

# **BYLAWS OF THE BURLINGTON RADIO CONTROL FLYERS CLUB**

(as amended on June 7, 2022)

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **NAME**

The name of the Club is “The Burlington Radio Control Flyers” (BRCF). This Club is chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Muncie, Indiana; Club number 1752.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **PURPOSE**

1. This model Club has been organized to provide a community for radio control model enthusiasts to follow their sport in a safe manner. The members of the Club shall act to promote the pleasure, recreational, and social activities of model aviation, and provide communications and assistance to members less proficient in the various aspects of the hobby.
2. The Club is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a pleasure, recreational, and social organization within the meaning of Tax Exempt Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future US Internal Revenue Code.
3. No part of the net earnings of the Club shall be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Sections 1 and 2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a tax exempt organization free from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future US Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. **REGULAR MEMBERS.** Qualification for regular membership shall be: Eighteen (18) years of age or over.
2. **JUNIOR MEMBERS.** Qualifications for junior membership shall be: Under eighteen (18) years of age at the beginning of the calendar year, and must be sponsored by a regular member of the Club. Junior members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members, except voting and holding the positions of Officer or Director. Dues shall be \$40 and no initiation fee shall be charged.

3. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. Qualifications for a family membership shall be: The members of the family of a regular member (spouse and children up to the age of eighteen) having the same address. Family members shall have all the rights and privileges of a regular member, except for voting and holding the position of Officer or Director . Dues shall be \$100.

4. SENIOR MEMBER. Any person 65 years of age or older, under presentation of proof of age, shall be eligible for senior membership. Senior members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members. Dues shall be \$40.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBER. One who otherwise would be eligible to be a regular or senior member, but because of place of residence or other conditions wishes only a limited participation in Club activities. The associate member may attend Club meetings, but shall not be entitled to fly at the field of the Club. Therefore, it is not necessary that the associate member become a member of the AMA. An associate member may become a full member upon becoming a member of the AMA and providing proof thereof. Dues shall be \$40.

6. Each member of the Club must have a current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership (with the exception of associate members), an interest in R/C model aircraft, and a willingness to participate in the programs of the Club.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **DUES, FEES, AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. All paid up members of all classes of the BRCF in good standing at the time of membership approval of these Bylaws shall be subject to these Bylaws with all the rights and privileges of members, as spelled out in these Bylaws.

2. Regular member dues is \$75.00 and there shall be an initiation fee of \$25.00 for all new members, except family, junior and associate members, and it shall accompany the application for membership. If the initiation fee is not included with the application, membership will not be granted.

3. At the September/October meeting, the Board will make recommendation to the membership as to the amounts of initiation fees and annual dues. This recommendation will be based on a review of the current year's finances and the evaluation of future needs. The amount of the initiation fee and the annual dues for the coming year shall be approved by the Annual Meeting by a majority of the general membership.

4. New members joining after September 1 will have membership for the remaining months of that year, and the following year, provided AMA membership is maintained.

5. The annual Renewal Dues of all members of every class shall be due and payable by December 31st for the following calendar year. The Board may, at its discretion, reinstate such person to membership providing satisfactory explanation of the reasons for such nonpayment is presented to the Board.

6. Current BRCF and AMA membership cards must be up to date and maintained in order to fly. Cards must be available upon request.

7. The members of the Club may contribute to the support of the Club in case the funds are insufficient to meet the expenses of the Club, or in case funds shall be required for any special purpose. The members shall not have the power to levy any general assessment on the members of the Club, or enforce payment of any amount beyond the annual dues.

8. Honorary membership status (for a period of one (1) year) will be bestowed upon the following members:

1. The previous year's President.
2. The previous year's Vice President.
3. The previous year's Secretary.
4. The previous year's Treasurer.
5. The previous year's Webmaster.

Additions may be made to this list by nominations from the general membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board, by a majority vote of the entire Board, may waive the above privilege, if the Club treasury will not support the package.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **PLACE OF MEETING AND ACTIVITIES**

1. The principal place at which the activities of the Club shall be carried on and at which the meetings of the members shall be held, shall be located in or near Burlington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in February, April, June, September, and November.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS**

1. The members of the Club shall meet annually for the election of the officers and Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, at a place or places in or near Burlington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as may be designated for said meeting by the members of the last annual or regular meeting. The annual meeting shall be held during the month of November in each year.
2. Notice of the annual meeting of the members shall be served by EMAIL not less than ten (10) days previous to such meeting. When such notice is emailed, it shall be sent to each member of the Club entitled to vote on the election of Officers and Directors.

3. Ten percent (10%) of the members entitled to vote must be present to constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members for the election of officers or Directors, or for the transaction of other business, except as provided by these Bylaws.
4. Each member in good standing who is entitled to vote at every meeting of the members to cast one vote on each voting issue and such vote may be cast in person only.
5. Special meeting of the members, for any purpose or purposes, may be called pursuant to a resolution of the Board or by the President, and shall be called by the President or Secretary at the request of members entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. Before such meetings are held, all members entitled to vote shall be notified in writing as above. Business transacted at special meetings shall be confined to the subjects stated in the call and germane thereto.
6. At all annual and special meetings of the Club, the order of business shall be substantially as follows:
  - a. Ascertaining whether a quorum is present.
  - b. Reading the minutes of previous annual or special meeting.
  - c. Completion of unfinished business.
  - d. Reading of communications to the Club.
  - e. Reading of committee reports.
  - f. Transaction of new business.
  - g. Election of officers and Directors (if annual meeting).
  - h. Adjournment
7. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held at the members discretion.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
2. There shall be a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and at least three (3) Directors as required to make a total of at least seven (7) members.
3. Two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
4. The President of the Club, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer. He shall see that all resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall also have the power to appoint special committees. All such appointments shall be conterminous with that of the appointing President.

5. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, may perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall be responsible for the care and accounting of all Club property.
6. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, and all annual and special meetings, recording all votes and minutes of all proceedings, preferably in a book kept for that purpose. He shall give notice of all meetings as required by these Bylaws and all amendments thereto. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and shall execute all instruments as may be officially authorized.
7. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Club, and shall keep full and accurate records of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Club, and shall deposit all moneys in the name of and to the credit of the Club in such depositories as may be designated by the Board. All disbursements shall be made by check, and such check shall be signed by the Treasurer. He shall render to the President and to the Directors at regular meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an accounting of all his transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial condition of the Club.
8. The Board shall appoint a Webmaster to maintain and update the Burlington RC Flyers Internet website. This appointment shall be the sole responsibility of the Board, with the appointee being chosen from a pool of Club members who might seek the position. The appointed individual shall be well versed in Club policies, Club Bylaws, and Club rules. The appointed individual must be knowledgeable in the workings of the current website, its software, and its layout. All website operations shall be handled by the Webmaster. Any unauthorized changes, modifications, etc. to the website by the Club members or persons other than the appointed Webmaster, shall provide grounds for disciplinary action by the Board. The appointment shall last indefinitely, unless the Board finds just cause to remove the appointee from the position, for reasons of unauthorized actions, or actions which bring discredit to the Burlington RC Flyers. The appointee shall be given the opportunity to resign from his/her position at each annual meeting, at which time, should he/she resign, a new pool of candidates shall be created, and a new appointment made from said pool.
9. In the case of the absence of any officer of the Club, the powers and duties of such officer (s) may be designated to any officer, regular member, or senior member on a temporary basis by the Board.
10. The affairs of this Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors. In addition to the officers of the Club, the Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of members, to serve for one (1) year until their successors shall be elected at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Board may hold their meetings within or without the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and at any locations at which the meeting of the members may be held, as set forth in Article 5 of

these Bylaws, or at such other places that may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board.

2. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at five (5) days notice to each Director, either personally or by e-mail. Special meetings shall be called in a like manner by the President or Secretary, on the written request of two (2) or more Directors.

3. At all meetings of the Board, the presence of a majority of the Board members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum and sufficient for the transaction of business, and any act of a majority at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by these Bylaws.

4. Every meeting of the Board shall be called to order by the President or Vice President, or in the absence of both, by a member of the Board.

5 In the absence of fraud or bad faith, the Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts or obligations of the Club, except as otherwise provided by statute

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **COMMITTEES**

The chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the President as needed. Each chairman shall be responsible for selecting his own committee members.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

1. The President shall form a nominating committee, consisting of three (3) regular members, no later than September 15 of the current year, to select a slate of candidates for the coming term.

2. To be eligible for nomination for a Club office, or to become a member of the board, a person must be a paid-up regular member for more one (1) year. A person may not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years, except that the nominating committee may petition the Board to allow up to three (3) incumbent officers, who wish to run for their current office again, to be placed in nomination. The seven (7) Board members, considering each incumbent individually, must agree to their re-nomination by secret ballot unanimously. A person nominated and re-elected by this process may hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years.

3. The slate shall consist of at least one candidate for each office, and no nominations shall be considered valid, or placed on the ballot, without the nominee's consent. The nominating committee shall present the slate of candidates at the November meeting.

4. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted at the September and November meetings.

5. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting in November, and all eligible members shall

be notified by the Secretary. Elections shall be by secret ballot in the event of 2 or more persons running for a position. Person with majority of ballots cast is declared winner.

6. The newly elected officers and Directors shall be duly installed, and shall assume office on the first day following the November annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **REMOVALS AND VACANCIES**

1. The Board of Directors may remove from office for cause, any Officer, including a Director, by a vote of the majority of the entire Board, excluding the Board member or officer to be removed. The members of the Club may, at a special meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the paid-up membership entitled to vote, remove the Officer or Director for cause.

2. If the office of any Officer or Director becomes vacant for any reason, the Directors may select by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, a successor who shall hold the office for the un-expired term.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **CENSURE, SUSPENSION, AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

1. If the conduct of a member shall appear to the Board to be disorderly or be prejudicial to the welfare or good name of the Club, or if in any way, any member conducts himself in a manner not authorized by, or in violation of, the Bylaws of the Club, FCC regulations, AMA Bylaws, AMA Safety Code, or BRCF Field Rules, he may be subject to censure, suspension, or expulsion, at the discretion of the Board, depending on whether the infraction is deemed to be slight or serious. Any infraction that results in censure for the first offense, shall subject the offender to suspension or expulsion upon repetition of the infraction. Prior to action by the Board of Directors, the individual shall have the right to present his views on the matter to the Board.

2. If a member is suspended, he shall be deprived of all rights and privileges of membership for a period of up to three (3) months, or as determined by the Board. At the expiration of such period, he / she shall be restored to his / her previous status with corresponding rights and privileges.

3. If a member is expelled, he / she shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, and all rights, title, and interest in the Club and its property.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **FIELD CONDUCT**

1. All Club members and guests shall be subject to the current AMA and FCC rules and regulations.

2. The field rules and regulations, as established by the Board and approved by the membership,

shall govern the flying and related activities at all the Club recognized flying sites.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

##### **FISCAL POLICIES**

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year.
2. Expenditures of up to \$500 per event must be authorized by a BRCF Officer.
3. Expenditure of Club funds in excess of \$500 per event shall require a majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
4. The Board may require the Treasurer, or any officer, agent, or employee of the Club, to give bond to the Club, conditioned upon faithful performance and discharge of his/her duties, with such surety and security and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

##### **AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted at any regular or special meeting by affirmative action of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting and entitled to vote in the election of officers and Directors, provided notice of intention to amend the Bylaws shall have been contained in the notice of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 16**

##### **DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the Club, the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities to the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club exclusively to further the purpose and primary object for which the Club was organized, in such manner, or to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or any corresponding provisions of any future US Internal Revenue Code) as the Board may determine