



Lodi Area R/C Club, Inc.

BYLAWS

Rev 17

Article I – Club Name

The club shall be known as the *Lodi Area R/C Club, Inc.* It shall also be known as the *Lodi Area Radio Control Club* and by the short name “LARCC”.

Article II – Purpose of the Club

The purpose of the LARCC will be to provide a quality, family oriented environment for the enjoyment and educational aspects of building and flying of radio control aircraft and to promote public acceptance of our sport/hobby.

Article III – Membership

1. Membership is open to all persons who show a genuine interest in radio controlled models. In addition, the person must have a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and be current on any registration required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in order to fly. Members further agree to follow the safety code of the AMA and the additional safety rules of the flying site(s).
2. Types of Members
 - A. General – Full membership rights and privileges, including flight. Person must be a current AMA member and be current on any registration required by the FAA.
 - B. Junior – Full membership rights and privileges, including flight, at a reduced dues rate as determined by the board of directors. Person must be current AMA member, be current on any registration required by the FAA, and under 16 years of age.
 - C. Family – Immediate family member(s) of a General Member who must be over the age of 16 and reside at the same address. Immediate family member(s) must also be an AMA member(s) and be current on any registration required by the FAA .

Family member(s) have full membership rights and privileges, including flight.

3. Application for Membership

- A. Application is executed by filling out a form in which contains the applicant's name, address, phone number, current AMA number, and FAA registration number (if applicable), and attaching the current year's dues, which may be given to any officer.
- B. Upon receipt of the application form and dues by the Treasurer, an appropriate membership card, as well as field rules and club bylaws will be issued to the applicant.

4. Revocation of Membership

- A. Repeated violations of the safety code, field rules, or any conduct detrimental to the Club may result in suspension or revocation of membership.
- B. A member may be suspended by a majority vote of the board of directors.
- C. The board of directors will bring the matter to the attention of the general membership and provide thirty days' notice of the intention to bring the matter before the membership for a vote.
- D. If a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present at the meeting vote for revocation of membership, the offending member will be expelled from the Club.
- E. Also see Article VII – Rules and Regulations.
- F. Reinstatement may be made by application and a majority vote of the members.

5. Resignation

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

6. Termination

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Article IV – Powers and Officials of the Club

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, the powers of this Club shall be exercised and its business affairs and property managed by a board of directors consisting of the following elected and appointed officials:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
 - E. Safety Officer/Coordinator
 - F. Board Member at Large (elected)
 - G. Board Member at Large (appointed)
 - H. Immediate Past President
2. Elected officers of the Club, except the president and vice president may also hold another office.
3. All outgoing officers shall continue in their positions until a qualified replacement has been elected or appointed by the board of directors.
4. The appointed board member shall be appointed by the incoming president and confirmed by the general membership.
5. Vacancies in the elected officials may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining board members and such person shall hold office until the next general election.
 - A. If the immediate past president is no longer a member of the Club, the board seat will remain unfilled.
6. The board of directors may designate a field marshal, chief instructor and such other board officials as are needed to perform the daily business of the Club.
7. Any elected official may be removed from office by the members with a 2/3 majority vote of those present at the meeting whenever they believe it is in the best interest of the Club.
8. Officers of the Club are elected for 1 year terms. The term will begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year.

Article V – Duties of Office

1. President – The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and shall have general supervision of its affairs and shall be subject to the control of the board of directors. The president shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the board of directors and shall carry out the policies established by the board. The president will act as official spokesman for the Club. Also, the president will appoint such committees as is required and may sit on any and all committees.
2. Vice President – The vice president shall perform and discharge the duties of the president in case of his/her absence or inability to act. The vice president shall also perform such other duties as the board of directors or president shall prescribe.

3. Secretary – The secretary shall give notice of all meetings or cause the same to be done, where notice may be required. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all such meetings, conduct all club correspondence and perform the duties incidental to the office of secretary and such other duties as the board or president shall prescribe. The secretary shall also maintain a record of club membership, member applications and members' AMA status.
4. Treasurer – The treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Club and should render an accurate account of the financial condition of the Club at the meeting of the membership. The treasurer shall collect all dues, assessments, and the amounts owing to the club and deposit the same to a bank account in the Club's name. The treasurer shall discharge all financial obligations of the Club as approved by the board of directors or club membership.
5. Safety Officer/Coordinator – The safety officer/coordinator shall be the safety advisor for the Club. The safety officer/coordinator will provide a communications link between the AMA and the Club in matters related to safety. The safety officer/coordinator will also develop, promote, and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the Club.

The safety officer/coordinator shall conduct safety awareness training as needed and conduct an annual safety audit of club facilities, equipment and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.

The safety officer/coordinator shall have the authority to enforce the AMA Safety Code or any club safety rules and determine if the issue needs to be referred to the grievance committee. (See Article VIII)

The safety officer/coordinator is required to have an email address for communications from the AMA.

Article VI – Funds

The funds and properties shall stand in the name of the Club. Operating expenditures, or emergency expenditures may be authorized by the board of directors. Otherwise, funds of the Club shall be disbursed only as authorized by the majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VII – Rules and Regulations

The board of directors shall have the power to make rules and regulations, by resolution, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, the articles of incorporation, or these bylaws, as they may deem necessary for the safe and orderly conduct of the following activities:

- A. Flying Field
- B. Pilot and Instructor's qualifications
- C. Training Aircraft
- D. Competition, Demonstrations, Shows and Contests
- E. Any other activity designed to carry out the objectives of the Club

Article VIII – Grievance Committee

1. The board of directors will function as the grievance committee for the purposes of investigating, reviewing and dealing with reported violations of the safety code, field rules, or any conduct deemed detrimental to the Club.
2. Any member may submit a grievance or report suspected violations. Violations or grievances may be submitted to any member of the board of directors. The report should contain the name(s) of the participant(s), the name of the person reporting, and identify any witnesses, along with complete description of the event or incident.
3. Minor unintentional infractions of sound safety practice should be reported to the club safety officer. The safety officer can determine if the issue needs to be referred to the grievance committee.
4. Upon receipt of a grievance the board of directors will initiate an inquiry/investigation to determine if any action is required. The board of directors must determine if an offense has been committed, if the offense was deliberate or non-deliberate, and whether or not further action is required.
5. The board of directors may dismiss a complaint if it finds no basis for the complaint or cannot determine fault.
6. The board of directors will be responsible for and have authority for the following actions based on the severity of the offense:
 - A. Issue a warning
 - B. Administer a suspension of privileges (not to exceed 30 days).
 - C. Recommend revocation of membership to be administered as described in Article III, Section 4.

Article IX – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or repealed at any annual or regular meeting of the membership by a majority vote of all members of the Club or a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the meeting, whichever is lesser, providing that the proposed amendment or repeal has been brought up at the previous meeting or notice of the proposed change has been given to the members one month prior to the meeting.

Article X – Voting

1. Each General, Junior and Family member shall have one vote in all Club business.
2. Each officer of the Club may vote in any and all matters with the exception of the president who may only vote in the event of a tie.
3. Members must be physically present to vote. There is no voting by proxy.

Article XI – Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Dissolution of the Club
 - A. The duration of the Club shall be perpetual.
 - B. The Club may be dissolved at any annual or regular meeting of the membership by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the meeting, providing that notice of the proposed dissolution has been brought up at the previous meeting or notice of the proposed dissolution has been given to the members one month prior to the meeting.
2. Meetings
 - A. Annual General Meeting: An annual meeting of this Club shall be held in December of each year, at a time and place of which all members have been notified. The annual meeting shall be the meeting at which the election of the board of directors for the following year shall take place.
 - B. Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club officers. Due notice of any changes in, or canceling of, a monthly meeting shall be given to all members.

3. Dues

- A. A one time \$100 initiation fee will be shall be paid by each new member. This initiation fee includes the club dues for that year.
 - a. All members wishing to join the club for 2017 will be required to pay the \$100 initiation fee as the club dues for 2017.
 - b. If a new member brings an additional new member into the club, the initiation fee will be reduced by \$20 for both new members (initiation fee would be \$80 for each new member).
 - c. The club secretary will keep a record of the date when new members have joined.
- B. The dues for the following year shall be established at the annual meeting by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.
- C. In cases of revocation, resignation, or termination of membership, any portion of membership dues will be considered forfeit and non-refundable.
- D. New first time members who pay dues on or after the first Sunday after Labor Day will receive membership for the remainder of the current year and the whole of the following year.

4. Guest Pilots

- A. A club member must be present while the guest pilot is at the field.
- B. Club members are responsible for making any guest pilots aware of the field rules.
- C. Guest pilots are required to be AMA members and have FAA registration (if required) and must show card(s) upon request by any club member.
- D. Guest pilots are allowed to fly 3 times (days) at the club's field without having join the club. Published invitational events do not count against the 3 times (days).