# ANOKA COUNTY RADIO CONTROL, INC.

**CORPORATE BY-LAWS** 

Amendments Through August 1, 2025

# ANOKA COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB INC.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to any person regardless of sex, race, religion or age.
- Section 2 New members may join at any time upon written application being approved by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Members are responsible for paying membership dues on time and in full. New members must pay at the time of application. For new members joining after September 1, the dues will include the following year. Renewals are due on or before January 31st of each year
- Section 4 Membership in ACRC will terminate if there is no payment of dues by January 31st. If a member is dropped from membership for any reason, reinstatement shall be on the same basis as a new member.
- Section 5 Members are permitted to vote at any meeting or serve as a board member.
- Section 6 All ACRC members shall be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (A.M.A.) and shall obtain any necessary Federal Communication Commission (F.C.C.) license.

### ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- Section 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) elected members. The board shall select a president, vice-president, recording secretary, membership secretary, treasurer, and safety coordinator, pilot training coordinator and event coordinator from among its members.
- Section 2 All board members shall be elected for two (2) years with four (4) board members elected each year.
- Section 3 Candidates for board members shall be nominated at the May and June meetings and shall be voted upon at the July meeting each year. Voting for board members shall be by written ballot. The board shall elect the officers at the first board meeting following the July election. If any of the May, June or July meetings is canceled due to bad weather the nominations and election will be moved back one month.
- Section 4 Vacancies shall be filled by the appointment of the board, and shall serve for the remaining term of the replaced member.
- Section 5 The president may appoint board members to committees, as needed, to handle special duties or projects.

- Section 6 Board meetings are open to all members. However, only board members are permitted to vote.
- Section 7 A quorum at any board meeting shall be five (5) members.
- Section 8 Any board member failing to attend two (2) consecutive board meeting, unless excused by the president, shall have their board membership terminated.

### ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Section 1 The board shall be responsible for setting an initiation fee, for setting annual dues, for authorizing special assessments and for carrying out the will of the club members to the best of their knowledge and ability.
- Section 2 The president shall preside at the membership and board meetings. He shall conduct the monthly membership meeting. A board meeting shall be held within ten (10) days of each membership meeting.
- Section 3 The vice-president shall preside at and act as president at any meeting at which the president is absent.
- Section 4 The recording secretary shall record the minutes at all meetings and publish the minutes in the next newsletter.
- Section 5 The treasurer shall receive and disperse all funds in the name of the club. He shall keep an accurate record of the funds of the club.
- Section 6 The field and safety coordinator shall be responsible for the enforcement of the field rules and shall coordinate field maintenance activities.
- Section 7 The membership secretary shall keep a list of members and a record of dues paid. He shall also present applications for new membership at board meetings.
- Section 8 The event coordinator shall be responsible for running the fun flies and for working with the contest directors to put on any contests that the membership authorizes.
- Section 9 The pilot training coordinator shall be responsible for recruiting ACRC members as flight instructors and for maintaining a list of the instructors. He shall also coordinate the training equipment and develop an instruction syllabus so that all students will receive the same instruction.

#### **ARTICLE IV - INDEBTEDNESS**

Section 1 Indebtedness may be incurred in excess of the amount in the treasury only for purposes of obtaining a flying site or construction of a flying site. Such indebtedness must be approved by two-thirds of the members present at any meeting. The proposal for such indebtedness must be submitted in writing and be read to members one month prior to being voted upon.

## **ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Amendments to these by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any general membership meeting. Voting must be by written ballot. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and read to members one month prior to being voted upon.

#### **ARTICLE VI - NONPROFIT**

Section 1 These by-laws and any subsequent amendments are to abide by the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 317, Laws of Minnesota, 1978.

### **ARTICLE VII - SAFETY**

- Section 1 All members are individually responsible for constructing, operating and maintaining their aircraft in accordance with the rules and guidelines as given in the A.M.A. rule book.
- Section 2 All members must observe the field rules as posted at the flying field. All members shall receive a copy of these rules annually.
- Section 3 Changes to the field rules must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any general membership meeting. Voting must be by written ballot. Proposed rule changes must be submitted in writing and be read to the members one month prior to being voted upon.
- Section 4 Each organized event (fun fly, pylon race, pattern contest, etc.) must be approved by a two-third vote of the members present at the meeting when proposed.
- Section 5 The entire club may be held accountable for the action of any individual member. Therefore, it is imperative that each member take responsibility to prevent, correct and/or report to the board any flagrant violations of the A.M.A. safety code or the club rules. Examples would be a person who refuses to follow the air traffic pattern established for the field or a person who refuses to follow frequency controls.
- Section 6 Most safety infractions can be corrected without stern measures and members can be corrected with a gentle reminder, explanation or urging, keeping in mind that the use of the field should be both safe and enjoyable.
- Section 7 The board is empowered to investigate and take action in cases of severe or repeated safety violations. Such action could range from helpful education and training to obtaining an injunction from the court to prevent that person from using the field.