

# FRANKLIN COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB

## BY-LAWS

*As Ratified March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

### ARTICLE I

#### Section 1 – Name

- The name of this organization shall be the Franklin County Radio Control Club or as abbreviated FC RCC.

### ARTICLE II

#### Section 1 – Purpose

- The Primary purpose of this club is to enjoy the fellowship of the common interest and participation in the hobby/Sport of Radio Control Modeling through the support of the AMA or other Means (CBO). Other purposeful intentions shall be to enhance and share the club knowledge of radio control modeling in its many respects and to further the advancement and recognition of radio control modeling through affiliation and cooperation with clubs and organizations of the same or similar interests.

### ARTICLE III

#### Section 1 – Eligibility

- All persons Interested in pursuing the hobby of Radio Control flight are eligible for membership in the Franklin County Radio Control Club

#### Section 2 – Number

- Membership shall be limited to fifty (50) flying members except that, from time to time, the duly elected club officers in the form of the Executive Committee may upon majority vote, open membership when in the Committee's opinion the continuation of a closed membership would adversely affect the club.

#### Section 3 – Membership

- An active membership is contingent upon full payment of the appropriate initiation fee and annual dues, which are due and payable on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>. All flying members MUST possess (or produce evidence of a pending application for) a valid AMA license or a license from any other licensing authority approved by the club By-Laws. As long as the Federal mandate for registration of sUAS is required for aircraft 0.55 oz to 55lb, flying members must at anytime be prepared to produce a registration number obtained from the FAA. The FAA # must remain in good standing.

#### Section 4 – Application for Membership

- Each applicant must be sponsored by an accredited club member and must complete the necessary application form. Applications shall be made in person at the monthly business meeting (Under certain circumstances this may be waived by the Executive Committee). Admission to all classes of membership is subject to an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership present at the meeting. Action on all applications will take place at the regular business meeting.

#### Section 4A – Quorum

- A Quorum shall be a majority vote of the members present at the business meeting. An amendment to the by-laws however, shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership.

#### Section 5 – Classes of Membership

- There shall be (4) Classes of membership, each with its own requirements

- **ADULT/FULL MEMBERSHIP:** Full members, vote, hold office, partake of all club activities and shall pay dues as set by the club
- **NON-FLYING MEMBER:** May attend meetings and vote, but may not hold office. Non-Flying members shall pay dues as set by the club. Non-Flying members shall not be required to keep a current FAA registration.
- **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:** Junior membership shall include full privileges for those members under the age of eighteen with a reduction in dues as set by the club.
- **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP:** Senior membership shall include full privileges for those members who are sixty five years and older with a reduction in dues as set by the club.

#### **Section 6 – Removal**

- Members disregarding or not abiding by the Franklin County Radio Control Club Rules and by-laws shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the Club as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. A majority vote by the Executive Committee will be required.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Section 1 – Dues and Fees**

- Dues and Fees shall be set, from time to time by a vote of the general membership. Such vote shall take place at a regular scheduled business meeting at which a quorum is present. Passage of such vote shall be a margin of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Written notice of the intent to change dues must be given to the full membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled business meeting, at which time the dues change will be acted upon. Pro-rated fees may be voted upon from time to time, by the Executive Committee and will require a majority vote for decision.

#### **Section 2 – Payment of Dues and Fees**

- Dues shall be paid annually no later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) of March for the current year. Failure to submit payment by this date will result in loss of membership and flying privileges. Membership may be reinstated through the application process and full payment of the regular annual dues, and/or fees as voted on by the FCRC members.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Section 1 – Officers**

- Annually, the club shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer, all of whom will comprise the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 2 – Duties**

- **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at regular monthly business meetings, special meetings and all meetings of the Executive Committee, appoint members of the club and special committees and act on behalf of the club in all matters affecting the club.
- **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall act for the President in his/her absence, will chair the field committee, be responsible for club property and assume the duties of field safety officer in the absence of a Field Safety Officer
- **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall carry on club correspondence at the direction of the President, notify members of meetings, keep minutes of business meetings and present them at the subsequent meetings and keep record of the club's membership and all other records except financial
- **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall manage all club funds, maintain a bank account, make all disbursements by check, countersigned by the President and maintain financial records as prescribed by the Executive Committee.

- FIELD SAFETY OFFICER: The FSO, shall be responsible for all flying safety matters, monitor the flying site rules and regulations, coordinate updated safety information between AMA and the Club and serve on the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 2 – Vacancies**

- Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment of the President.

#### **Section 4 – Election of Officers**

- The Election of officers shall take place at the March Business Meeting. All nominations for office shall be from the floor. All persons nominated shall be present at the meeting. Installation of officers shall take place in the Month of April each year.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Section 1 – Meetings (Executive Committee)**

- The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President

#### **Section 2 – Business Meetings**

- Business Meetings may be held monthly, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting is to be held in March. All Members shall be notified of the Annual Meeting date.

#### **Section 3 – Business Meeting Procedure**

- The Business Meetings shall be conducted under the “modified” parliamentary procedure.

#### **Section 4 – Order of Business**

- BUSINESS MEETINGS
  - Roll Call – Establish a Quorum
  - Introduction of Guests
  - Minutes from the last monthly meeting
  - Minutes of Special Meetings
  - Executive Committee Report
  - Treasurer Report
  - Special Committee Report
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Elections (MARCH)
  - New Member Vote
  - Adjournment

#### **Section 5 – Special Meetings**

- Meetings of Sub-Committees shall be at the call of that Committee’s chairperson.

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Section 1 – Voting**

- Voting by membership on customary business coming before the general membership and excluding the election of officers and/or changes in the By-Laws will be a vote by show of hands. A simple majority will carry the vote.

## Section 2 – Voting (Officers)

- Voting by the membership for the election of the Executive Committee members shall be by Written, secret ballot. A minimum of two (2) nominations for each office must be made from the floor. No absentee ballot privileges are allowed for this vote. A simple majority of the votes cast shall determine the election to office.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Section 1 – Standing Committees

- There shall be the following standing Committees in addition to such special committees the President, from time to time may appoint:
  - By-Laws Committee: This committee shall consist of the Executive Committee with at least 1 member from the preceding by-laws committee who shall review the by-laws and recommend retention or modification. Their report shall be submitted to the membership by the MARCH Business meeting for approval by the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.

## ARTICLE IX

### Section 1 – Flying Site Regulations

1. All aircraft shall be equipped with an approved muffler, which shall bring the aircraft into compliance with the AMA recommended 98 decibel limit measured at 10 ft.
2. When a large group of flyers is present, if utilizing FM, those flyers shall communicate their frequency to the rest of the flyers to be sure that there is not Frequency cross-over. 2.4 GHz Radios are exempt from impound or frequency pins.
3. Any person turning on a transmitter or crossing frequencies by FM or Spread Spectrum (2.4 GHz) (5.4 GHz for FPV), causing another member to crash will be responsible for restitution and may be subject to disciplinary action. Radios shall not be turned on until the group flying confirms it is OK.
4. Only Pilots and their Spotters shall be in the pits. Spectators shall remain behind the cable fence lines in the spectator area.
5. Absolutely no flying shall be allowed over the pit area or spectators. Flying shall only be permitted in the designated area, which is under 400' A.G.L. ceiling over the runway and within the bounds of the tree-line as shown on the Safety maps. (Website and sign on the club house). There is absolutely no flying beyond the road and most importantly, NO FLYING WITHIN 500' OF THE ACTIVE RUNWAY 16-34
6. All Trash shall be removed after flying by those who generated it
7. All aircraft shall face the pit area with exhaust away from spectators
8. All new aircraft will be checked out by an experienced flyer to make sure of its airworthiness before its maiden flight at the field.
9. A qualified club member shall accompany all guests and inexperienced flyers. The club member shall bear responsibility for accidents or injuries caused by the model of a person who does not hold a current AMA Membership.
10. No alcoholic beverages are allowed for pilots until the flying session for that day is complete. Equipment and aircraft must be stowed away prior to consuming any alcohol or other legal substances. There is to be no consumption of Alcohol beyond the spectator fence or within 65 feet of the safety line. Pilots must exercise the "8 hours, bottle to throttle" recommendation as put forth by the FAA. Pilots that are suspected to be under the influence and commence flying (have a plane or sUAS unpacked and ready to fly) may be asked to leave and or may face disciplinary action by the Executive Committee.
11. Absolutely no cross-wise take-offs or landings toward the pit area.
12. No standing at the runway's edge while others are flying
13. All take-offs and landings are to be in the designated direction (To be chosen at the beginning or during each flying session depending on the wind).
14. No taxiing back to the pit area. Taxi off the runway properly to a safe distance away from the pit line, shut off engine and carry or wheel the aircraft back to the pit area.
15. Spotters are required for all Giant Scale, FPV and Sail Plane operations, where Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) may be compromised, where operations may commence close to the 400' AGL proposed limit and in general to adhere to the "See and Avoid" guidance maintaining adequate space from manned aircraft. If there are no spotters, a scanner may be used to monitor 123.00 MHz for the Turners Falls Airport, in order to hear manned aircraft traffic, and be notified of close proximity.
16. Parking can be by the spectator fence and back towards the North West. Except on Event Days where Parking shall be behind the shelter and towards the North West to make room for Spectators. If you are not flying, it is encouraged that you park behind the "Club House" or Shelter and towards the Northwest to make room for those loading and unloading equipment.