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**ST. JOHN'S RADIO CONTROL FLYERS Inc.**

The By Laws Committee of the St. John's Radio Control Flyers, Inc. Don Wyatt, Chair,  
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# BYLAWS

The document herein is the By Laws of the St. John's Radio Control Flyers, Inc.  
Approved by the Membership 14 September 2011

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## DEFINITIONS

In these By Laws:

**"Club"** means the St. John's Radio Control Flyers, Inc., a body Corporate registered in Newfoundland & Labrador.

**"MAAC"** means the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada.

**"SJRCF"** means St. John's Radio Control Flyers Inc

**"Member"** means a person enrolled in the St. John's Radio Control Flyers Inc.

**"Member-in-good-standing"** means a member whose SJRCF annual dues have been paid for the current year, and is also a current paid-up member of MAAC.

**"Honorary Members"** means outstanding individuals or groups, not engaged in the hobby of Model Aeronautics, chosen by the Members to be recognized for contribution(s) to the community or the advancement of the hobby.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Club is to promote the safe enjoyment of the hobby of Radio controlled Model Aviation.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEMBERS**

Any person engaged in, or wishing to learn, the hobby of Radio Controlled aero modelling may be a member.

Members are classified in four Categories, *to wit*:

- RegularMembers
- Life Members
- Member of the Year
- Honorary Members

Categories of membership may be defined by The Executive from time to time, and confirmed by a vote of the majority of the Members.

As of the time of acceptance of these by laws, existing Life Members, and the current Member-of-the-Year are exempted from the payment of annual Club dues. Notwithstanding the exemption from paying Club Dues, these members are required to pay any and all fees and assessments related to flying activities.

Honorary Members are exempt from all Dues and Assessments for life.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in November of each year.

Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May at the call of the Chair, unless otherwise directed by the Executive. An Agenda for a meeting shall be published on the weekend prior to the meeting.

A Special meeting may be called by a group of at least four Members by application to the Executive. The item of business to be brought to the Meeting must be declared in the application. No other business may be discussed at a Special Meeting.

### **QUORUM**

At least 33% of the members in good standing (rounded up to the next whole number) will constitute a quorum at all meetings.

\*Amended 12 February 2014.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE**

The Executive is elected by the Members to act on behalf of the Members and are elected for a term of one year. The Executive Committee shall consist of a minimum of three, and a maximum of six members. There are no term limits.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Executive are President, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President.

The President shall chair the meetings of the Club, and shall oversee the operations of the Club. The President may appoint Committees as required for efficient operation of the Club with the concurrence of the Executive Members.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the financial records of the Club, and as a fiduciary, pay all bills in a timely manner.

The Secretary shall keep all non-financial records of the Club, and shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the membership.

The Immediate Past President shall chair the meetings in the absence of the President, and carry out any other duties specified by the President.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee no later than the date of the Regular meeting in October. The committee shall consist of two (2) members. If possible, one of the members should be a Past President. \*

The committee shall review applicants, and produce a slate of candidates two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

Committee members may not become slated candidates. Only Members in good standing may be slated candidates.

\* Amended January 14, 2015

## ARTICLE VII

### VOTING

#### ELECTIONS

Voting for candidates for office shall be by secret ballot on a form prescribed by the Nominating Committee. Voting may be in person, or by signed proxy. An advance poll is permitted.

Elections are held during the Annual Meeting in November of each year. Successful candidates in the election take office at opening of the first regular meeting of the club in January of the following year.

#### MOTIONS

Any Member in good standing may move, second, or amend a motion.

Only Members in good standing may vote. Voting shall not be cumulative.

The Chair or any Member in good standing present at a meeting may call for a secret ballot on motions.

A Notice of Motion to amend the By Laws or the Articles of Association shall be delivered to the Members **14** days prior to the presentation of the motion. \*

In the event of a tie vote, another ballot must be taken. In the event of a second tie vote the motion shall be lost.

The President shall not have a casting vote. All Executive members may vote.

\*Amended 14 November 2012

## ARTICLE VIII

### FINANCES

The annual membership dues shall be established each year by the Executive, and collected by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall handle the accounts of the Association as a fiduciary, paying all bills in a timely manner.

The Treasurer shall submit a complete Financial Report at the **January** Meeting, and if requested, an abbreviated interim report at the Regular Meetings. \*

Membership dues expire on March 31 of each year, at which time Voting and Flying privileges expire concurrently. \*\*

In order to participate in Flying activities, Club dues and MAAC dues for the current year must be paid in full.

\* Amended October 9, 2013

\*\* Amended February 12, 2014

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS

The **By-Laws** may be amended at any time by a 2/3 majority of the membership present and voting.

The **Articles of Association** may be amended by a 2/3 majority of the entire membership.

A written notice of the amendment must be delivered to each member in good standing at least 14 days prior to a vote being called. Proxy voting is permitted.

\*Amended 14 November 2012

## **ARTICLE X**

### **RULES**

The membership may adopt Parliamentary Rules for all matters of Procedure not specifically ordered by these By-Laws (e.g. Robert's Rules of Order [Newly revised]), as determined from time to time by a majority of the Executive

Approved 14 September 2011 by unanimous vote.



## RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

**AMENDMENT # 1 PASSED 11 APRIL 2012.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented moved and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting,

**ARTICLE III (QUORUM)** is amended from:

At least 12 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

to read: At least 10 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

**AMENDMENT # 2 PASSED 14 NOVEMBER 2012.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting.

**ARTICLE IX (AMENDMENTS)** is amended from:

A Notice of Motion to amend the By Laws or the Articles of Association shall be delivered to the Members 30 days prior to the presentation of the motion.

to read: A Notice of Motion to amend the By Laws or the Articles of Association shall be delivered to the Members 14 days prior to the presentation of the motion.

**AMENDMENT # 3 PASSED 09 October 2013.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented moved and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting,

**ARTICLE VIII (FINANCES)** is amended from:

The Treasurer shall submit a complete Financial Report at the annual general meeting, and if requested, an abbreviated interim report at the Regular Meetings.

to read: The Treasurer shall submit a complete Financial Report at the January Meeting, and if requested, an abbreviated interim report at the Regular Meetings,

**AMENDMENT # 4 PASSED 12 February 2014.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented moved and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting,

**ARTICLE III (QUORUM)** is amended from:

At least 10 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

to read: At least 33% of the members in good standing (rounded up to the next whole number) will constitute a quorum at all meetings.

**AMENDMENT # 5 PASSED 12 February 2014.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented moved and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting,

**ARTICLE VIII (FINANCES)** is amended from:

Membership dues expire at the end of each calendar year, at which time Voting and Flying privileges expire concurrently.

to read: Membership dues expire on March 31 of each year, at which time voting and flying privileges expire concurrently.

**Amendment # 6 Passed January 14, 2015.** Pursuant to a Notice of Motion duly presented, moved and seconded, and passed by a 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting.

**ARTICLE VI (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)** is amended from: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee no later than the date of the Regular meeting in September. The committee shall consist of three (3) members. If possible, one of the members should be a Past President.

To read: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee no later than the date of the Regular meeting in October. The committee shall consist of two (2) members. If possible, one of the members should be a Past President.