

Patriot R/C Inc.

By Laws

Adopted

April 14, 2009

**(During the April 14, 2009 Patriot R/C Inc. business meeting,
those present voted on and approved the adoption of the new
By Laws for Patriot R/C Inc.)**

Last Revision

No Revisions to date.

BY LAWS OF THE PATRICK HENRY PATRIOTS R/C CLUB

ARTICLE I: NAME & LOCATION

NAME

Patriot R/C Inc.
(Operating as: Patrick Henry Patriots RC Club)

LOCATION

130 Jack Dalton Rd
Martinsville, Virginia 24112
(Located behind Jack Dalton Park)

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to foster and advance interest and fellowship of its members and the public at large in the hobby of building and flying radio control aircraft; to encourage an interest in this hobby in non-members; to provide a meeting place and a flying site, or sites, for members of the club; to encourage participation in the activities of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and to encourage activities in the Club consistent with the aims and ideals of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

The Patriot R/C Inc., operating as Patrick Henry Patriots RC Club (PHPRC) is a chartered Club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The AMA is a self-supporting, non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote development of aeromodeling as a recognized sport, recreational, and educational activity for all model aviation enthusiasts. PHPRC and AMA are organizations open to everyone interested in radio control miniature aircraft design, construction, and flying and expressly encourage and promote the education of its members and the public in appreciation of the artistic and technical endeavors required for successful fulfillment of the sport.

The Club activities shall be conducted without personal gain for its individual members and any profits to the Club shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Club, except that the President or Vice-President shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

3.01 QUALIFICATIONS

Any person of good character and reputation may be considered for membership subject to that applicant's agreement to abide by the Club's governing documents and such further and reasonable restrictions as may be adopted by the Club. All members of PHPRC must also be current members of Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

3.02 MANNER OF ADMISSION

Any prospective member will be given thirty (30) days to join PHPRC after his/her first flying session. A prospective member will not be allowed to fly again, after the thirty days, for a period of twelve (12) months if he/she did not join the club. Applications for Members shall be submitted in writing upon forms furnished therefore and must be supported by one current Club member in good standing. Such applications must be accompanied by the initial dues (prorated where applicable) and receive a favorable vote of the members present at a regular membership meeting.

3.03 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member of this Club may be expelled by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that notice of such meeting and the purpose of the same has been given to the membership by mail or email at least (7) days prior to the date of said meeting. Furthermore, any membership to PHPRC shall terminate should a member cease to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the Club. Any member expelled shall forfeit any claim to refund of dues and assessments.

ARTICLE IV: DUES, FEES AND FISCAL YEAR

4.01 ANNUAL DUES

PHPRC Club dues are \$30.00 per calendar year and are due January 1st. Annual dues of PHPRC can be adjusted to meet the needs of the Club based on projected fiscal requirements for the continued operations and facilities maintenance requirements of the Club. Any such changes in club dues must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that notice of such meeting and the purpose of the same has been given to the membership by mail or email at least (7) days prior to the date of said meeting.

4.02 PRO-RATED DUES

Dues shall be on a calendar year basis of January 1st through December 31st. A member joining between January 1st and June 30th shall pay the full annual dues. A member joining between July 1st and October 31st shall pay one-half the current annual dues for the remainder of the dues year. Any member joining after November 1st shall pay the annual dues established for the new fiscal year, which shall be credited for the following dues year.

4.03 DUES PAYMENT INCREMENTS

On a case by case basis for special hardships only, annual dues may be paid in a maximum of three increments. When requested by a member to the Secretary-Treasurer in confidence, the Secretary-Treasurer shall have the authority to approve incremental payments based on assessment of actual need. The incremental payments will be tracked by the Secretary-Treasurer and remain confidential. The first incremental payment must be made prior to January 31st and may extend to a maximum of 6 months for final payment. Failure to complete payment within the allocated time and number of increments will result in suspension of flying privileges.

4.04 FINANCES

All finances and monies collected by the Club from dues, donations or payments for events and performances shall be under the control of the Board of Officers and shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Club without personal gain to any individual members.

4.05 CALENDAR YEAR

PHPRC shall follow the calendar year for all club activities which will begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

5.01 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Regular meetings of this Club shall be held the second Tuesday of each month at the PHPRC flying field beginning at 6:30 p.m. During inclement weather and winter months, the location of the meeting will be the Henry County Administration Building or as set forth by the President.

5.02 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting or by the President and notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed to the members no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting.

5.03 OFFICER ELECTION MEETING

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be during the month of November and shall be conducted in accordance with Article VIII.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

6.01 OFFICERS

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer and any such other officers as may be deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Club. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Officers shall be elected annually, shall take office during the January regular meeting of the following year, and serve until their successors are duly elected and installed. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their office as prescribed in Article VII and such other duties as the Board of Officers shall direct.

6.02 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any officer of this Club may be removed from office by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting. The notice and the purpose of such a meeting shall be given to the membership by mail or email at least seven (7) days prior to the date of said meeting.

6.02 VACANCIES

Vacancies among officers shall be filled by a vote of remaining officers. A vacancy in the office of the President may be filled automatically by the Vice President at the option of the club.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

7.01 PRESIDENT

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club and shall, in general, supervise and control all business and affairs of the Club. The President shall, when present, preside over all meetings of the members and shall be responsible for the appointment of committees as deemed necessary. The President shall act as liaison between National, District, Regional, and Local Organizations involved in Radio Control Model Aviation. The President shall be responsible for establishing a monthly meeting agenda. The President shall prepare and file all forms for the club as required by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. In general, the President shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

7.02 VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall preside over the meetings at which the President is not present. Should the Vice President be unable to preside, the President shall appoint any other Officer or member to preside at regular meetings. The Vice President shall assist the President in all special events and projects. The Vice President shall act as liaison between District, Regional, and local radio control model aircraft organizations. The Vice President shall provide programs and projects to stimulate interest and morale within the club.

7.03 SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall record minutes of all meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all revenue coming into the possession of PHPRC and keep an accurate account of receipts thereof. Revenue shall be deposited to the account of PHPRC within seven (7) calendar days of receipt. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain an accurate club roster that is updated on a regular basis and provided to the general membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of expenditures and revenue and report the balance at each monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

8.01 NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Officers can be made by any Club member in good standings. Nominations will be accepted during the November Club meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, a nomination will be accepted via email to the club President or Vice-President. Prior to being placed on the ballot for voting, the nominee must accept the nomination by the club.

8.02 VOTING

When there is more than one nominee for office, voting shall be conducted by written ballot. Each member is entitled to cast one vote and voting by proxy is not permitted. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election.

ARTICLE IX: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

9.01 FILING A GRIEVANCE FOR FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULE VIOLATIONS.

In the event a Club member feels he/she has reason to file grievance against another club member or visitor for violation of any safety rule, AMA rule, etc. a grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required. The completed form will be reviewed by the Safety Officer, who will inform the Club President of the grievance. Viewpoints of both the accused and complainants will be considered. The accused has a right to a written rebuttal to the grievance, to be reviewed by the Safety Officer.

9.02 FIRST VIOLATION

After reviewing the grievance and discussing with the President, if it is determined the accused acted wrongly and was in violation of any club or AMA rule, the Safety Officer will at a minimum give the offender a verbal warning. This action shall be recorded in Club records for the member in violation.

9.03 SECOND VIOLATION

If a Club member is accused of a second violation within a two year period of time, and a grievance is filed with the Safety Officer, the Safety Officer will inform the President, who will at that point form a committee to review the grievance and determine if the accused is guilty of the violation and what the punishment shall be. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the guilty member can be suspended for thirty days. If so, written notice will be provided to the member immediately.

9.04 THIRD VIOLATION

If a Club member is accused of a third violation within a two year period of time, and a grievance is filed with the Safety Officer, the Safety Officer will inform the President, who will at that point form a committee to review the grievance. The accused will be notified in writing of the grievance. If the committee finds the accused guilty of a third offense, the President will inform all members via mail or email that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the guilty member at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a minimum of one year. During the meeting in which the expulsion vote takes place, two thirds vote of the membership present is necessary for the expulsion to take place.

Voting will be by secret ballot. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

9.05 RETALIATION

Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing the grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

10.01 AMENDMENTS BY CLUB

These bylaws may be amended by this Club as necessary to comply with current needs and to comply with local, state or federal law.

10.02 NOTICE OF VOTING

Proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be mailed or emailed, together with notice of the meeting, to each Club member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be voted on. Amendments may be considered at any regular or special meeting of the Club and shall be adopted upon two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

11.01 DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Club, the Board of Officers shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Club to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Officers shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the city or county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.