

# Osceola Propbusters R/C Model Airplane Club Constitution and Bylaws

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## Article I

### Name:

The name of this organization shall be the “**Osceola Propbusters Radio Control Club**”, (Osceola Propbusters) which is a non-profit organization chartered by the State of Iowa, governed by the laws and regulations thereunder and shall hereunder be referred to and designated as such.

## Article II

### Purpose:

The Osceola Propbusters Major Goals:

1. To create interest in model building.
2. To aid beginners.
3. To promote model flying.
4. To sponsor model contests.
5. To exchange knowledge and ideas.
6. To improve friendships.
7. To create winter (indoor/outdoor) activities.
8. To have social activities to include families.
9. To purchase, lease, rent or otherwise acquire real and personal land for the use of operating and maintaining a suitable flying site.
10. To demonstrate r/c flying for any group or organization anywhere that we have room to safely fly

The Club shall be an Academy of Model Aeronautics chartered club. Land owners shall be named as “other insured”, for the land in which we maintain as a flying site. The costs of this shall be paid by the clubs treasury. The Club shall operate as an affiliate of the AMA, following all rules and regulations as currently in force.

## Article III

### Membership:

1. Number of members is unlimited.
2. Membership in the club shall be open to all who are interested in Radio Control Model Aircraft.
  3. Open Full (Flying) membership.

- a. Open to who wishes to become a member, and fly R/C model aircraft.
  - b. AMA Full Membership in good standing required.
4. Supporting (Supporting) membership.
  - a. Open to who wishes to become a member, but DOES NOT FLY.
  - b. AMA Membership not required.
5. Park Pilot (Park Pilot).
  - a. Open to who wishes to become a member, but uses aircraft currently under the AMA's guidelines for Park Pilot designation only.
  - b. AMA Park Pilot membership required.
6. Any member deliberately breaking club rules, not acting in a sportsman like manner, or being uncooperative, can be expelled from the club by a motion at a formal meeting, with a 70% majority vote by the members present.
7. Any member can be suspended, by the board of directors, for up to 14 days, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
8. All members are responsible for personal and property damage caused by themselves and shall assume said responsibility.
9. Membership is not considered complete, until all requested documents are returned, and a membership card has been mailed. This card indicates all requirements for membership have been completed for the year printed on the card.

## **Article IV**

### **Dues and Finances:**

1. Annual dues shall be set at the March meeting of the current year, by the board of directors.
2. Dues must be paid at the March meeting.
3. Expenses shall be paid from the club treasury.
4. The club assumes all expense for trophies and prizes at all contests and activities, sponsored by the club.

## **Article V**

### **Meetings:**

1. Business meetings shall be held on a regular day of the month, to be determined at the March Meeting each year.
2. A motion and majority vote of members present is required to change the meeting date for normal business meetings.
3. The President may call a special meeting at any time, by informing the membership.
4. The board of directors may call a special meeting with prior written notice to members of the club.
5. The following shall be executed at each meeting:

- a. Previous meeting minutes read and approved.
  - b. Treasury report
  - c. Committee and Chairman Reports.
  - d. Old Business
  - e. New Business
6. All voting issues subject to a membership vote must be passed over a 50% majority of the members present at the scheduled meeting.
  7. A quorum shall consist of the members at the club meeting.

## **Article VI**

### **Nominations and Elections:**

1. Officers are to be elected on a yearly basis.
2. Elections are to be held at the first meeting of the year, and the new officers will take office at the conclusion of the meeting.
3. Officers to be elected are:
  - a. President (Must have been a member in good standing for at least one year)
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer  
(Secretary/Treasurer may be combined)
4. In case of a resignation of an officer, election for the term remaining will be held at the next business meeting.
5. A majority (51%) of members present shall elect officers.
6. The president may appoint, at his discretion, the positions of:
  - a. Safety Officer
  - b. Membership Officer
  - c. Newsletter Editor
  - d. Instructor Pilot
  - e. Field Czar

## **Article VII**

### **Board of Directors**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Sec/Treas, Immediate past President, and one other club member to be selected by the Board.

2. The Past President is the Chairman of the Board.
3. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the overall direction and activities of the club.
4. 4 members present shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

## Article VIII

### Duties:

1. **President:** shall preside over club meetings and conduct same in a reasonable parliamentary manner. The President shall check all financial and other club records to be sure they are accurate and being properly handled.
2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the aforementioned duties.
3. **Secretary:** shall record the minutes of all meetings and submit them for approval.
4. **Treasurer:** shall collect all monies and keep detailed records of same. The Treasurer report shall be read at each meeting. They shall maintain a bank account in the Club Name, and arrange for transfer to the succeeding treasurer.

Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

5. **Membership Officer:** shall be custodian of all club records and notify members of any special meetings.
  - a. They shall also supply each member with:
    - i. A copy of the current Club Rules, Bylaws and AMA Rules.
    - ii. A current copy of the membership roster.
    - iii. A membership card / number.
    - iv. A list of club events
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7. **Field Czar:** shall be a liaison for the Clubs interest with flying site owners and to portray the interest of the club in such business. The Field Czar is responsible for coordinating public relations.
8. **Safety Officer:** shall enforce all current Club Rules and AMA Rules and be aware of field conditions, to make decisions to use or close fields due to weather or other criteria, and bring to the attention of the Board of Directors any rule changes felt necessary to ensure the clubs continued goals.

Field Czar and Safety Officer may be combined.

9. **Club Instructor:** shall be responsible for instructing new members wishing to learn Model Flying.
10. **Editor:** shall be responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter, at least 7 days prior to the next meeting. If any meeting is canceled, the newsletter is also canceled.

## Article IX

### Revisions:

1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be changed or amended at any time by a member or Board of Director. The change must be submitted in writing at a club meeting, and if accepted by the members present, copies of the changed will be mailed or emailed out to the membership and voted on at the next business meeting.
2. Any change will require a 70% vote of approval by the members present.