

# **Constitution and By-laws of the Indianapolis R.C. South Radio Control Club**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

**The name of this organization shall be INDIANAPOLIS R.C. SOUTH (South Indianapolis Radio Control Club).**

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

**The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the safe construction, and operation of Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft, as well as other aspects of the sport.**

## **ARTICLE III - POLICIES**

- 1. This organization shall be a non-profit unincorporated association.**
- 2. Neither the name nor the activities of this organization shall be associated with any outside organization or activity that is not within the general scope of radio controlled aircraft modeling. Charitable endeavors are excepted when backed by a simple majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.**
- 3. Activities of this organization shall be directed exclusively to plans, projects, and interests consistent with Article II.**
- 4. This organization will maintain Charter Club Status with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.**
- 5. This organization will maintain licensing as necessary to conform to legal guidelines.**

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

- 1. Regular monthly meetings will be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Officers. Meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Officers, by notification of the membership, either in writing or verbally.**
- 2. All club business is to be conducted with the consent of the membership.**
  - a. All routine business is to be conducted with a simple majority vote of members present at any regular monthly meeting.**
  - b. Special business as recognized by the Board of Officers, involving proposed by-laws amendment or other significant policy matters, will be conducted in accordance with voting procedures outlined in Article VIII, Sub 1.**
  - c. Members shall have the right to vote on any issue by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots shall be given to a member of the Board of Officers prior to a vote on the issue. Absentee ballots shall be in writing, and shall be displayed to the membership by a board member. An absentee vote must be on a specific issue, and may not be of a general nature.**
- 3. The December meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.**

## ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP & DUES

1. **Membership in this organization is conditioned upon current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Members faulting in AMA standing will not fly at the club facility.**
2. **Membership in this organization will include Open Members, Junior Members, and Honorary Members. Any of the above may be included in a Family Membership.**
  - a. ***Open Membership* is for members from age 19 and older.**
  - b. ***Junior Membership* is for members under the age of 19 years. A consent form is to be signed by a parent or guardian if the Junior member is the only family member belonging to the club. This signed consent form will be maintained on file with the club.**
  - c. ***Honorary membership* may be granted individuals who have demonstrated exemplary or outstanding service to the club. Such membership will require advance notification of the entire membership and a subsequent 2/3 majority vote of members present at any regular club meeting (including Absentee ballots).**
3. **New members may be accepted at any regular club meeting, subject to the following:**
  - a. **Completion of a membership application form.**
  - b. **Proof of AMA membership or proof of application for AMA membership.**
  - c. **A 2/3 majority vote of members present.**
4. **Guests will be permitted to use the club flying facility without charge, upon validation of current AMA standing. Guests who desire regular use of the club facility will make application for membership in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article or cease to fly.**
5. **Annual dues and late fees for the organization shall be established annually by the membership in accordance with Article IV, Sub 2a, and shall include in any event a pro rata amount necessary to meet the expense of AMA Charter Fees, Field Rent, Maintenance Expense, and all other expenses necessary to operate the club for one year. Funds remaining in the treasury at the end of the year will be transferred forward to the next club year.**
  - a. **Annual club dues and AMA dues verification are due no later than the December meeting after which the established late fee will be assessed.**
  - b. **Club dues for new members are due when an application for membership is accepted. Individuals accepted for membership prior to July 1st. will pay the full amount established for annual membership. Individuals accepted between July 1st and October 1st will pay one-half this amount. Those accepted after October 1st. will pay the full amount, which will cover the remaining months and the following year. The established late fee will be assessed for dues not paid within 30 days after membership acceptance.**
  - c. **Dues for Junior membership shall be 50% of the Open membership.**
  - d. **Dues for family membership shall be One and one half times the Open membership.**

- e. **Dues for all honorary members are hereby waived.**
- f. **Pro rata assessments of the membership are authorized only for expenses which must be met to maintain essential club operations.**

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD of OFFICERS & ELECTIONS**

1. **A Board of Officers shall be established for performing the following duties:**
  - a. **The organization and presentation of all necessary club business at regular meetings.**
  - b. **The recommendation of club policies for consideration of the general membership.**
  - c. **The enacting of all necessary business between times of regular meetings if situations warrant immediate attention, including expenditures up to but not exceeding \$200.**
  - d. **The appointment of individuals to fill any officer vacancy until the next regular club election.**
2. **Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President/Secretary (one office), and a Treasurer.**
  - a. **The President shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint standing and special committees necessary to the clubs operation, and shall serve as Ex-Officio of each. Standing committees shall consist of: Field Committee, Program Committee, Contest Committee, and Safety Committee.**
  - b. **The Vice-President/Secretary (one office) shall assume the duties of the President in his absence. He will keep the minutes of all meetings; maintain all records and reports required by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and this organization. He will process and answer all the correspondence. Finally, he will issue a monthly Newsletter, or be directly responsible for the issuance of a monthly Newsletter.**
  - c. **The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all club funds, and shall maintain such funds, and disburse payments as authorized by the organization. He shall keep accurate records of income and disbursements for monthly presentation to the membership. He shall prepare an annual report summarizing the organizations financial transactions for the year, for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting.**
3. **The term of office for the Board of Officers shall be one year and shall commence immediately upon election and terminate at the next regular election.**
4. **Election of officers shall be held at the December meeting, and shall be by secret ballot.**
  - a. **A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President and announced no later than the October meeting. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to develop a slate of proposed officers for presentation to the membership at the November meeting.**
  - b. **Any member who has maintained membership for at least six (6) months is eligible to hold office.**
  - c. **Nominations from the floor can also be made for any office, by any member at the November meeting. However, no additional nominations may be made after the close of this meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VII - ENFORCEMENT of BY-LAWS and REGULATIONS**

- 1. Deliberate failure of any member to comply with the by-laws or the rules and regulations established by the organization shall be brought to the attention of and shall be the immediate responsibility of the Board of Officers.**
- 2. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Officers to investigate any violation of the by-laws or the rules and regulations, and report their findings to the general membership along with their recommendations for any disciplinary action.**
- 3. Disciplinary action may be one of the following:**
  - a. A formal warning to halt violations.**
  - b. Temporary suspension from all Club privileges.**
  - c. Expulsion from membership.**
- 4. Disciplinary action shall be levied by the consent of the membership. In the case of expulsion, voting procedures will be required as outlined in Article VIII, Sub 1. Upon expulsion no dues will be refunded.**

## **ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS or CHANGES**

- 1. These by-laws may be amended or altered by a 2/3 majority vote (to include absentee votes submitted) of the members present at any regular meeting provided the entire membership has been previously notified in writing of such proposed action.**
- 2. Any by-law (except Article VIII, Sub 1) may be temporarily suspended for a specific cause by 2/3 majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.**

## **REVISION HISTORY**

### **Revised Oct. 1993 as follows:**

- a. Article II: definition rewritten to better reflect actual purpose.**
- b. Article III sub2, Added Charitable endeavors statement. This was voted on in 1984.**
- c. Article IV: changed the word proxy to absentee. This is for clarity of meaning.**
- d. Changes to Article V passed by 2/3 majority in Dec. 1989, Jan. 1990, and Nov. 1993.**

### **Revised Dec 2001 as follows:**

- a. Article V, 1c: Corrected board spending limit to reflect \$200 authorized in earlier vote.**

### **Revised Mar 2017 as follows:**

- a. Article V: Senior membership category deleted per vote of those present at 3/13 meeting.**