA for Charter and insurance by authority of this document, and maintain records of the club's financial transactions.

Section 5: Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall promote a climate of safety awareness within the club, and communicate between the AMA and the club in matters related to safety. He / she shall serve as a focal point for procedures to address serious accidents / incidents at the field. The Safety Officer does not act as the "field police", but should display a positive attitude and willingness to convey safety issues to members and visitors at the field. The Board may articulate additional related duties for the Safety Officer in the future, as needed.

Section 6: Field Marshal. The Field Marshall shall serve as the point of contact for matters related to the physical condition of the field, including maintenance of the site and suggestions for improvements to the facility. If the need arises, the Board may identify additional related duties for the Field Marshal in the future.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the club shall be held on the third Tuesday of November of each year or at such time as the Board of Directors shall direct, and if not upon the third Tuesday of November, 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 election of members of the Board of Directors to serve for the expiring terms shall take place.

Section 2: Regular Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the club shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Due notice of any change in, or canceling of the regular monthly meeting shall be given to all members of the club.

Section 3: Special Meeting. Special meeting of the club may be called upon written notice to all members of the club by the Board of Directors, said notice must be mailed to the membership at least seven (7) days in advance of the date set for the special meeting.

Section 4: Board Meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President whenever deemed necessary or at the request of two members of the Board, due notice having been given.

ARTICLE V: DUES AND FEES

Section 1: Annual Dues. Annual dues for general members (adults 21 – 80 years old) are \$75. Annual dues for junior members (persons younger than 21 years) are \$10. Annual dues for a family membership (households of parents and their children under 21 years of age) are \$85. Members who have reached their 80th birthday and have been a PGRC member for at least five

years, are exempt from annual dues. New members joining after July 31 pay half the annual dues for the remainder of the year.

Section 2. Initial Assessment. There will be a one-time initial assessment of \$100, in addition to annual dues, for General and Family memberships. The Initial Assessment is waived for active-duty military personnel temporarily assigned to the area and for college students.

Section 3: A surcharge of \$25 shall be charged to existing members for late payment of dues, if dues are not paid by the January general membership meeting.

Section 4: There will be no special assessments levied upon the club membership at any time except by consent by affirmation vote of the membership. Notice of such proposed special assessment shall be given at least 25 days in advance of voting date and 50% of the membership or three quarters of the members at the meeting, whichever is smaller, shall approve the expenditures.

ARTICLE VI: SPECIAL FUNDS

The Treasurer may be authorized by the Board of Directors to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution to be applied to the general funds of the club.

ARTICLE VIII: CLUB ACTIVITIES

The various continuing committees of the club shall be chaired by members of the Board of Directors as determined by the Board. These activities shall include but not limited to: Competitive Activities; Field Maintenance, Field Acquisition, Newsletter, and Public Relations.

ARTICLE IX: AMA CHARTER

Annually, the club will maintain its AMA Charter and the necessary insurance required by the owner of the club's flying site.

ARTICLE X: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Persons wishing to join the club shall make application in writing on such forms as specified by the Board of Directors. Proof of current AMA membership is required for PGRC membership. The application shall be accompanied by dues in full or unexpired portion of the

year as outlined in Article V above. Upon acceptance of the application and dues the applicant will become a member of the club, and be entitled to the use of club facilities.

Section 2: A new member may make full use of the facilities, vote in the club elections, and take part in club activities. New members may fly radio controlled model aircraft at the club flying field under the supervision of an instructor until the new member has satisfactory demonstrated his/her ability to fly unassisted.

ARTICLE XI: FLYING FIELD

The Board of Directors shall publish, when needed, rules to provide for safe conduct, proper conduct and controlled flying at the club flying site. All club members and guests will be bound by these rules. Violation of these rules can constitute grounds for termination of membership in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution.