

# **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS**

## **ARTICLE I – CLUB NAME and SPONSORSHIP**

The club name shall be “KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS”. The Club is sponsored by the Camden/Kershaw County Recreation Department.

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

Section 1: The objectives of the club shall be to promote building and flying activities in South Carolina and to aid as far as possible the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and other AMA activities

Section 2: All special local activities of the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the organization(s) governing model aircraft contests.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

All persons shall be eligible to make application for membership in the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS providing they meet the qualifications prescribed by this club. There are two options: “open” and “associate” memberships. Newly joining members are admitted as an associate until AMA membership is confirmed.

Requirements for the “open” membership option are:

- a: must be a current member of the AMA or join the AMA upon application for KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS membership,
- b: must have a current amateur radio operator’s license issued by the FCC if radio frequency is in the 6 meter amateur radio band,
- c: must abide by both the current AMA and KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS flight and safety rules,

Requirement for the “associate” membership option is annual club dues payment only. An associate member has all privileges as an open member except model flying is not permitted.

Repeated infractions of the club’s by-laws or AMA and club safety rules shall be cause for termination of membership. A two-thirds vote of the club members present at a regular business meeting is required for membership termination. The terminated member can be reinstated only through re-application and a two-thirds vote of club members present at the regular business meeting following the re-application.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The officers of the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS shall be:

- a: President
- b: Vice-President
- c: Secretary and Treasurer
- d: Facilities and Safety Manager

These officers shall constitute the club's BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

## **ARTICLE V - TERMS OF OFFICE**

Section 1: All officers of the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS shall serve for one year starting on January 1.

Section 2: Election of officers will be held annually during the last regular bimonthly business meeting. Nominations will be made by a committee appointed by the President prior to the meeting or by individual members following the nomination committee report.

Section 3: Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers. Such appointee will serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected. Any club member may be eligible to serve as an elected officer provided he/she has been a member of the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS for a minimum of 6 months.

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICER'S DUTIES**

- a: President: The President shall preside at all club meetings and shall act as the club Spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the club.
- b: Vice-President: The Vice-President shall serve on behalf of the President when the President is unable to serve.
- c: Secretary and Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall
  - (1) keep minutes of all meeting and the attendance roll of such meetings,
  - (2) maintain a database of all current and former club members which includes name, mailing address, telephone number, AMA license number, active status and other information as deemed necessary,
  - (3) collect all dues, fees, and special assessments and keep a record of all monies received and disbursed by the club. All funds will be deposited in a local bank or savings institution and remain available on demand,
  - (4) maintain up-to-date records for regular reporting and give a financial report to the club at each scheduled meeting,
  - (5) authorize all disbursements from club funds when approved or directed by the Board of Directors.
- d: Facilities and Safety Manager: The Facilities/Safety Manager shall be responsible for maintenance of all physical facilities at the club flying site including:

- (1) regular mowing and irrigation of grass on flight runway and around weather shelter,
- (2) painting and maintenance as required on weather shelter and other physical facilities,
- (3) radio control frequency markers and transmitter impound facilities,
- (4) maintain, issue, and recover keys, cards, or other devices for operating entrance gates to the club flying site.

The Facilities/Safety Manager shall be able to request and obtain KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS club funds from the Secretary/Treasurer as required for the discharge of these duties.

Safety responsibilities include:

- (1) providing a copy and reviewing, as necessary, the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code to each member,
- (2) informing the club at a regular business meeting of any member's activities which may be cause for membership termination and recommending actions to be taken.

## **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

Regular meetings will be held bimonthly. The President or Secretary shall notify all active members as to the date, place, and time of regular meetings.

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The President or Secretary shall notify all active members as to date, time, place, and purpose of such meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUES and ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1: The annual membership dues for active model aircraft flyers in this club shall be:

- a: \$40.00 for an individual member over the age of 19,
- b: \$10.00 for an individual member under the age of 19,
- c: \$45.00 for a family membership including only immediate family under age 19.

Section 2: Dues are to be paid at the last meeting of the year or between that meeting and the first meeting of the next year. Dues are prorated so that new members joining after July 1 will be assessed one-half of the annual amount.

Section 3: Dues in arrears for more than 60 days shall be cause for forfeiture of participation in any activities at the flying site until annual membership dues are paid in full.

Section 4: No special assessment shall be levied upon club membership at any time except by vote of the active membership as a whole, and then only upon a majority vote of two-thirds of the entire active membership.

## **ARTICLE IX - SPECIAL FUNDS**

The Secretary/Treasurer for the club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution. Such funds are to be handled as member's dues and applied to the club operating expenses except where a special use is specified by the donor.

## **ARTICLE X - SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint special committees as required for carrying out club activities. Such committees may include activities such as: (1) contests, (2) prizes and awards, (3) publicity and/or publications, (4) social occasions, and (5) others as may appear necessary to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI - GUEST FLYERS**

Members of the AMA may use KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS facilities when sponsored by a current active club member for four (4) visits in one year. When continued use of the clubs facilities is expected, the guest flyer will be expected to make application to the KERSHAW COUNTY FLYERS for membership.

## **ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments may be made to these By-Laws at any regular club business meeting provided that all active members have been notified in writing that an amendment is to be considered. Amendments can be offered by any active club member and shall be approved on a simple majority vote of members present at the meeting.

Date of original document and approval: at club formation, 1993 (?)

Date last amended and approved:

5/9/2009 – increased annual dues to \$20, \$10, and \$25

11/16/2010 – increased annual dues to \$40, \$10, and \$45