

BYLAWS - THE RAPID CITY PROPBUSTERS R/C CLUB, INC.

1991

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the RAPID CITY PROPBUSTERS R/C CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The general purpose of this organization is to foster and promote interest and participation in building and operating model aircraft remotely by radio control by means of, but not limited to, the following activities:

1. Hold regular meetings of the Club at least once a month.
2. Advise beginners or those members in need of instruction on methods of improving their building or operating ability.
3. Schedule and hold contests for the purpose of developing and determining and recognizing building and operating skills.
4. Schedule competitive events with other Clubs in the area with similar purposes.
5. Schedule AMA sanctioned events open to all AMA members

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Memberships will be classified as "Regular", "Associate", "Snowbird", "Junior", "Family", or "Newsletter Only". A "Regular" member is one 18 years of age or older who normally uses a Propbusters flying field as his primary flying field, and this normally includes all members from the Tilford/Rapid City/Ellsworth AFB/New Underwood corridor. An "Associate" member is one from outside the Tilford/Rapid City/EAFB/New Underwood complex who does not normally use a Propbusters flying field as his primary flying field and who does have another primary flying field. A "Snowbird" member is one who resides a substantial part of the year outside the five-

state region surrounding South Dakota, wherein he is a dues-paying member of another AMA chartered club, and provided that we have the address of his other residence and name of the other AMA club on file. A "Junior" member is one less than 18 years of age who has no parent member in the club. A "Family" member is a child or full-time college student living at home whose parent is a member in the club. A "Newsletter Only" member is any individual or organization who wishes to receive a mailed version of the Propbusters newsletter for the payment of the current fee.

All types of memberships described above, except for "Newsletter Only" memberships, shall have full and equal voting rights in the club. "Family" members shall not receive a newsletter or other official mailed club publications since the parent family member will have received all of these. Otherwise, members of all classes in good standing shall receive all official club publications.

Dues for the following year, including the newsletter subscription fee, will be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the membership at the November meeting of each year. Dues for "Snowbird" members will be ½ that charged for "Regular" or "Associate" members depending on the location of the "Snowbird" member's local residence. Dues will become due and payable January 1st of each year. New members joining after August 15th of any year will pay ½ of the current amount for their category. New members joining after November 15th of any year will pay no dues for the current year provided they have paid the dues in full for the following year at the time of submission of their application. Membership applications from previous members will always be considered renewals rather than new applications and the above partial payment provisions will not apply to those individuals. Club dues and any authorized assessments must be current for a member to use any club flying field or to participate in any club functions. Any member more than thirty days delinquent in paying his dues shall be removed from membership. A member removed for non-payment of dues can make reapplication for membership only with the full payment of the current year's dues. All dues collected shall be entered upon the books of the Club for general use and are not refundable unless the member is removed by the membership, in which case the unused pro rata amount shall be refunded.

Since membership in this organization is a privilege, and not a right, it is the intention of this club to limit its membership to those individuals who share a common interest in the safe enjoyment of this hobby and the shared financial and other obligations that the successful operation of this club require. To attain this end all applications for membership will be screened initially by the Executive Board and any applicants who do not fulfill the aforementioned prerequisites will be rejected. When appropriate, this initial screening may include inquiries to any other radio control clubs of which the applicant may have been a member. Following successful initial screening, the Secretary will issue a set of the Club Bylaws and Field Safety Rules, if any, to the applicant. Membership will be provisional for a period of six months during which the provisional member's activities will be monitored by a review committee consisting of two members appointed by the President. At the conclusion of that six month period of observation the review committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Board as to whether the

provisional member should be admitted to full membership, or rejected for membership. After review, the Executive Board shall forward the recommendation and any additional information pertinent thereto to the membership for a vote on the applicant's status at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the club. The action on initial applications by the Executive Board and the action by the members on those applicants who have completed their provisional requirement are final. There shall be no refunding of any moneys paid by those who are rejected for membership following an unsuccessful period of provisional membership. It shall be the duty of each review committee to assess the provisional member's flying skills, attitude toward safety, compatibility, and willingness to participate in the responsibilities of club membership as objectively as possible.

All members in good standing for the current calendar year who renew their membership for the next calendar year prior to December 31st of the current calendar year will be granted full membership automatically and will be excused from the provisions detailed above. This shall be the only exception to the requirements and mechanisms stated therein.

Club members of all categories must have a current membership in the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) and must insert their AMA membership card in the frequency control board (if the board is so-equipped) at all times while flying at a club field. If the frequency control board is not equipped for insertion and display of AMA membership cards, the member will have his AMA membership card in his possession at all times while utilizing a club flying site and will show this card to any other club member upon request.

Total membership in this club shall be limited to thirty (30) members.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; the appointed officers of the Club shall be Newsletter Editor and Safety Officer. Any two of the elected and appointed offices, except that of President and Vice President may be held by the same person, but no person shall execute, acknowledge, or verify any instrument in more than one capacity. These officers shall perform the duties as prescribed in these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and its official spokesman. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Club, shall set forth the agenda for all meetings, and shall be the parliamentarian for the organization. He will be the Chairman of the Executive Board and shall preside over all of its meetings. In addition, the President shall be an ex officio member of all committees of the Club where he shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie and he shall appoint all members of committees and shall designate the chairman of each committee. He shall appoint the

Safety Officer and he shall solicit a volunteer for the position of Newsletter Editor. If the Club sponsors an AMA Sanctioned Air Show Team the President shall appoint the Manager of the Air Show Team subject to the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters and shall assume the duties of the President if, for any reason, he is unable to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for all social events of the Club.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the club's proceedings. He shall record meeting attendance and shall keep an up-to-date record of all members. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the Treasurer if he is unable to perform his duties.

The Treasurer shall have charge of, and responsibility for, all the funds of the Club including any funds of a Club-sponsored AMA Sanctioned Air Show Team. He shall keep an exact record of all moneys received and disbursed. He will present to the membership an annual report at the first meeting of each year. He shall maintain the records in such a manner so that they may be open for inspection at any time. He shall make a report of the financial condition of the Club at all meetings. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Secretary if he is unable to perform his duties.

The Safety Officer shall have the responsibility of maintaining a safe flying environment at the Club's flying field(s). He has the responsibility and the right to request any individual using any of the Club's facilities to cease such use due to violations of either the AMA Safety Code or the safety rules and regulations adopted by the Club. The Safety Officer shall report at each meeting how the membership is adhering to the adopted safety rules and regulations.

The Newsletter Editor shall have the responsibility of maintaining a high degree of communication among Club members. This is usually done by means of a monthly newsletter distributed to all eligible members. Funds permitting, he is encouraged to exchange our effort with other clubs as well. Online electronic versions of the newsletter will be distributed free of charge to anyone who so requests.

At least one month before the November meeting a Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the President. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office to be filled, and present the names of these candidates to the Club at the November meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the November meeting and their term of office shall be for one year beginning January 1st. Any elected officer may be voted out of office by a majority vote of the Club's membership via a recall ballot.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Meetings of the general membership shall be held at least once a month at a time, place and date selected by the President.

Notice of the meeting shall be given by mail in the PROPBUSTERS NEWSLETTER.

Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Board as they deem necessary to conduct the business of the Club.

Ten percent (10%) of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. A vote of one-half plus one of the members present, provided there is a quorum as herein defined, is required to pass any motion. Motions involving any expenditure of the Club's moneys, other than field rent and AMA Charter Dues, shall require a similar quantity of votes in favor of passage. General Assessments, as required for emergencies, can be made by a majority vote in favor of the members present at the meeting, a quorum being present, provided written notification was transmitted to the entire membership in the Club Newsletter prior to the proposed vote.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the Club.

The Executive Board shall meet as necessary at their own discretion and shall be empowered to make decisions when action must be taken before a regular membership meeting. A majority of the Executive Board present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Approval of 4 members is required for expenditures up to \$200.00. Any expenditures, other than field rent and AMA Charter fees, over \$200.01 will require the approval of a majority of the members of the club present at a meeting.

In the event of a vacancy among the elected officers the President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

The following committees are suggested as guidelines and may not necessarily be appointed and active at all times. Other committees may also be appointed as deemed necessary by the President and/or Executive Board:

Bulletin and Publicity
Fun Fly
Program
Exhibitions & Finance

Sponsorship Training
Field and Safety
Calling
Equipment

ARTICLE VIII

REQUIREMENTS OF ALL MEMBERS

Each member shall be responsible for conduct and policing of any area where he flies, so as to keep and perpetuate a good Club image.

Any member seeing Club property being misused shall immediately do his utmost to halt such action.

Each member should render upon request any advice or assistance needed to any modeler whether he be a member of this Club or not.

To the best of their ability, every member is expected to support club activities and to participate in the administration of club functions such as contests, static displays or any other activity dedicated to the promotion of radio controlled model aircraft.

Any member may be removed by the membership whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Club will be served thereby. This will be accomplished by a Removal Ballot, which will be distributed to all members prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting or prior to a special meeting called for the purpose of that member's removal. Removal ballots will be returned to the Secretary by mail to arrive prior to the meeting, carried personally by another member to cast as a proxy, or voted in person by the member at the meeting. Ballots not returned shall be counted in the affirmative for removal and the member shall be removed by a majority vote of all members of the Club.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules or order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE X

SAFETY

All AMA Safe Operating Rules, in particular the current version of the Official AMA Safety Code, shall be adhered to by every Club member as well as guests at all flying sites. The Club may, from time to time, adopt any and all rules and guidelines intended to lead to safe operation of our equipment. These Field Safety Rules shall be posted at the Club's flying site(s) and also shall be given to each member upon joining the Club as a provisional member.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of those members in good standing in attendance, provided that previous notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to all paid members.

ARTICLE XII

CONSTRUCTION OF BYLAWS

All words used herein in the singular number shall extend to and include the plural number. All words used in the plural number shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.

ARTICLE XIII

DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

This club shall be dissolved only by the mechanism contained herein. A motion to disband, properly seconded at a regular meeting, shall be drawn up in writing, mailed to each member in good standing as a ballot, and published in the next issue of the newsletter. Ballots indicating a “Yea” or “Nay” vote for disbanding will be mailed to the club secretary prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting or presented in person at that meeting. A “Yea” vote by 75% of the total membership will be required to disband the club and any non-returned ballots shall be counted as “Nay” votes. A valid vote to disband will result in the following dissolution process, during which all members remain active and responsible for all of their normal membership duties.

Sixty (60) days following a valid vote for dissolution the club will cease to exist, provided that all of the following provisions have been carried out.

1. All outstanding debts must be paid.
2. All obligations to the landowner must be discharged.
3. All non-cash assets shall be converted to cash by
 - a. Absolute auction, or
 - b. Sale at fair market value.
4. Remaining cash assets shall be donated as follows:
 - a. 50% to the Ellsworth Heritage Association (SD Air & Space Museum)
 - b. 50% to Children’s Science Center
 - c. Alternate to either is Big Brothers And Big Sisters Of The Black Hills
5. Notice of Dissolution is sent to the AMA.

ARTICLE XIV

EFFECT OF ADOPTION

These bylaws shall be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Rapid City Propbusters R/C Club, Inc. at which time they shall become effective immediately. Upon adoption they shall supersede all previous versions.

ADOPTED by the Rapid City Propbusters R/C Club, Inc. on November 12, 1991

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Lujan, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

President

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