



## By-Laws For The Aurora Barnstormers R/C Club

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1.0		K. Ross	Originated
1.1	01-2016	K. Ross	Changed prorated membership Article 2 -Section E
1.2	01-2018	K. Ross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reformatted document to make it easier to read.</li> <li>2. Changes will be made to Article 2, membership section and youth dues discount sections(clarifications).</li> <li>3. Overall document changes to fix misspelled words, obsolete and confusing wording.</li> <li>4. Rearrange members section and clarify membership rules.</li> <li>5. Propose change to how youth and full/youth memberships are handled.</li> <li>6. Added no flying after dusk to hours section.</li> <li>7. Added sanction info to Organization section.</li> </ol>

## **By-Laws of the Aurora Barnstormers R/C Club**

**Amended October 2012**

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### *Organization:*

The name shall be "The Aurora Barnstormers R/C Flying Club". The Aurora Barnstormers R/C Flying Club is an "Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) sanctioned club with the sanction designation number 1228. The club will follow the "Use and License Agreement" of the Kane County Forest Preserve. The Club will work in conjunction with the Kane County Forest Preserve to provide land for the club and the Barnstormers will provide a liable certificate of insurance from the AMA to both groups as co-insured.

### **Article 1**

#### *Charter:*

This club has been formed to strengthen and promote the art of building and operating radio control models. It is the primary objective of the club to foster interest in building and operating radio control models. All dues and monies received from the membership from dues or any other activities will be used to provide and maintain an active flying site and to promote the activities of the club.

### **Article 2**

#### *Membership:*

- A) General: Membership fees are to be set by the club. All members, in order to operate any powered or flying models, must hold a current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership. An applicant may fly as a guest, three times if they possess a current (AMA) membership and conform to club field flying and safety rules.
- B) Adult Members: An adult member is a member who is over the age of 18 and possesses a current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership. Adult members will pay full dues which will be set by the club. Family members of an adult member under the age of 18 will have field privileges with the following stipulations: The adult club member must accompany the youth at all times while at the flying field. The adult club member is responsible for their youth member at all times. The adult club member must understand the AMA rules, the club rules and convey these to the youth member. The youth member must understand and follow the current club rules at all times while the youth is at the field. The youth member must have a valid AMA youth membership. The youth member has no voting rights but is encouraged to attend meetings with an adult family member.
- C) Youth Dues Discount: The youth dues shall be set at 50% of the current dues of any year. Further the youth age is set at "under 18", this will be considered youth membership eligibility. 18 years and older is considered adult membership. Along with the youth membership are the following stipulations: The parent or legal guardian must accompany the youth at all times while at the flying field. The parent or legal guardian is responsible for their youth member at all times. The parent or legal guardian must understand the AMA rules, the club rules and convey these to, and be sure, the youth member understands and follows the current rules at all times. The youth member must have a valid AMA youth membership. The parent or legal guardian shall be issued a gate key and must be in control of that key. The youth member has no voting rights but is encouraged to attend meetings with their parent or legal guardian. Last, we encourage the parent or legal guardian to also join the AMA.
- D) Prorated Membership: Prorated membership is for new members joining late in any year. Prorated membership applies to new memberships only. New members joining from January 1st thru June 30th shall pay full dues for the year they are joining. For new members joining between July 1st and September 30th dues shall be 50% of the dues rate for the current year. New members joining from October 1st thru December 31st shall be considered paid for the current year they join and the next year.
- E) Dues: Yearly dues shall be paid by the end of the January meeting. Failure of a member to pay their dues by the end of the March meeting will result in the member being dropped from the current club roster. All members shall be responsible for the payment of all special assessments approved by members at the meeting. Members with a current yearly membership will be issued a key to the gate at the entrance to the field. The lock and key combination will be changed prior to the April meeting.
- F) Meetings: Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month and shall be carried out in a business like manner. The president shall decide where the meetings will be held.

- G) Conduct: Any member deliberately breaking club rules, not acting in a sportsmen like manner, or showing detrimental behavior to the operation or well being of the club is liable for expulsion from the club by unanimous decision of the membership. Such recommendation for infractions of club rules may be initiated by signed petition of any member.
- H) Responsibilities: All members shall be responsible for personal and property damage caused by themselves and shall assume said responsibility before resumption of flying. The club shall subscribe, through the academy of model aeronautics (AMA), to a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 insurance. An insurance policy naming the party holding title to our flying field as the insured party will be included yearly.

### **Article 3**

#### *Operating Procedures:*

- A) Additions or revisions of the by-laws are subject to three fourths approval of the board of directors prior to being submitted to the membership vote at the next regular meeting. Any additions or revisions to the by-laws, shall be voted upon by three fourths of the members present at a generally scheduled monthly meeting.
- B) Any member may, by petition, bring any matter before the board of directors for discussion.
- C) Club operating expenses will be paid from the treasury or by special assessment funds voted on by the general membership.

### **Article 4**

#### *Duties:*

The officers of the club shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

- A) President: He/she shall conduct themselves in a reasonable parliamentary manner. It shall be his/her responsibility to check all financial and other records to assure that the records are proper. The president is authorized to appoint personnel to special tasks and committees, such as field manager, newsletter editor, refreshments, entertainment, etc.
- B) Vice President: He/she shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence. He/she shall guide and assist in all club activities and report to the president and the club members.
- C) Secretary: He/she shall record the minutes of the club meeting and submit them to the membership for approval at subsequent meetings. He/she shall be the custodian of the club records.
- D) Treasurer: He/she shall collect the monies and keep a record of same. He/she shall collect and keep receipts of expenses. He/she shall report at each meeting on all monies received and spent. He/she shall maintain a bank checking account in the clubs name, and arrange for transfer of same to succeeding treasurer.
- E) Officer Qualifications and Election Procedures: All officers shall be members of this club. Officers shall be selected at the November meeting and shall be installed at the December meeting. Officers shall serve for a one year term. An officer may serve more then one year consecutively in office. Candidates for officers must be a member for at least one year prior to taking office. The nominees shall be then voted upon by secret ballot by the membership present at the November meeting. The President will announce the newly elected officers to the membership.

### **Article 5**

#### *Rules:*

Rules have been established by the club to keep members and spectators safe. The rules also protect the sanctity of the flying site provided by the Kane County Forest Preserve District.

- A) Hours: Flying hours are 8:00AM (Electrics) 9:00AM (Glow/Gas) to dusk 7 days a week.
- B) Field Rules:
  - 1. To fly you must have a current AMA card with you at all times while at the field.
  - 2. You must abide by all AMA rules when at the field.
  - 3. Everyone must use the frequency board when flying aircraft. Do not turn your radio on prior to checking the frequency board and with other fliers.

4. All engines must have mufflers or silencers on the exhaust.
5. All models must comply with the AMA sound requirements.
6. All refuse that you generate at the field including broken airplane parts must be removed when leaving the field.
7. Do not fly over the pits or behind the pits to the south, southeast or southwest.
8. Do not fly within 100 yards of the high tension power lines to the east.
9. Do not taxi an airplane into or out of the pits with the engine running.
10. Please keep dogs off the flying field.
11. When aircraft are being flown no running of RC cars is allowed on the field.
12. No flying after dusk.

SAFETY IS OUR FOREMOST CONCERN, PLEASE FLY SAFELY