

CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS & REGULATIONS OF WHITE HILLS EAGLES R C CLUB, INC.

August 1st, 2018

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of the organization shall be **White Hills Eagles R C Club, Inc.**

ARTICLE 2

Purpose

1. To promote growth in the art of design, construction, and flying of radio controlled model airplanes.
2. To gather and disseminate information on all aspects of model aircraft, design, construction and flying techniques.
3. To encourage family participation in all aspects of the hobby.
4. To impart knowledge, help, support and encouragement to new members.
5. To develop rules for safe flying in a manner which will consider the needs and desires of all members and the community in which we fly.
6. To be affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics and to engage in activities which support its programs.
7. To operate as a non-profit club. In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the club, after payment of debts, shall be paid over to the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center, Bridgeport, CT.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

All persons with the objectives in Article 2 of this constitution of the **White Hills Eagles R C Club, Inc.** (herein after the corporation is referred to as the Club), may be accepted as members after approval by the Membership Committee. Membership is contingent upon abiding by all Club rules and regulations.

Responsibilities on Membership

1. To be a full member, an individual must be at least eighteen (18) years old. A junior member must be under the age of eighteen (18). All members have the right to attend all meetings and Participate in social as well as business functions of the club.
2. All members must also be members of the AMA unless designated as non-flying members.
3. All members must read and shall be responsible for knowing and abiding by the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization.
4. All new members who intend to fly must be approved at the site by a Safety Officer or Flight Instructor Pilot before flying by themselves at the Shelton Field. They must demonstrate flight competency as well as knowledge of the field boundaries and no fly zones.
5. Any flyer that after they have soloed, but later appears to fly in an unsafe manner, will have to go back for recertification by an instructor.
6. All members and their guests are responsible for knowing and complying with the safety rules and regulations set forth by the AMA.
7. Every club member is responsible for the conduct of his/her guest, and it is therefore their responsibility to ensure that the guest fully understands our safety rules and frequency control regulations. In the event of an infraction of the rules by any member or guest, it shall be the responsibility of the member to repair or replace any equipment damaged by such action.
8. Members are allowed to bring only one flying guest per day. Three flying guest visits will be allowed. After this, the guest must apply for membership according to the By Laws.
9. Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly fashion, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
10. All members must conduct themselves in a proper manner. Since our hobby attracts many youngsters and spouses as spectators, all members must use appropriate language at all times. Violations will

- result in a written warning.
11. Cell phone calls shall be received or made in a place other than the meeting hall.
 12. Any member causing the loss of another member's aircraft by not following the frequency control system, shall be required to repair or replace said member's aircraft.
 13. All members and their guests are responsible for obeying all of the aforementioned rules and regulations.

Limitations on Membership

1. Any member flying in an unsafe or non-sportsmanlike manner shall have his or her flying privileges suspended upon receipt of two written warnings within any 12 month period. Such warnings may be required (in writing) by any member of the Club through the Secretary. Such allegations will be investigated by the Executive Committee and a decision rendered. Should the offending member be an officer, the case shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. The results of the investigation shall be discussed in a private meeting and the charged member may be present, if he/she so desires. Should the charged member disagree with findings of the Executive Committee, he/she may appeal to the general membership at a regular or special meeting. The decision of the Executive Committee may be overturned at such a meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting.
2. The Executive Committee shall suspend the flying privileges of any member found to have flown in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner as set forth in paragraph 1 for up to one year. Any member who has been previously suspended under this paragraph, and is again found in such a manner as set forth in paragraph 1, shall be terminated from Club membership. No suspended member during the period of his or her suspension, and no terminated member at any time, shall be allowed to fly in any capacity in any Club event.
3. A record of such warnings, suspensions and terminations will be maintained by the Secretary.
4. Annual dues, initiation fees, and Special Assessments shall be established from time to time by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting. Any member failing to pay his or her annual dues and other fees on or before July 31st shall be terminated and will be reinstated upon payment of a late fee plus the annual dues and any other fees. Until charged per these provisions, the dues and any other fees shall be:

	<u>Dues</u>
Full Member (over 18)	\$100.00
Each Household Member of Full Member (over 18)	\$35.00
Each Junior Household Member of Full Member (under 18)	no fee
Junior Member (18 or under)	\$35.00
Late Fee (over 30 days from due date)	\$10.00

5. A new applicant for any membership will pay in advance a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. Upon acceptance by the membership committee, an additional \$100.00 field assessment fee will be paid for a full membership. Dues for new members will be prorated as follows:

Aug. 1 st to Oct. 31 st = \$100.00	Nov. 1 st to Jan. 31 st = \$75.00
Feb. 1 st to Apr 30 th = \$50.00	May 1 st to July 31 st = \$25.00

6. An applicant who was previously a member of the club, has paid a field assessment fee and who left the club in good standing is eligible to resume membership by paying pro rated dues for the year in which he returns. The field assessment fee and application fee are waived. The applicant must complete and sign a new application form to update his contact and AMA information. All other requirements for membership must be met.

7. The Executive Committee will be empowered to consider and grant a waiver of dues to any individual who feels their economic circumstances are such as to warrant such consideration.
8. That the Membership Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will set the amount of members that the club can safely accommodate on a yearly basis subject to the membership.
9. Prospective members will be by invitation only. Club members may submit names to the membership committee for review but the membership committee has final say to accept or deny admission.
10. **Membership Waiting List Procedure when we are at our Membership Limit:**
 - a. An applicant has to pay the \$25 application fee. He will be put on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by the membership chairman in the order that the application is received.
 - b. When an opening becomes available the first applicant on the waiting list will be notified. He will have 14 days to pay his field assessment and pro rata dues. If he fails to do so within the 14 day period he will drop to the bottom of the waiting list.
 - c. If an existing member fails to pay his dues within 30 days of the due date he will be considered for membership deletion. At that point we will go to the waiting list and initiate the joining procedure.
 - d. If the member who has been dropped, wants to rejoin he will have to go through the waiting list procedure if we are at full strength when he decides to rejoin.

ARTICLE 4 Officers and Voting

1. The Club Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. There shall be an Executive Committee. Its chairman shall be the President, and it shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officers, Chief Instructor Pilot, and Sergeant-at-Arms if appointed. Elections of officers will be held bi-annually during even numbered years, with nominations and election at the annual July meeting of the Club.
The new officers shall assume their responsibilities on August 1st for a two (2) year term.
3. Elections shall be by written ballot, and a candidate shall be elected by a majority of those members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. There shall first be elected a President, and then in turn, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. While no person may seek two or more offices simultaneously, nominations from the floor may be made prior to a vote for any office.
4. Only members in good standing shall hold office or are allowed to vote during elections or to otherwise transact Club business.
5. The President shall appoint a Chief Safety Officer, Chief Instructor Pilot, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Newsletter Editor and Contest Director, and such assistants as he deems necessary to carry out their respective duties, functions, and shall assign appropriate tasks to each. The names, addresses and telephone numbers for the general membership shall be made available on request.
6. The President shall appoint chairmen of, and assign appropriate tasks to any committee as may be needed from time to time.
7. The Membership Committee shall consist of four (4) members appointed by the Club Officers.
8. **In the event of the resignation of a club officer, the Board of Directors will appoint a member in good standing to perform the duties of the officer for the remainder of his term. The acting officer or any eligible member will be nominated and elected at the next regularly scheduled election along with other officers.**
9. Duties of Officers.
 - a. **PRESIDENT:** Presides at Club meetings, is ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a Sergeant-at-Arms as necessary, and chairperson of committees to complete appropriate tasks as may be needed from time to time.

- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Assumes the duties of the President if absent and assists and represents the President when so directed.
- c. **SECRETARY:** Keeps records of the proceedings of all meetings. Maintains an official membership list with names, addresses, telephone numbers and other member information as may be necessary in collaboration with the Treasurer. Notifies members of special meetings, records number of those present at the meetings and maintains custody of all Club documents, records, reports, communications connected with the business of the Club except those associated with the Treasurer. Conducts all correspondence of the Club, including updating changes in club membership to A.M.A. Headquarters.
- d. **TREASURER:** Accounts for all finances of the Club, including money received and bills paid, and issues membership cards in collaboration with the Secretary. Presents financial reports at the Club business meetings. Maintains pertinent financial records of the Club and other pertinent records, as required by law.
- e. **SAFETY OFFICER:** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the overall safety environment at the Flying Field. The Safety Officer has the responsibility and authority to bar individuals, whether Club members or not, from using or continuing to use the Club flying field if they do not adhere to the AMA and Club safety rules and procedures. It is the Safety Officer's responsibility to notify the said individual of his/her violation, along with one or more of the officers to determine what arrangements must be made to alleviate the unsafe situation. The Safety Officer then must approve these arrangements before the individual can use the Club flying field.
- f. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** May be appointed at any time it is considered necessary. Their duty will be to maintain order and to prevent physical injury between persons during club activities.
- g. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The four (4) committee members, appointed by the Club Officers, are responsible to evaluate the prospective new member. It may accept or reject membership to the Club based on his or her safety record, flying capabilities, attitude, willingness to help others at the field and prior clubs participation record.
- h. **CHIEF INSTRUCTOR PILOT (CIP):** The CIP has the authority to appoint other club members in good standing to perform the duties of an Instructor Pilot. The Instructor Pilot's responsibility is to train new pilots to fly in a safe manner in accordance to the By-Laws "Article 8". When new Pilot has completed his training, the CIP has the final authority to approve any new pilot flying at the WHERCC field locations.

**ARTICLE 5
Amendments**

1. This constitution, the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Club, and any supplements or attachments, may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of all the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.
2. Notice of any proposed changes shall be mailed to all members a minimum of two weeks prior to the the next meeting. This notice shall contain the substance of the proposed change(s).

**ARTICLE 6
Field Rules**

1. It is recommended that no member fly alone.
2. All fliers must be AMA members in good standing. All field and flight operations shall be strictly in accordance with the current AMA safety code.
3. No more than three aircraft including helicopters shall be in the air at any given time. This includes helicopters hovering on the helicopter pad or flying in pattern on the main field.
4. Flying is absolutely forbidden over the pits and no fly zones as established by the Executive Committee.
5. Full-scale aircraft have absolute right of way over all model aircraft.

6. No one other than pilots, spotters, students, instructors or safety officers is permitted in the Pit area or on the flying field. All others must remain in the spectator area, which is located under the canopy.
7. Every pilot is responsible for the worthiness of his or her model and controls, and shall inspect his or her aircraft before each flight. Every new or repaired aircraft is subject to safety and flight worthiness inspections at any time by any officer, safety officer or instructor. Unsafe equipment will be grounded until correction and/or repairs are made.
8. All engines with a displacement greater than .051 cubic inches shall be equipped with a muffler with db no greater than 96 @ nine feet at full throttle.
9. Observe posted times at the field.
10. All flyers not using 2.4 GHz transmitters shall use their frequency clip and **place on the fence**. A transmitter impound is recommended under the canopy for three or more **FM radio** flyers. All pilots should observe a 15 minute time limitation, after which the frequency clip is **removed from the fence**, allowing rotation to the next flyer.
11. No FM radio shall be activated until the pilots' frequency clip appears on the **FENCE**.
12. It is recommended that all members flying gasoline powered models have a UL approved fire extinguisher close at hand.
13. All helicopter operations shall be by mutual consent with airplane pilots with a 15 minute time limit.
14. All members are responsible for removing their trash when they leave the field.
15. Announce your intentions to take off, touch and go, dead stick, low pass and landings. Dead Stick has right of way.
16. Use the three flight stations marked by pad.
17. Fly responsibly.....use spotter.
18. Obey no fly zone...northern point of field and southeast corner as marked.
19. Use fuel overflow containers.
20. No smoking.
21. All major engine adjustments and breaking in will be performed on the hill behind flight line.
22. Pilots will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, nor during, participation in any model operations.

ARTICLE 7

Parking

1. Drive on gravel road and parking area only.
2. Only Park vehicles in designated area behind the pits.
3. No driving down to field when snow is covering the road. You can walk down to the field to fly off the snow.
4. First car in parks on either side of the canopy.
5. No parking on roadway or farmer's hay field. Please avoid driving or turning on these areas.
6. Guests are not allowed to park in the parking area on busy days. If parking area becomes crowded with members, guests will be required to move and park on the road.

ARTICLE 8

Instructor/Student Rules

1. Certain qualified flyers have been designated as instructors. No one may assume the role of instructor without being so designated by the Chief Instructor Pilot. All beginners must fly under the direct control of an instructor until that instructor allows them to solo.
2. Cases may arise that an individual wishes to have his/her aircraft checked out by a member in good Standing not rated as an instructor. Under these conditions, the person asked to perform the checkout becomes the "de facto owner" of the aircraft for the duration of the flight(s), but still may not function in the capacity of an instructor. The aircraft must remain solely under his/her control and responsibility.
3. In order to qualify as a pilot, each student must demonstrate his/her proficiency in performing each of listed maneuvers:

- a. Takeoff
- b. Perform procedure turn away from the pit/spectator area and climb to altitude.
- c. Perform two consecutive figure eight maneuvers while maintaining altitude.
- d. Land in a satisfactory manner.

ARTICLE 9
Frequency Controls

1. All non 2.4 GHz transmitters must display channel number on the antenna and comply with current AMA requirements. No transmitters shall be operated on any frequencies which are not approved by the AMA and FCC.
2. When ready to fly with a **FM transmitter**, place frequency clip on the **fence**.
3. When flight is over, make sure transmitter is OFF. Remove **your frequency clip from the fence** and return transmitter to the impound area.

This CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS & REGULATIONS OF WHITE HILLS EAGLES R C CLUB, INC. amends the **March 5th, 2013** revision.