

Pegasus Radio Control Club Inc. By Laws
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Article 1: Dues and Fees:

Active Members

Active Members support the Club financially through their dues, and participate in the Club's business through their votes at meetings and their committee activities. Annual dues for active members shall be assessed in an amount determined by the club membership. The final date for payment of dues will be December 31st of each year.

Members' Spouses and Children

Active members' spouses and children under 18 years of age and living at home shall be exempt from dues requirements and shall be the responsibility of the active member. These members shall have no voice in Club business.

New Members

New members joining after September 1 shall pay 1/2 the annual dues fee. Those joining after November 1 may pay the full annual dues and they will apply for the following year.

Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be exempt from the dues requirements and shall have no voice in Club business. The general membership shall determine the eligibility of applicants for honorary membership.

Student Members

Full time students shall pay 1/2 the annual due.

Article 2: Officers:

Club officers shall be elected by the Active Members present at the annual November meeting of the Club. A President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Safety Officers shall be elected for each year. Officer nominations close at November Membership meeting. The duties of the officers are listed below:

President:

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the club and enforce all laws and regulations of the club.
2. Shall perform all duties as shall be imposed on the President by resolution of the active members.
3. Shall, with the secretary, sign all written contracts and all written obligations of the club.
4. Shall be chairman of the executive committee.

Vice President:

1. In the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President.
2. In the event of death or disability of the President, The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President until the next annual election. The vacant office will be that of Vice President, and may be filled by vote of the membership.

Secretary:

1. Shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the club.
2. Shall conduct the official correspondence of the club.
3. Shall keep all records, books, documents, and papers relating to the club.
4. Shall assist keeping record of all members in good standing, to include contact

information (email, phone, address).

5. Shall assist collecting the yearly dues from members and turn over monies to the Treasurer.
6. Shall perform such other duties as shall be imposed upon the Secretary by resolution of the active members.

Treasurer:

1. Shall keep an account of all money received by the Pegasus RC Club, Inc. and deposit same promptly in a bank designated by the active members.
2. Shall not pay out any money of the club except in such a manner and for such purpose as approved by the Executive Committee.
3. Upon request of the membership, shall make a statement of the financial condition of the club.
4. Shall submit a detailed report of the financial condition of the club for the preceding year, which report shall be audited by the Executive Committee.

Safety Officers:

1. Shall keep record of and publish the field safety rules and also A.M.A. regulations.
2. Shall give warnings to anyone violating club safety rules.

Article 3: Committees:

Two Standing Committees shall be composed largely of the elected officers of the Club. The duties of these committees are listed below. Other Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary and all members are urged to take active participation in these committees when asked.

Standing Committees:

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee conducts all normal Club business, reporting same to the membership at the next meeting. The Executive Committee may spend up to \$250 per item without direct approval of the membership. Any outstanding or exceptional business shall be acted upon by the membership as well as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall propose field rules as needed for the enhancement of the safety and enjoyment of the flyers, and shall evaluate the use of the Guest Privileges at the flying field to prevent abuse of such privileges.

Safety Committee: The Executive Committee plus two members in good standing (who are to be appointed by the Executive Committee) will constitute the Safety Committee. This committee has the responsibility for enforcing the flying rules of the Club, and is empowered to do so by the membership. Additional specific information on the duties of the Safety Committee may be found in Article 7.

Article 4: Finances:

There shall be no disbursement of club funds unless done in the following manner:

1. All bills incurred must be itemized for presentation to the Executive Committee for their approval.
2. A petty cash fund to be established in the amount of \$25 and maintained at this amount. Bills up to \$25 may be paid from petty cash. Bills over \$25 shall be paid by check.
3. An itemized sales slip bearing the signature of the authorized purchaser must be presented to the treasurer covering all purchased material.
4. No cash shall be advanced to any officer or member for the purchase of material without the approval of the Executive Committee.

5. Funds of the club shall not be used by any officer or member for personal use. Termination of membership is the penalty for such misuse of funds by any officer or member.
6. When a committee requires the expenditure of money an amount will be specified by the Executive Committee.
7. To save the club money, a majority of club correspondence will be done through: primarily - email, secondary - club webpage and/or Facebook page.

Article 5: Property:

The Club shall pay any rental, utility, insurance, or other incidental expenses for a meeting place, the charges being an amount agreed upon by the active members present.

The Club shall maintain a site for a flying field for the use of the members and their guests. Rental, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and other expenses are to be borne by the Club treasury, with the annual dues amount being adjusted as necessary to assure that these expenses can be covered. The code to the conex will be given to club officers and trainers only.

Article 6: Amendments:

The By Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present. The membership shall be notified of the proposed amendment by email 30 days prior to the vote on the proposed amendment.

Article 7: Flight Safety:

The safety of members, guests, and spectators at the flying field is to be regarded as the most important duty of all club members. The Safety Committee is charged with the responsibility for ensuring flight safety by:

1. Publishing Field Rules to be followed in addition to the A.M.A. regulations.
2. Working directly with those who may be flying in an unsafe manner.
3. Providing official warnings to members or guests who violate those rules.
4. Suspending flying privileges where warnings fail to correct unsafe behavior.
5. Suspending membership in the Club when all else fails.

Any member of the Safety Committee shall be carrying the "Club's Authority" relative to safety enforcement. Their judgment shall be FINAL in any "on site" dispute.

When violations of the Field Rules are reported to and confirmed by the Safety Committee, the offending member will be so informed by the Safety Committee. Three warnings will result in the suspension of flying privileges for a length of time to be determined by the Safety Committee, taking into account the type of violation.

However, if a member is blatantly breaking field rules in a dangerous manner, the Safety Committee may take whatever action is necessary to protect the life and safety of the members and spectators up to and including suspension from the club.

Article 8: Flight Rules:

1. All flyers must be current AMA members and show proof upon request.
2. All flyers shall abide by the AMA safety code and use extreme caution.

3. Frequency Control AMA and Club Card must be placed in slot.
 - A. All transmitters must be placed in the impound area immediately upon arrival at the field.
 - B. The correct frequency pin must be obtained and attached to the transmitter from the impound area.
 - C. Upon completion of flight, transmitter will be returned to the impound and frequency pin returned to the frequency board.
 - D. Correct frequency flag(s) and channel number must be displayed on the transmitter antenna.
4. No flying allowed behind the Red blocks (flight line).
5. NO DRUGS AND OR ALCOHOL INSIDE THE GATE!
6. NO SMOKING IN THE PIT AREA!
7. All pilots shall stand on white blocks while flying.
8. No taxiing of aircraft in the pit area.
9. No tuning or extended running in of engines in the pit area.
10. No taking off of helicopters from the pit area, including multi-rotor.
11. No prolonged (more than 30 seconds) hovering of aircraft over the runway while others are flying, unless discussed with other flying members.
12. Engine noise must not exceed 96db level (measured 20ft. from side of prop 2ft off the ground at full throttle).
13. Limit control of frequency to 15 minutes if someone is waiting.
14. Take off and land in the same direction on an active runway as designed by the wind direction, wind sock, and or wind-vane.
15. Only AMA/Club members and those persons essential to the flight operations are permitted beyond the spectator fence.
16. Helicopter pilots shall abide by the same flight rules as the fixed wing craft, also, no hovering in the pit area.
17. There shall be no high-starts or winches on the flying field.
18. When there are flyers on the pilot line, NO low high speed passes.
19. Each flyer is responsible to settle any damage claims against him or her that are not covered by the AMA liability coverage.
20. It is recommended that everyone is a "SAFETY WATCHER", more communications between flyers on the pilot line is needed.
21. Pilots must have membership card and AMA card visible at all times.

Article 9: New Flyer/Prospective Member:

Prospective members may fly at the field an indefinite number of times provided they are on a "Buddy Box" operated by a club member designated as an Introductory Pilot under AMA Introductory Pilot Program. (A.M.A. certifies Introductory Pilots and requires a fee for that certification so that A.M.A. insurance will be in force.) If the Introductory Pilot determines that the prospective member is not serious about soloing or is prolonging his instruction to avoid the expense of joining A.M.A or the Pegasus Club, the privilege of flying at the field will be discontinued.

Article 10: Visiting Flyers:

A flyer visiting the local area who has current AMA membership may fly at the Club field provided that person is sponsored by an active club member in good standing. The

sponsoring member is responsible for seeing that all Club safety rules are followed.

A flyer with current A.M.A. and membership in another club may fly at the club field periodically. Reciprocity with other chartered AMA clubs is to be encouraged, to enhance the flying experience and create good will among others in the sport.

The Executive Committee has the authority to require membership in the Pegasus Club if they determine that the privilege outlined in the above paragraphs is being abused by any individual.

Article 11: Failure to follow Constitution or By-Laws:

Failure to comply with the Pegasus R/C Club Constitution or By-Laws which goes against the Purpose of the club can result in disciplinary action that could include up to membership termination. When violations of the Constitution or By-Laws are reported to and confirmed by the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will meet and determine discipline of said member(s).

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

(FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- a.** A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
- b.** FIRST VIOLATION - Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
- c.** SECOND VIOLATION - Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
- d.** THIRD VIOLATION - Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- e.** The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- f.** Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

