

By-laws of the Palouse Region R/C Flyers

Article I---Name

The name of this organization shall be the Palouse Region R/C Flyers and shall hereinafter be referred to as such.

Article II---Purpose

The organization shall be not for profit and was formed for the following reasons:

1. To create interest in model building.
2. To promote model flying.
3. To educate both new and seasoned flyers in the mechanics and aeronautics of flight, the skills of model building, and the electronics involved in RC operation.
4. To sponsor model flying events.
5. To improve friendship among modelers.
6. To create and conduct indoor and outdoor activities.
7. To exchange knowledge and ideas.
8. To have social activities that include families.

Article III---Membership

1. Number of members shall be unlimited.
2. Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is required for all members, except those that the club adopts as Honorary or Non Flying Members.
3. Any member deliberately breaking club rules, not acting in a sportsmanlike manner, or being uncooperative is liable for expulsion from the club by a majority decision of the Executive Committee. If the member being expelled challenges this action the matter will be submitted to a vote by the full membership. A majority vote by the full membership will determine the outcome.
4. All members shall be responsible for payment of any assessments approved by the club membership.
5. Each member shall be responsible for personal injury and property damage caused by themselves and in the event of an accident the member shall resolve that responsibility before resuming flying activities.
6. Club members are encouraged to have occasional guests at the flying field and meetings. Guests shall comply with all Club and AMA rules.

Article IV---Dues and Finances

1. Club membership is conferred upon payment of dues and verification of AMA membership. Club dues shall be as follows:
 - a. Adults 18 and above \$30.00 per year.
 - b. Students 12-17, unrelated to an adult member, \$10.00 per year.
 - c. Students under 12 - Free
 - d. Family membership dues are \$40.00 per year for up to three family members. Each family member over three will be an additional \$5.00 per year.
2. Dues for new members cover the period between the time of payment and the end of December.
3. If a member joins between July 1st and October 31st, the member will pay half the dues.
4. If a member joins November 1st or later, the member will pay annual membership dues to cover the balance of that year and the following year.
5. Dues for members in good standing must be paid yearly and are due by December 31st for the following year's membership.

Article V---Club Meetings

1. Club meetings are to be held once a month.
2. Meetings will be held at a designated place.
3. Meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless rescheduled because of holidays or other conflicts.
4. Meetings shall be conducted in a business-like manner, and should be as informative as possible.
5. Club business should prevail at all meetings. "Bull session," "out of turn" and "off the subject" comments should not interfere with programs and discussions.
6. Special club meetings may be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. The majority of the club membership may also call a special club meeting by submitting a petition signed by a majority of the club membership to the President.
7. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of every meeting.
8. The following business shall be executed at each meeting:
 - a. Reading of the previous minutes and request for approval.
 - 1) Additions
 - 2) Corrections
 - b. Treasurer's report.
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 - 2) Corrections
 - c. Any Committee Chairman reports
 - d. Old business
 - e. New business
9. All issues subject to a membership vote shall be simple majority of a quorum present at the meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least one-fourth of the club membership.
10. Additions or revisions of the by-laws are subject to a majority approval of the membership.
11. Club operating expenses will be paid by the Treasurer using club checks. Other than AMA renewal and AMA program costs, all expenditures must be approved in advance at a club meeting by a majority vote of the quorum present. The President shall have the authority to spend up to \$200.00 per year for unscheduled costs, related to Club issues, without formal approval by the club members.

Article VI---Nomination and Election of Officers.

1. Officers will be elected to serve yearly terms on an annual basis.
2. Nominations for all elective offices shall be made at the September meeting.
3. Nominations are closed for each office separately at the October meeting.
4. During the October meeting, up to 30 minutes shall be allocated for nomination speeches for the candidates, after which, elections will be held.
5. When three or more candidates are nominated for the same position, a plurality of the votes cast shall determine the election results.
6. Installation of the new officers will be at the close of the December meeting.
7. Officers to be elected are:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Editor
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer
8. In case of resignation of the President, or inability to serve, the Vice President shall ascend to his/her position. And a new Vice President will be elected.
9. Committee Chairman/Chairwoman to be appointed as required by the club President.
 - a. Fun Fly
 - b. Program
 - c. Two Safety Officers
 - d. Picnic
 - e. Webmaster
 - f. Student Pilot Training

Article VII---Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers. The President shall serve as Chairman.
2. The Executive Committee is responsible for the maintenance of all records and documents.

Article VIII---Duties

1. The President shall preside over all meetings and conduct same in a responsible manner.
2. In absence of the President, the Vice President will preside over the meeting.
3. In absence of both President and Vice President the senior member of the club that is present will preside over the meeting.
4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record the minutes of all meetings and submit them to the membership in the monthly newsletter for approval at the following meeting. In the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer, the Vice President will be responsible for recording the minutes. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be the custodian of all records including the club roster. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify members of regular meetings and any special meetings using the club newsletter where feasible.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all monies and keep a record of the same. He/She shall give a report at each meeting, collect dues, maintain a bank account in the club name and arrange for transfer to the succeeding Treasurer.
6. The Editor shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of the newsletter each month.
7. All members shall be responsible for enforcing club and safety rules.