



BYLAWS

LOVE AIR RC CLUB AMA Sanctioned Club #2356

Revised, January 2004

ARTICLE I - Name, Location and Duration

The club shall be known as Love-Air RC Club, Inc. herein referred to as the "Club". The Club is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), a 501c3 organization that works to foster and maintain the hobby/sport of aeromodeling.

The Club is incorporated as a non profit in the state of Colorado (19881003322 DNC).

The duration of the Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II - Purposes

The objectives of the club shall be:

1. To unite in one organization those people interested in model aviation.
2. To develop a quality program of activities for the members.
3. To function in such other ways as will further the interests of the organization.
4. To cooperate with other agencies or organizations, both public and private, with similar or related objectives.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Membership in the club shall be open to anyone who is interested in model aviation and who is a member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Prospective members must submit a membership application. All members shall provide evidence of current AMA membership and shall pay upon dues as provided in these Bylaws.

The types of membership shall be:

2. **GENERAL:** A general member is entitled to all rights and privileges without limitation.

3. FAMILY: A family member is a dependent member of the immediate family of a general member who shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a general member upon application and payment of dues equal to one-half the annual amount for general membership.
4. JUNIOR: A junior member is a member who is under the age of eighteen (18) and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a general member upon application and payment of dues.
5. HONORARY: An honorary member is a designation bestowed upon a person by the membership who has distinguished themselves in service to the club or to the hobby of model aeronautics. The club may consider such designation upon the recommendation of a general member. Honorary members shall have no voting privileges and may use the club facilities, but only as a guest of a general member and providing the honorary member is a current member in good standing of the AMA.
6. The club secretary shall provide each new member with a copy of the club's Bylaws and any rules or regulations which may have been adopted. The secretary shall also distribute revisions of these Bylaws and rules or regulations to the membership.
7. Each member shall be responsible for the proper enforcement of all club and AMA rules and regulations.
8. A membership may be terminated, for cause, by a majority vote of the club membership as detailed below

ARTICLE IV - Dues

1. The amount of dues shall be as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the club membership.
2. The dues shall be due on July 1 of each year, and are payable during the preceding thirty day period. Any new member, being received into the club at a time other than on July 1, shall pay the required amount as established, by the Board of Directors and approved by the club membership.
3. Any member more than thirty days delinquent in payment of their dues shall be removed from membership. A member removed for non-payment of dues may make reapplication for membership only with full payment of the current year's dues.
4. During the month of June, the Secretary shall provide each member with an appropriate statement of dues together with such appropriate forms to be completed and returned by the member, as a condition of membership. Said forms will report the member's AMA number and status, and any other pertinent information required for continued membership. Such statement and forms may be included in the club newsletter.

5. All dues collected shall be entered upon the books of the club for general use.
6. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances. Any refund shall be prorated and shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE V - Officers and Elections

1. The elected officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer.
2. The Club shall also elect two (2) members Directors to serve as members of the Board of Directors. The immediate past President shall also serve as a Director. In the event that the sitting President is reelected to an additional term, three (3) Directors shall be elected.
3. The election of club officers shall be conducted annually, at the last regular meeting (usually November) of each calendar year.
4. The term of office runs from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.
5. In the event of a resignation by an elected officer prior to expiration of the term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.
6. No position shall be held by a probationary member.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of the Officers

1. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the club and shall have general supervision of its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall carry out the policies established by the Board of Directors. The President may appoint committees and shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees.
2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assist the President and act on behalf of the President in case of his/her absence. The Vice-President shall also act as Public Relations officer for the club.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings; conduct club correspondence; and shall perform the duties incidental to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as the President may prescribe. In cooperation with the membership chairman, the Secretary shall maintain a record of the club membership, member applications and status. In conjunction with the Newsletter Editor, the Secretary shall provide a mailing and telephone list of all members in good standing to the membership during the month of September each year.
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 regular meetings 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 discharge all financial obligations of the

club as approved by the Board of Directors or the club membership. In addition, the Treasurer shall cause an audit to be conducted in December of each year with the report to be distributed to the membership by the following February meeting of the Club.

5. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall ensure existing safety regulations are enforced. This includes working with the Board of Directors in the processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure as documented in these by-laws. The Safety Officer shall conduct a general safety meeting at least once each year.
6. Directors: The Directors shall represent the general membership on the Board of Directors and shall participate in the general conduct of the business affairs of the Club.

ARTICLE VII - Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors consists of the Club officers and elected Directors.
2. The Board may meet from time to time as determined by the club President.
3. The Board shall conduct the business affairs of the club. The Board may approve the expenditure of monies in the club treasury, pursuant to the conducting of club business affairs for a dollar amount up to and including five hundred dollars (\$500). Expenditures exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular club meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Newsletter

1. The club shall publish a monthly newsletter which shall be distributed to each club member in good standing at least five (5) days prior to the regular monthly meeting.
2. The newsletter will be edited and published under the direction Newsletter Editor. The Editor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
3. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide newsworthy information to club concerning its members, model aviation, and events and activities of the club.

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

1. There shall be regular monthly meetings of the club's membership at a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. Regular meetings may be omitted as determined by the Board of Directors providing not more than three consecutive months pass without holding a regular meeting.

2. Special meetings may be called at any time as determined necessary by the Board of Directors.
3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each issue at all meetings of the club. All issues shall be decided by a majority vote of the members as described under “Quorum” below or as otherwise specific in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - Resignation, Disciplinary Action, Reinstatement

1. Any member may resign his/her membership by giving notice to the Club.
2. Any member failing to maintain AMA membership shall be terminated from the Club and may be reinstated upon restoration of eligibility.
3. Club members shall exhibit good behavior and serve as positive role models at all times. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the team, becomes the responsibility of the members as stated in the bylaws.
4. Any member may be expelled from membership from the club by a two-thirds majority vote of the members if, in the members determination, violation of any of these bylaws, or the rules of AMA, or any act that is detrimental to the Club, or the AMA.
5. Any member who is expelled from the membership may be reinstated by a two-thirds majority vote of those club members voting. Mail-in ballots will be made available to all members. Mail-in ballots shall be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.
6. The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and impose disciplinary action, including probation, for such acts or omissions that do not justify expulsion from membership except as noted below.

ARTICLE XI - 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 Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.
2. The Board of Directors shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
 - (a) A grievance form (see Appendix A) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.
 - (b) FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant’s name will be disclosed.
 - c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Board of Directors, and this will be recorded in the Board’s files.

- (c) SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Board.
 - c. If the Board 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. Board 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. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote those club members voting. Mail-in ballots will be made available to all members. Mail-in ballots shall be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.
 - c. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 - d. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board).
 - e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- (e) The three violations actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- (f) 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 at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board.
- (g) Any member receiving a safety Grievance as stated in this Article, who is involved in non-flying violations, or who has key information of a non-flying violation and withholds it from the Board of Directors, may at the Board's discretion be placed on probation for one (1) year regardless of his or her tenure in the Club.

ARTICLE XII – Dissolution of the Club

The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the membership. Upon the dissolution of the Club and after paying all liabilities of the Club, the remaining members shall dispose of all the assets of the Club to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for furtherance of model aviation.

Article XIII - Quorum

A simple majority of those in attendance shall decide all questions except in the case of revision of these Bylaws as provided herein.

ARTICLE XIV - Parliamentary Authority

The emphasis in all meetings shall be on orderly process to achieve an objective decision by those present and voting. Should there be a parliamentary challenge, however, it shall be answered by reference to Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XV - Repository of Documents

The Secretary and Treasurer shall maintain all records of the club in an orderly fashion and shall pass all records to his/her successor.

ARTICLE XVI - Logo

The club logo show on page 1 shall be the property of the Love-Air RC Club Inc and shall be used only for official purposes as approved by the Board of Directors or the club membership.

ARTICLE XVII - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club provided that the proposed amendment has been published in advance of initial presentation the membership at a prior regular meeting. The amendment is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those club members voting. Mail-in ballots will be made available to all members. Mail-in ballots shall be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

Appendix A

Love Air RC Club Grievance Form

Date: _____ Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):
