

Streator R/C Flyers Club By-Laws

Article I Name

1. The Club shall be known as the Streator R/C Flyers.
2. Headquarters of the Club shall be in Streator, IL.
3. The address of the registered office and the name of the registered agent shall be that of the President of the Club.

Article II Purpose

1. The purpose of the Club is to foster and advance interest and fellowship of its members on the hobby of building and flying radio-control miniature aircraft; to encourage an interest in the 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 that are consistent with the aims and ideals of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
2. Membership in the Club requires a current AMA membership card.
3. The term of existence of the Club shall be in perpetuity.

Article III Membership

1. Membership in the Club shall be open to all, upon application and payment of dues, who are interested in radio control aircraft, and are members in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
2. Types of Membership:
 - a. A general member is entitled to all rights and privileges without limitation.
 - b. An honorary member is a designation bestowed upon a person by the membership who has distinguished him or herself in service to the Club or to the hobby of radio-controlled model aeronautics. This will also include active members of the Military. The Club may consider such designation upon the recommendation of a general member. Honorary members shall have no voting privileges and will hold such designation at the discretion of the membership. Such a member may only use the Club field as a guest of a general member, provided he/she holds a current AMA membership.

- c. Junior members, age 18 and younger shall pay one-half of current dues and will have no voting privileges.
 - d. Non-fly member's dues are fifteen dollars.
3. The Secretary shall furnish every new member, upon acceptance, with a copy of the Club's By-Laws and any field rules or regulations which may have been adopted. Refer to the Club website for latest updated bylaws and flight safety rules.
4. Requirements of all members:
 - a. Each member shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of Club property while involved in Club activities, and to conduct him or herself in a manner reflecting positively on the Club and the radio control aircraft hobby.
 - b. Each member shall be responsible for the proper enforcement of all Club and AMA regulations while involved in Club activities.
 - c. To the best of his/her ability, every member is encouraged to support Club activities and to participate in the administration of Club functions such as contests, static displays or any other activities dedicated to the promotion of radio-controlled model aircraft.
5. During the month of November, the Secretary shall provide each member with an appropriate statement of dues (due on November 1st) together with all appropriate forms to be completed by the member as a condition of membership. Such statement and forms may be included in the Club newsletter mailing.
6. If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
7. Expulsion: this section provides for enforcement of the safety rules related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from Club membership by 2/3 majority vote of membership present at the meeting, if in the officer's determination such individual willfully commits any act or omission which violates any of the terms of these Bylaws or safety rules set forth by Streator R/C Flyer or the AMA, that is detrimental to the Club.
8. Reinstatement: a 2/3 vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the Club. Voting is by ballot – yes/no.
9. Auxiliary members: Auxiliary membership in Streator R/C Flyers is available to individuals wishing to help the Club obtain its goals and objectives. Auxiliary

members are Non-Flying members and do not require AMA membership (unless holding an officer position). Dues are \$15.00 annually.

Auxiliary members help at the Club events and have the right to vote at Club meetings. The main goal is to help Streator R/C Flyers achieve its objectives/purposes.

Article IV Dues

1. The amount of dues shall be determined by a majority of the membership present and voting at any regular meetings.
2. The dues shall be due November 1st of each year and are payable during the period from November 1st until the regular March meeting of the following year.
3. Any member not paying dues by or at the March meeting shall be removed from membership. A member removed for non-payment of dues can make reapplication for membership only with full payment of the current years dues and be accepted into membership providing the membership cap has not been exceeded.
4. All dues collected shall be entered into the books of the Club for general use, and not refundable.
5. Members in good standing with the Club will be given the code to the main gate lock upon payment of dues. Note the code on the gate lock will be changed every February 1st.

Article V Meetings

1. **Annual:**
The annual meeting of the Club's membership shall be held in the month of November each year on the day to coincide with the regular monthly meeting. The Club officers nominated at the previous regular monthly meeting are voted on at the November meeting. The newly elected officers may take over at the November meeting.
2. **Regular:**
There shall be regular monthly meetings of the membership at a time and place as determined by the Club members. Regular meetings may be omitted as determined by the club members providing not more than three consecutive months have passed without a meeting.
3. **Special:**
A special meeting of the membership shall be called at any time ten or more members in good standing request such a meeting.

4. **Voting:**

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings and must be present and vote in person except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws. All questions shall be decided by majority vote of the members entitled to vote and present in person except those specific issues otherwise provided by these By-Laws. All questions shall be decided by majority vote of the members entitled to vote and present in person except those specific issues otherwise provided for in the By-Laws.

5. **Absentee voting:**

Club members may, if necessary, arrange for any ballot to be taken by E-mail.

Article VI Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October of each year.

Article VII Election of Officers

1. Nominations for offices should be made at the October meeting.
2. Election of Club officers shall be conducted annually at the November meeting.

Article VIII Powers and Duties of Club Officers

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, the business affairs of the Club shall be conducted by three members in good standing.
2. The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Coordinator, each of whom shall be elected by the membership to hold office until his or her successor has been chosen and has assumed their respective position. Officer vacancies are to be filled by election by the membership.
3. Any elected officer may be removed by the membership whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Club will be served. This may be accomplished by use of a mailed ballot of the membership. A two-thirds vote of the Club membership shall be required for such action.

Article IX Description of Offices

1. **President:**

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall have general supervision of its affairs. The President shall follow Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall act as the official Club spokesperson, appoint committees (including the Nominations Committee) and may sit in on any and all committees so appointed.

2. **Vice President:**

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of his/her absence.

3. **Secretary:**

The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings or delegate this duty to be done, where notice may be required. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all such meetings, conduct Club correspondence, and shall perform the duties incidental to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as the Board of Directors or President may prescribe. The Secretary shall maintain a record of Club membership and member applications, and each member's AMA status.

4. **Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Club and should render an accurate account of the financial condition of the Club at the annual meeting of the membership. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, assessments and amounts owing to the Club and deposit same to a bank account in the Club's name. The Treasurer shall address all financial obligations of the Club as approved by the Club membership.

5. **Safety Coordinator:**

The safety coordinator promotes and encourages a climate of safety awareness within the club. He or she provides communications between AMA and the club in matters related to safety. A safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public is recommended at least annually. He or she establishes a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents and annually reviews emergency procedures with club members.

He or she should mentor, serve as a role model, educator, and a promoter of safety awareness. The safety coordinator should assist in developing club activities from a safety perspective and provide support in running such activities.

The club safety coordinator is not the 'field police.' Rather, he or she should display a positive attitude and willingness to teach others regarding safety at the club field.

Leadership skills, knowledge about the hobby, high standards and a positive attitude are vital attributes of a successful safety coordinator. He or she should know the club rules and bylaws and lead by example so club members will gain respect, and be an encouraging resource to turn to with any safety questions that may arise.

A successful and influential safety coordinator can use good judgment and common sense when addressing possible safety issues.

Article X Committees

1. The President shall appoint a Nominations Committee for the purpose of presenting the membership a slate of eligible candidates for office at the general meeting preceding the general meeting for election of officers.

Article XI Newsletter

1. The Club may have a newsletter which is to be published monthly, mailed and/or emailed to each member in good standing at least five days before the annual and regular meetings. If the membership chooses to omit any regular monthly meeting, the newsletter may also be omitted. A reminder of monthly meetings and functions will be emailed to all active members a few days prior to the event.
2. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide newsworthy information to all Club members concerning its members, radio control model aviation, events and activities of the Club.
3. A mailing, telephone, and email list of all members in good standing will be printed and made available to the membership at least one time each year during the month of April by the Secretary. Thereafter, any additions or deletions from the membership shall be reported to the newsletter editor by the Secretary and reported to the membership in the newsletter.
The newsletter will be edited and published under the direction of the Club editor who will solely be responsible for its content and operation. The Club membership shall approve in advance all advertising rates, budget and circulation of the newsletter.

Article XII 55-5 Membership Cap

1. The total membership of the Streater R/C Flyers shall not exceed the total of sixty members in the following manner:

- a. When the membership reaches 55, the membership will be closed with the exception of 5 additional memberships which shall be available to those who have a Streator address.
- b. When the total membership reaches 60, a waiting list will be started, and new members will be allowed to join only when existing members leave in order to maintain less than or equal to 60 members.
- c. If membership inadvertently exceeds 60, sufficient members must withdraw to return membership to less than or equal to 60. Determination of who must withdraw would normally be prioritized such that the newest members withdraw first, but shall be at the discretion of the club officers.
- d. If an immediate family member of a current member wishes to join the Club, with the membership at 60, the cap can be exceeded for this occasion.

Article XIII Amendments

1. The By-Laws of the Club may be amended or repealed at any annual or regular monthly meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance, providing that the proposed amendment or repeal has been published at least once preceding the meeting for adoption and presented to the membership the prior regular meeting.

Article XIV Dissolution of Club

1. Upon dissolution of Streator R/C Flyers, all unpaid bills are to be paid in full; all equipment sold; storage units removed from the site; rent paid to date of closure; and funds combined and all outstanding incomes to be collected. Funds are to be split 50/50 between Streator Unlimited, Inc., and the AMA.