

LEBANON AREA R/C CLUB BYLAWS

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Article 1.

Name of Organization -

The name of this organization is; **Lebanon Area R/C**

Article 2.

PURPOSE - To secure, improve and maintain an existing private flying site in the Lebanon area.

- A. This is a mutual benefit non-profit State Corporation, #93-1313223, with a IRS 501 (c) (7) status.

Article 3.

ORGANIZATION -

- A. The key to using and keeping this, and any, site is a good relationship of the club and the site owner. The goal is to keep the site protected for club use. All decisions made by the club must reflect and safe guard this goal.
- B. Members elect five (5) officers annually. They serve for one year and may be re-elected. These five(5) officers make up the Board of Directors. They organize themselves, having a Chairman.

Club officers are:

- 1) President
- 1) Vice President
- 1) Secretary
- 1) Treasurer
- 1) Field maintenance and safety officer.

- C. The role of the Board is:
- 1. to oversee the site condition, maintenance and use
 - 2. to oversee the membership, club business and all funds.
- D. An annual club meeting shall be held in November (for nominations to be voted on) in December and to do the following:
- 1. elect board members for the coming year
 - 2. decide the dues for the new year
 - 3. vote on any proposed changes in policies

- E. If the club loses the present flying site its status will become inactive status, POLICY # 2.D will be complied with. The club treasure will be maintained in account under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

Article 4.

FUNDING -

- A. Each member pays an initiation fee that cost \$25.00.
- B. Dues are \$25.00 per year for open members.
- C. Dues and membership fees are non refundable.
- D. Annual CLUB DUES are based on the calendar year. Dues are payable on or by January 1, of each year. Any member who has not paid their annual dues by March 31, will receive a letter listing;
 - 1. to pay their dues.
 - 2. suspend their membership until dues are current.
- E. New membership first year dues will be prorated on the quarter of the year.
- F. AMA DUES - any member who has not paid their AMA dues by January 1st. will be put on a non-flying status until AMA dues are paid.
 - 1. While on a non flying status the member may request that their membership be terminated.
- G. Funds are to be used for site improvement, maintenance, and preservation. This keeps the major focus of the club on its flying site. The board must refer any expenditure over \$100.00 to the membership for their approval by a simple majority of members present.
- H. Changes in the annual dues may be approved by a simple majority of members present, prior to the year being decided, or a special called meeting.
- I. Complete Disbanding - If the club disbands the treasury will be distributed to other club(s) with membership approval.

Article 5.

MEMBERSHIP -The number of memberships shall be recommended by the Board, and approved by a simple majority of members present. They must keep the wishes of the Landowner in mind in this decision.

- A All members who fly must keep current membership in the AMA and show their current AMA card when paying dues.

1. NON FLYING STATUS: (30 DAY LIMIT)

a. one who has not paid current AMA dues.

b. to return to flying status, you must -

- i. Have current club dues paid and have current AMA card received by January 31,

and

- ii. notify the club secretary or an officer by March 31, and show proof of receipt of AMA membership if you have not yet received your card.

- B. Application for membership is open to all parties in the Linn /Benton area with an interest in the purpose of this organization, without restriction to color, race, age or sex.
- C. Applicants must be sponsored by a current member.
- D. Membership in the club gives the owner the right to:
 1. use of the flying site for him and his immediate family living at the same address.
 2. one vote in club business matters and elections.
 3. the obligation to follow club policies and do his share of the work.
- E. New member may be admitted only with the approval of the Board and a simple majority of members present.

Article 6.

SITE RULES - These rules are written so the use of the flying site may be preserved. They are aimed at safety, noise, and community relations.

- A. All flyers flying at the site must be current AMA members and will abide by all club and AMA rules.
- B. No alcohol beverages are allowed at the flying site.
- C. Smoking allowed in smoking area only.
- D. Flying hours are 9:00 A.M. through 9:00 P.M. for fuel engines, no limit for electric.
- E. Adequate mufflers shall be used; noise level in accordance with AMA and club rules.
 - I. NOISE LEVEL: A maximum noise level of 96 or 98 decibels (as per AMA) will be enforced. Any model exceeding this level after being tested can not be flown.
- F. Flyers will fly only in the designated areas as recommended in the AMA rule book.
- G. All flyers must sign in and out of the log book when arriving and leaving the field.
- H. We will remember that we are flying on property owned by someone else. Therefore, common courtesies must be kept in mind as we drive through and use the property. There is a 5MPH speed limit for LARC members.

Article 7.

GUEST - Members may invite non-flying guests as often as they like. Non-members who are AMA members may fly in club sponsored events.

- A. Members may invite a flying guest providing the member or the guest does not fly at the same time, this is to ensure other members their share of flying time.
- B. All flying guest are required to have current AMA status unless using a buddy cord system.

Article 8.**(CONDUCT, FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)**

LARC RC Modelers mission is to promote and cultivate the enjoyment of both association and safe flying. When Club Members are representing LARC we must expect a standard of safe and respectful behavior both on the ground and in the air. The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing conduct and 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.

Article 9.

CHANGES IN POLICIES - Any club policy may be changed or new policies added by a simple majority vote of members present. Notification of the purposed change must first be sent to all members so that they are aware of the meeting or at a specially called meeting.