

SHREVEPORT AREA RADIO KONTROL SOCIETY, INC.

SHREVEPORT – BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

BY-LAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP

1. DEFINITION OF MEMBERS

- a. **Life Member ----- a full member with club privileges for life. (Voting)**
- b. **Full Member ----- all members except those who qualify as Junior, Extended Student, Family or Associate Member. (Voting)**
- c. **Family Member ----- family members include the members spouse and children up to age 19. (Non-Voting)**
- d. **Junior Member ----- is extended to those persons who are in full student status through high school graduation.**
- e. **Extended Student - Special Exemption ----- full time college students, upon application to the Board of Directors (BOD) may apply for Extended Student – Special Exemption. A full member not related to applicant must sponsor them. (Non-Voting)**
- f. **Associate Member ----- will be extended to persons wishing to receive the Newsletter only. No other privileges are afforded. (Non-Voting)**
- g. **Visitor/Temporary Member ----- will be extended to AMA members who are visiting in the area for no more than 30 days. Visitors exceeding 30 days through 6 months may make application for a Temporary Membership, through a full member in good standing, to the BOD for a one time period only and to pay dues on a prorated basis. (Non-Voting)**
- h. **Associate Member with Flying Privileges ----- extended to members from other AMA clubs who live at least 50 miles from the Shreveport Courthouse and wish to have access to the field. (Non-voting)**

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

A full member must nominate all prospective members at a regular meeting.

2. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

- a. Full CLUB privileges will be afforded the applicant who is a member of AMA, upon receipt of his/her SHARKS Application Form accompanied by dues, and upon recommendation by a CLUB member in good standing to a CLUB officer.**
- b. Prospective member applications will be voted on at the next scheduled regular meeting at which time he/she will be officially voted into the CLUB. If the application is disapproved, dues will be refunded at that time.**

3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Termination of membership may occur by resignation, failure to pay dues or for just cause.

- a. A member may resign by notifying the CLUB Secretary in writing. No dues will be refunded unless a severe hardship can be proved to the BOD by the member.**
- b. Failure to pay annual dues within the prescribed time frame as stated in the Constitution will result in loss of membership. Any member who is dropped for non-payment of dues and subsequently applies for membership in the same year will be required to pay the full-years dues, plus initiation fee, in order to be re-instated. If, after a one-year absence, an individual dropped for non-payment applies for membership, they will be considered as a new member.**
- c. A membership may be withdrawn for just cause for willful disregard of CLUB rules and regulations, Constitution and By-Laws. The nature of the incident will be reported to the BOD who will require the SAFETY COORDINATOR (or other officer if he is unavailable) to investigate the incident and report his findings to the BOD. The member may request to plead his case before the BOD and or general membership. The BOD may elect to penalize the member to a lesser degree if found guilty of the offense.**

2. DUES

1. CURRENT MEMBERS

Members will pay dues annually at the following rate:

- a. Life: \$ None**
- b. Full: \$ 140.00**
- c. Extended Student: \$ 24.00, initiation fee waived**
- d. Junior: \$ 12.00, initiation fee waived**
- e. Associate: \$ 12.00, for Newsletter only**
- f. Family: \$ None**
- g. Associate w/flying: \$ 60.00, initiation fee waived, (no prorating of dues).**

2. NEW MEMBERS

- a. Anyone applying for membership must pay a full years dues and an initiation fee of \$25.00.**
- b. Those Full members who join the club between July 1st and October 31st will be required to pay dues for a full year, however an appropriate prorated amount will be credited towards dues due for the next year.**
- c. Any member applying for membership after October 31st will be considered paid in full for the following year.**
- d. Dues for the Associate Membership w/Flying Privileges are not Pro-rated regardless of date of joining.**

3. COLLECTIONS

- a. All initiation fees, member dues and any other monies collected will go into the operating fund.**
- b. The operating fund will be used to pay all operating expenses in the current year and the operating expenses for the following January and February.**
- c. All excess funds at the end of each calendar year will go into a separate allocated fund reserved for future capital improvements.**

3. FIELD RULES

- 1. ALL members WILL comply with the CLUB field safety rules at ALL times.**
- 2. Field Rules will be reviewed and changed as appropriate by each new BOD.**
- 3. Copies will be provided to each new member and a copy will be posted at the field.**
- 4. The membership will vote to approve the field rules as presented by the BOD.**
- 5. Changes occurring during the year will be immediately posted at the field and published in the next Newsletter.**

4. EXPENDITURES

- 1. The president is authorized to spend up to \$50.00 without prior approval of the BOD or general Membership and this must be reported to the membership at the next general meeting.**
- 2. The BOD is authorized to spend up to \$ 350.00 in any one month for immediate and necessary operating expenses such as repairs, mowing and event concessions etc., without the prior approval of the general membership. All such expenditures must be reported to the membership at the next general meeting.**
- 3. All other non-recurring major expenditures must first be approved by a quorum of the membership at the preceding general membership meeting.**
- 4. At all sanctioned and CLUB events, the Contest Director/BOD is responsible to present an anticipated expenditure of funds by category for approval to the general membership preceding the event.**
- 5. For the purposes of event planning and AMA sanction requests, the current Officers are allowed to schedule events for the next calendar year, including the annual Holiday in Dixie Fly in April, the Jet Rally in July, and the Big Bird event in August.**
- 6. Each year in January, the BOD will cause a review and fiscal accounting of all monies received and dispersed by the CLUB during the previous calendar year and the findings reported to the membership at the next monthly general membership meeting.**

5: CLUB ASSETS

- 1. The club property, notes, deeds and titles shall be accessible by the current serving BOD and officers.**
- 2. The current President, Vice President and/or Secretary shall be the point of contact for the club and are empowered to act in the interests of the club in matters pertaining to the club property in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Directors and with subsequent approval of the membership.**
- 3. Any matter concerning spending over the limit set in the Expenditures paragraph, must be brought to the attention of the Club membership for approval at a regular club meeting.**
- 4. It is the Duty of the outgoing Officers to transfer any and all Club records, data and property to the Officers elected for the next calendar year.**