



Quad City Skyraiders By-Laws

Article 1 Name The name of the organization shall be the Quad City Skyraiders.

Article 2 Purpose The purpose of this organization is to promote the building and operation of radio controlled aircraft and to promote public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby.

Article 3 Membership

Section 1 Membership is open to any individual with an interest in Radio Controlled Models.

Section 2 The annual dues for each member shall be determined by the calculation of an operating budget. In no case shall dues be less than \$20.00 for an open member for a full year.

Section 3 The initiation fee shall afford the new members the following items: A copy of the field rules, a copy of the club By-Laws and a gate key.

- a. **Standard Membership** Dues shall be \$20.00 per year with a one-time initiation fee of \$10.00.
- b. **Family Membership** Dues shall be \$20.00 for the head-of household and \$5.00 for each additional member under 18 years of age with a one-time initiation fee of \$10.00.
- c. **Junior Membership** Dues shall be \$10.00 per year and a one-time initiation of \$5.00 until age 18.
- d. **Senior Membership** Dues shall be \$15.00 per year with a one-time initiation fee of \$5.00. (you must be over the age of 64).

- e. **Associate Membership** Dues shall be \$5.00 with a one-time initiation fee of \$10.00 This a Non-Flyer who is interested in the activities of the club, has no voting rights and receives a newsletter.

Section 4 Upon joining, or renewing one's membership, the individual must present his or hers current AMA Membership card. The Treasurer shall issue each member a current club membership card upon payment of the dues.

Section 5 The membership year shall be from January 1st. to December 31st. If not paid on, or before the March meeting, the member shall be deemed inactive. Upon rejoining shall be required to pay the normal dues and a reinstatement fee of \$10.00. New members joining after July 1st. will pay ½ years dues and full initiation fee.

Section 6 All elected officers occupying there seats during the fiscal year will be waived of annual dues during their term.

Article 4 Officers The elected club officers shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Safety Officer

The officers of the club will be known as executive officers and will serve a term of one year. The officers term of one year shall run from January 1st. through December 31st. of that same year.

Article 5 Election

Prior to the conclusion of the one year term the general membership will appoint three (3) club members in the month of October to a nominating committee to review and contact candidates for nomination.

The committee will present the nominees at the November meeting and call for the nominations from the floor for anyone else wishing to run for office. It will then be the duty of the committee to conduct the elections with written ballots.

Elections will be held at the December meeting. The committee will then count the ballots and the persons with the majority of votes for each position will win that position.

Article 6 Officers Duties

Section 1 **President** The President shall be the executive officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint standing and special committees and chairmen as required. He is an ex-officer member of all committees. In case of a tie-vote the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 2 **Vice-president** The Vice-president shall assist the President in all matters and shall assume the duties of the President if for any reason the President is not able to perform his duties. He shall also be responsible for all social events of the club.

Section 3 **Secretary** The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the Club's proceedings. He shall record meeting attendance and keep up-to-date records on all members. The Secretary will also be responsible for conveying this information to the Club's Newsletter Chairman. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the Treasurer if the Treasurer is unable to perform his duties.

Section 4 **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club. He shall keep an exact record of all monies received and dispersed. He shall present to the membership an annual report at the first meeting of each year. He shall maintain the records in such a manner that they may be open for inspection at anytime. He shall make a report of the financial condition of the Club at all meetings. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Secretary if the Secretary is unable to perform his duties.

Section 5 **Safety Officer** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for making sure that all AMA safety rules are being adhered to at the Club field and posting any up-to-date notices or changes in AMA safety rules. He shall report directly to the President or the vice-president, any person who knowingly violates AMA Safety Rules, or who is flying in a dangerous manner.

Article 7 Safety

All AMA safety rules shall be adhered to by each club member as well as guests at the flying field. The club shall, from time to time, adopt any and all rules and guidelines which will lead to safe operation of our equipment. These field safety rules shall be posted at the club's flying field by the Safety Officer and given to each member upon joining the Club. Any member witnessing safety violations should report them to the Safety Officer.

Article 8 Meetings

The club shall hold regular meetings, once a month. Only members in good standing (paid-up) are eligible to vote or to hold elective office.

Article 9 Amendments

The Bylaws of the Quad City Skyriders may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. A written notice of such proposed changes must be published in the newsletter prior to the vote.

Article 10 Duration

The duration of the Club shall be perpetual.

Article 11 Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the Corporation in such a manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other 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)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purpose similar to the purpose of this Corporation, as the Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

Article 12 Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Membership

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminated, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members,

- as defined by the Club Executive Officers, become the responsibility of the Club Executive Officers. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Club Executive Officers if, in the Club Executive Officers determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omissions which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Club Executive Officers.
 5. The Club Executive Officers shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

Article 13 Grievance Procedure (Flight and Ground Safety Rules)

1. *Purpose* The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.
2. *Safety Committee* The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
 - (a) A form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
 - (b) FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainants name will be disclosed.
 - c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.
 - (c) SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Complainants name will be disclosed.
 - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
 - c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
 - (d) THIRD VIOLATION
 - a. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.

- b. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Club Officers).
- c. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
- d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
- e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- f. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- g. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other deemed to be retaliatory by the Club

Adopted March 12, 2003

Amended March 14, 2007

QUAD CITY SKYRAIDERS GRIEVANCE FORM

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required)
