

## **EI Paso Radio Controllers**

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Article I: Name: The Name of this Club Shall Be “The EI Paso Radio Controllers”

Article II: Purpose: The purpose and overall objective of this club shall be to promote model building. To aid new members starting in this sport to support the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and its activities for the continued advancement of the radio control sport.

Article III: Membership:

Section 1. All persons shall be eligible for membership in The EI Paso Radio Controllers Club provided they meet the qualifications set forth in this constitution.

Section 2. All Members will be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section 3. Yearly membership dues will also be assessed as determined by the membership. New members will also be charged a one-time field maintenance fee. Yearly fees are due prior to the February meeting. Amount of the field maintenance fee and yearly membership fee will be determined by a majority vote during a scheduled or special meeting. If special circumstances exist and if approved by the President, total fees can be paid for in two installments of equal amounts. The second installment is due sixty days after the first payment.

Section 4. Types of Membership:

1. Regular members are those individuals 19 years or older.
2. Junior members those individuals who are 18 years old or younger. Junior members will pay fees in the amount of one fourth of regular member fees.
3. Life members will be elected by the club membership. New nominees for life membership will be posted in the club newsletter. Life members will not be required to pay yearly dues.

Section 5. Club Standards: Members who do not maintain the safety and standards desired by the club may be expelled by a majority vote. These persons shall be notified two weeks in advance of such a vote and shall be allowed to present different statements at the meeting where such voting takes place.

Articles IV: Duties:

Section 1. The President shall preside at all club meetings and act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

Section 2. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall keep the minutes and a record of attendance of all

the meetings in a minute book, and shall keep the club financial records, to include money collected and expended, and shall be responsible for the clubs funds.

Section 3. The Safety Coordinator will:

- a. Ensure that the club is operating in accordance with all AMA and EPRC site regulations and the FOSR.
- b. Address all safety concerns of the Board or the membership.
- c. Act as the club liaison with the AMA on all safety matters.
- d. Is responsible for recommendation of suspension of any member responsible for unsafe conduct. Checks members for AMA cards and club membership at the flying field.

Section 4. The Board of Directors consisting of the four elected officers, shall act upon any matters of general policy. All such matters acted upon by the Board shall be subject to approval by the general membership.

Article V: Terms of Office:

Section 1. All officers of the El Paso Radio Controllers shall serve for a term of on (1) year from the time of installation.

Section 2. Nominations for new officers will be at the November meeting with the election at the December meeting.

Section 3. Installation of officers shall be at the meeting following their election, or at a time and place decided upon by the general membership. In all cases the installation will be as soon as is practical.

Section 4. Officers may be removed from office at any time by 2/3rds majority of the membership.

Article VI: Vacancies:

Section 1. The Vice-President/ Secretary-Treasurer shall assume the duties of the President only in the absence of the President.

Section 2. Should the President or any officer desire to vacate their office, such intention should be announced before a meeting of the general membership at which time a new officer shall be elected to complete the expired term of office.

Article VII: Meetings:

Section 1. A business meeting shall be held once a month as directed by the President. Notification will be in the club.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held at the call of the senior club officer available provided the members available are so notified with a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of such special meeting or may be announced at a regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at such time as the President shall direct.

Article VIII: Special Assessment: No special assessment shall be levied on the club

membership without the approval of the general membership.

Article IX: Special Funds: The Secretary/ Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions from any individual, institution, or activities and will be applied to the club treasury.

Article X Committees: Working committees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary for the conduct of club activities.

Article XI: Amendments:

Section 1. Amendments to the EPRC constitution and by-laws for the improvement or modification of club activities may be made at any general business meeting.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the membership at least one month prior to calling for a vote on such amendments. Proposed amendments will be presented in the club newsletter prior to vote.

Section 3. Amendments shall be voted in the usual manner and will become effective when approved by a majority vote of members present. Changes to the club by laws and constitution will be presented in the club newsletter.

Article XII: Field and Safety Rules:

Section 1. Officers shall act as field directors and Field and safety rules. All club members are responsible to insure the field and safety rules are enforced at all times.

Section 2. A pit area is established for pilots to work on aircraft. No person shall set up his pit activity on the runway or in its vicinity. All pilots will allow ample space between pits for safety of aircraft and pilots, and are responsible for cleaning their pit area prior to departure from the field.

Section 3. No transmitter shall be turned on until it has been positively determined that no other flyer is operating on the same frequency. An AMA or Club Membership card will be placed on frequency board prior to using transmitter.

Section 4. Additional safety rules will be established as required and posted on the club safety board.

Section 5. The club and members will abide by rules and regulations established by the AMA.

Article XIII: Dissolution.

Section 1. The club may be dissolved in one of two ways:

- a. Upon 100% resignation of membership.
- b. Upon a unanimous vote of membership during two consecutive monthly meetings.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of the club, remaining monies in treasury will be turned over to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) after all outstanding debts have been paid.

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