

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

HOT SPRINGS RADIO CONTROL CLUB

#676

GARLAND COUNTY CEDAR GLADES

PARK/RECREATIONAL Area

HOT SPRINGS. AR. 71913

GPS 34-32-25.05 N 93-05-21.42 W 200
200 Dierks Road (GPS)
hotspringsrclub.com

ARTICLE I

NAME, LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

This club shall be known as the Hot Springs Radio Control Club #676 and is located in CEDAR GLADES PARK 461 Wildcat Road Hot Springs. AR. 71901 Garland County.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

1. To promote and maintain a suitable flying site for radio control model aircraft.
2. To promote fellowship and the exchange of ideas for those persons interested in the history, construction and flying of model aircraft.
3. To provide an organized approach to safety in the operation and handling of model aircraft.
4. To promote an acceptable image of radio control aircraft to the Community.
5. To promote membership in the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) for Model interest and for insurance purposes.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to all people interested in the purposes and Objectives of this club.
2. Membership in the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS shall be **Required** of all members that fly model aircraft.
3. Memberships shall be defined as follows:
 - a. OPEN MEMBERSHIP - Anyone 19 years of age or older and is a Paid up member.
 - b. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - Anyone 18 years of age or younger (Available only *if* a parent or sponsor is also an OPEN member)
 - c. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - Anyone who is a full time student and has not reached the age of 22 (Available only if a parent or sponsor is an OPEN member),
 - d. Family Membership - If an Open Member has a family, all members shall be entitled to club privileges: however, only the Open Members shall have voting rights. An Open Members spouse may serve as Treasurer or Secretary.
Footnote: Sponsor could also be a school or organization.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE OF PURPOSE AND COMPLIANCE:

1. A person, by applying for membership, accepts the principles of the club as expressed in club PURPOSES and agrees to comply and be governed by **The Constitution and By-Laws of the Hot Springs Radio Control Club.**
2. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the **Constitution and By-Laws**
3. Any member may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds majority vote of the club mating membership if such member willfully and repeatedly commits an act or omission which is in violation of the club constitution and bylaws, field rules, AMA safety code or which may be detrimental to the club or to model aviation

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

1. The President will preside over the Executive Council (see Article VI-5) and club meetings.
2. All meetings of the Executive Council and the club will be conducted under the parliamentary procedures of Robert's Rules of Order.
3. The Executive Council shall meet as needed and when called by the President.
4. Club meetings shall be conducted monthly as needed and when called by the President. However, a minimum of four meetings per year shall be conducted and are to be scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise scheduled.
5. Any member of the club may attend Executive Council meetings.
6. Any business or action, other than Constitution and By-Law changes (see Article XII), may be approved by a simple majority of the voting members if a quorum is present.
7. A quorum shall be defined as 35% of the club voting membership.
8. A non-business meeting may be conducted, if desired, without a quorum being present.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The **PRESIDENT** shall:
 - a) Preside at all meetings.
 - b) Appoint and coordinate committees for club activities and business, The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, without a vote (except for long range planning).
 - c) Be responsible for informing all members of all club business decisions and meetings.
 - d) Welcome new members and see that they are aware of club policies.
 - e) Make contact with the local community when necessary for club business.
 - f) Call all meetings and set the agendas for all business meetings.
 - g) Vote in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
 - h) Serve as a member of the Executive Council.
2. The **VICE-PRESIDENT** shall:
 - a) Preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
 - b) Be informed of all club activities.
 - c) Act as program coordinator for all club meetings and activities.
 - d) Become President in the event the President is unable to perform the duties as President.
 - e) Serve as a member of the Executive Council.
3. The **TREASURER** shall:
 - a) Maintain all club financial records using an accepted method of bookkeeping.
 - b) Collect and disperse all club monies only as authorized.
 - c) Maintain a bank checking account for all club financial business and will be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the club.
 - d) Present financial reports at each regular club business meeting and present a written financial statement to the membership at the yearend meeting.
 - e) Present a written budget proposal at the last business meeting of the year outlining projected expenditures for the following year
 - f) Preside over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
 - g) Serve as a member of the Executive Council.
4. The **SECRETARY** shall:
 - a) Keep minutes of all club business meetings and shall present them prior to or at succeeding meetings.
 - b) Prepare and maintain all club records including County agreements. The Constitution and bylaws, the AMA charter, membership rosters, minutes of meetings, historical documents and photograph albums.
 - c) Handle routine club correspondence.
 - d) Maintain a current roster of AMA membership status.

- e) Keep the membership informed of club, AMA and other pertinent activities.
 - f) Serve as a member of the Executive Council.
5. The **Safety Coordinator** Shall:
 - a) Provide a communications link between AMA and clubs in matters related to safety.
 - b) Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the club and members.
 - c) Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accident incidents.
 - d) Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA clubs.
 - e) Conduct, at least annually, 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.
 - f) Serve as a member of the Executive Council.
 6. The **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** shall:
 - a) Consist of the five annually elected club officers.
 - b) Be responsible for the long range planning in preserving, maintaining and developing the facilities for the continuation of the agreement with the county.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. The positions of President, Vice-President shall be limited to two consecutive terms: whereas, Treasurer and Secretary may serve unlimited consecutive terms. All officers shall be elected by an annual election for a term of office to run from January 1 to December 31.
2. The election of officers shall be publicized prior to the November meeting.
3. The President shall appoint three members to a nominating committee prior to the November business meeting each year. They shall present one person's name for each of the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary at the November business meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. A secret ballot shall be taken from the voting members present with a simple majority vote (assuming a quorum is present) deciding the new officers. Elections may also be conducted by electronic means via mail. The Secretary will publish a ballot which can be executed via email, U.S. mail, or telephone back to the Secretary. The ballots will be counted by the Secretary and verified by 2 disinterested members appointed by the Secretary. The Secretary will keep balloting confidential. A simple majority of the voting members is required to elect an officer. Pluralities will be resolved by runoff.
4. In the event an officer does not fulfill the duties of the office, the remaining members of the Executive Council shall appoint someone to assume the office or the duties may be assumed by the remaining officers of a simple majority of eligible voting members. Term of office for appointed officers shall be continuous until the annual election.
5. Any officer may resign at any time by submitting a written notice to the remaining members of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES:

1. Committees shall be formed when needed for special functions and club business. They shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX

DUES AND VOTING RIGHTS:

1. Dues shall be set by two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership. The dues structure may not be revised more frequently than once a year No vote shall be conducted without sufficient notice to all members prior to the called meeting. Annual dues are set at \$100.00 per year to an OPEN membership.
2. The dues structure shall be an amount sufficient to cover the club AMA charter membership and the expected club expenses for the coming year based on the proposed annual budget.
3. Special assessments may be called for by the President if financial emergencies arise. However. They must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the total club voting membership.
4. Annual dues are payable as follows:

- a. Dues shall be required from all members by March 1. And shall apply to membership from March 1 of the membership year to the last day of February of the following year. Any member who fails to pay the total annual dues by April 1 of the membership year shall be dropped from membership.
5. In the event a person joins after March 1, dues shall be required as follows:
 - a. From March 1 to August 31, the full annual dues are required.
 - b. From September 1 throughout the remainder of the dues year, 50% of the annual dues are required.
6. JUNIOR AND STUDENT MEMBERS are not required to pay dues. (Note-they must have a parent or sponsor that is an OPEN member).
7. Voting rights are restricted to paid OPEN membership only. JUNIOR AND STUDENT MEMBERS do not have voting rights. ONE vote per paid membership.

ARTICLE X
LIABILITY AND EXPENDITURES:

1. The Hot Springs Radio Control Flying Club #676 will be incorporated under the provisions of the laws of the state of Arkansas as a not-for-profit organization.
2. No member or officer is personally liable for any bills or obligations of the club, past or present, except for the payment of their individual dues.
3. No officer or member shall disperse any club monies except for club expenses.
4. Authorization of club expenditures shall be as follows:
 - a. Expenditures of more than \$750.00 shall require a simple majority vote of voting members present at a regular or called business meeting. When a quick decision needs to be made for purchasing an item (riding mower) email to members could be used for authorization to purchase.
 - b. Expenditures totaling up to \$750.00 per year may be approved by the Executive Council.
 - c. Expenditures of less than \$700.00 may be paid by the Treasurer as routine operating expense.
 - d. The funds in our normal savings account to be spent as necessary.

ARTICLE XI
DISBANDMENT:

1. The club may be disbanded by a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership using the following procedure:
 - a. If cause exists for disbandment while the club is in an active status, a bona fide attempt shall be made to contact all members on the current roster to inform them of the proposed meeting date and purpose of the meeting.
 - b. If the club becomes inactive, with no business meeting having been held for a period of twelve (12) months, a disbandment meeting may be conducted. A bona fide attempt shall be made to contact all members on the current roster to inform them of the proposed meeting date and the purpose of the meeting.
 - c. If disbandment is approved, all club assets shall be donated to the CEDAR GLADES NAT. PARK after all outstanding financial obligations have been paid.
 - d. At disbandment, a document shall be prepared which includes the minutes of the meeting, by whom the meeting was called, a list of the persons that were notified of the meeting, the manner in which the club assets were dispersed and the signatures of the persons approving the assets disbursement. One copy of the document shall be kept in safe keeping for a period of at least two years by the person authorized to hold other club documents. Copies shall also be available to any person present at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS:

1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended and/or modified only by a two-thirds majority vote of the current voting membership.
2. No amendments or modifications shall be voted upon without prior notice and a bona fide attempt made to notify all current members.
3. Amendments or modifications may be submitted by any club member(s). They must be submitted to the club secretary in written form stating the current wording and the proposed wording of the applicable part of the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS or RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Additionally, they must be submitted in such time or fashion that the proposed changes may be discussed at a meeting prior to the meeting at which the vote will be cast.

ARTICLE XIII

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Field operational RULES AND REGULATIONS as well as AMA SAFETY CODES are a part of this CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS and will be strictly adhered to. Attached documents are:
 - a) EXHIBIT "A" FIELD RULES
 - b) EXHIBIT "B" AMA SAFETY CODE

HOT SPRINGS RIC FLYING CLUB #676
GARLAND COUNTY RECREATIONAL AREA
HOT SPRINGS AR. FIELD RULES

1. ABIDE BY THE AMA CODE.
2. AN AMA LICENSE IS REQUIRED.
3. NO FLYING OVER THE AREA ON THE PIT SIDB OF THE RUNWAY.
4. EFFECTIVE MUFFLERS ARE REQUIRED.
5. RUN-UP AND TUNE-UP AWAY FROM THE PAVILION.
6. TAKE OFF AND LAND ON THE RUNWAY
7. BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS.
8. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE WITH A FREQUENCY PIN.
9. ONE FLIGHT PER FREQUENCY UN, THEN WAIT YOUR TURN.
10. DONT TURN ON YOUR TRANSMETER WITHOUT A FREQUENCY PIN
11. FLYING TIME:
 - a. WEEKDAYS-7:00 AM TILL DUSK
 - b. SATURDAYS - 8:00 AM TILL DUSK
 - c. SUNDAYS -10:00 AM TILL DUSK EXCEPTION: ELECTRIC AND GLIDER AIRCRAFT MAY START FLYING AT 7:00 AM.
 - d. AIRCRAFT ONLY PERMITTED AT THE FIELD
 - e. POSITIVELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERM ITTED AT ANYTIME.