

BAY CITY FLYERS

AMA CLUB CHARTER NO. 958

Land O' Lakes, FL 34637

BAY CITY FLYERS, INC

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

Section 1 The Corporation existing under these By-Laws is to be known as Bay City Flyers, Inc., Land O' Lakes, Florida. Hereafter referred to as the club.

Section 2 The purpose of this organization is to foster the radio control model airplane hobby. Bay City Flyers, Inc. is primarily a powered fixed-wing R/C club. Other types of aircraft (ex: multirotor, sailplanes, drones, etc.) will not interfere with fixed-wing flying. The Club will establish provisions to accommodate this type of flying. However, the club does not allow any type of liquid fueled Turbines of any kind, either old or new generation.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Admission of New Members - In order to join Bay City Flyers, Inc., a prospective member should have a genuine interest in model airplane building or flying, a demonstrated willingness to help during contests, and/or workdays for field improvement as called for by the Club President, and to abide by this Corporations Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws. At the time of his or her application for membership, each prospective new member shall agree to abide by the Club's By-Laws, Flight Rules, AMA Safety Code and Southwest Florida Water Management District rules.

Section 2 Members - All members must hold a current AMA membership valid through the end of the Club's fiscal year.

Section 3 Membership Classification

- (a) Regular – All members who have paid the current Club and AMA dues will be voting members of the Club. AMA dues must be paid at least through the end of the Clubs fiscal year, which ends on December 31st of each year.
- (b) Associate – May visit BCF airfields and attend club meetings but must not fly an aircraft or vote. An Associate is non-paying; however, membership may be updated to Regular status by paying regular Club dues and showing a current AMA card. They must also show an ability to fly and be approved by a BCF Check Pilot.

- (c) Junior - Non-voting members under the age of 18 who pay no dues or initiation fee but must submit a renewal application and current AMA card each year.
- (d) Honorary - No-dues and non-voting members who have been recognized by the Board of Directors for special services to the club and the sport of Radio Control aircraft and are not required to be an AMA member.
- (e) Life - Voting members who have been honored as Life Members in recognition of their service to the club. Life Member status must be awarded by a vote of the membership. Life members pay no dues but must submit a renewal application and current AMA card each year to remain active.
- (f) Lifetime Membership to BCF under the following conditions:
 1. \$1,100.00 one-time payment.
 2. Must be a lifetime member of AMA.
 3. Must submit a renewal form each year.
- (g) Multi-Year Membership - to BCF under the following conditions:
 1. Two Year Paid Membership
 2. AMA dues must be paid through the same period.
 3. Must submit a renewal form each year.

Section 4 Dues

- (a) The initiation fee and yearly dues to be paid in advance from point of acceptance to the Club through Dec. 31 of the same year shall be as follows:

Member Initiation Fee (1)	\$125.00
Grace Period of two weeks	\$25.00
Membership Dues (annual)	\$75.00
Dues. 2 nd quarter	\$60.00
Dues 3 rd quarter	\$45.00
Dues 4 th quarter	\$30.00

(1) This is not required if a member of the family residing in the same household has paid the initiation fee.

- (b) All annual dues are payable on or before December 31st of each year. Members whose dues are not paid by December 31st are considered in arrears. If a member does not renew by Dec. 31, there will be a grace period of two (2) weeks with a fee of \$25.00. **Failure** to renew after the grace period the full initiation fee (\$125.00) will be required, plus the renewal fee (\$75.00). All Members will pay dues, regardless of any Club services they perform. Life Members are not required to pay dues, and are allowed to vote.

Section 5 Family - The members of any Members family under the age of 18 may fly at the Club's Field as long as they are accompanied by the Club member to whom they are related. They must be AMA members and solo card holders or demonstrate proficiency to be determined by a BCF Check Pilot. Family members coming to the field alone are required to pay annual dues but not an initiation fee.

Section 6 Guests - Other than organized contests or meets, persons from out of state visiting a Club member may fly up to two weeks in a twelve-month period before being required to join the club. Other visitors may fly up to three days in a twelve-month period before being required to join the club. The sponsoring club member must be present at all times with the visitor and is responsible and or liable for any issues that might arise caused by their visitor. At no time will a visitor be left alone at the field. Club members are limited to a single "flying" guest on any given day unless prior approval is obtained through the President, Vice President or Secretary. Members abusing these policies will lose their guest privileges.

Section 7 Discipline and Expulsion - Members are subject to the following disciplinary rules and membership terminations provisions:

- (a) Members who have become in arrears with respect to their financial obligations to the club shall automatically lose their membership status. If a member fails to pay the current renewal fee by Dec. 31st, either in person or postmarked letter, a grace period is allowed for two weeks, with a fee (\$25.00). After the two weeks the full initiation fee (125.00), plus the renewal fee (\$75.00) are due. Failure to pay after the two-week grace period, the member is terminated.
- (b) Repeated violation of the Club's Field Rules, AMA "Safety Code", or SWFWMD directives shall be grounds for such disciplinary action as may be determined be a majority vote of a quorum of the membership, including but not limited to warning letters, temporary suspension of flying privileges or member termination.
- (c) Conduct of any individual member which is seriously detrimental to the interest of the Club, it's purposes or objectives, shall be grounds for such disciplinary action as may be determined by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership, including but not limited to warning letters, temporary suspension of flying privileges or membership termination provided that the Board of Directors has first determined that the cited conduct falls within the scope of this subparagraph and has certified that determination is writing to the membership.
- (d) Anyone causing damage to another's plane through violation of the frequency board procedures is personally responsible for remedying such damage. It is expected that any such problem will be amicably settled between the parties. In the event of an unresolved dispute growing out of such an occurrence, a complaint may be made to the Board of Directors, which shall make a prompt and binding decision on the matter. Members are totally responsible for the action of their guests.
- (e) Except as provided in subparagraph (a) above, disciplinary action shall be by majority vote at any regular meeting. The members in question shall be

given written notice of and an opportunity to be heard prior to the membership voting.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The functions of two or more officers may be combined.

Section 2 – President - The President shall be a Director and Chief Executive Officer of this corporation. The President shall preside at all Club meetings and shall carry out the policies established by the By-Laws. The President or his designee shall act as the Club spokesperson, appoint committees and may sit in on any and all committees as appointed.

Section 3 – Vice President - The Vice President shall be a Director, preside at the membership meetings in the absence of the President and fulfill such other duties as may be assigned to him by Board resolution.

Section 4 – Secretary The secretary shall be a Director, be responsible for keeping the minutes and other written records of this Club and for conducting correspondence as may be required by the President of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be a Director and be responsible for the financial affairs of the Club.

- (a) Club Funds - Club funds will be distributed between a checking account and a savings account.
- (b) Checking Account – The President and the Treasurer of Bay City Flyers Inc. shall be authorized signatures of the Club’s checking account. Only one signature shall be required for valid checks. The amount of money in the checking account will be capped and replenished as determined by the membership. Large expenditures approved by the membership are exceptions to the cap limit.
- (c) Savings Account – Funds above the checking account cap will be deposited into a separate savings account that is overseen by an Officer other than the President. That Officer and the President shall be authorized signatures on the Club’s saving account. Only one signature shall be required for valid transfers.
- (d) Deposits – All deposits will be made by an Officer other than the Treasurer.
- (e) Annual Review – An annual financial review will be conducted and presented to the membership at the annual meeting. Bay City Flyers

fiscal year will begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

Section 6 - Directors – Three (3) additional members will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 7 – Term of Office - Officers and Directors shall serve for one (1) year and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Section 8 – Nominations - Nomination for Officer and Director positions may be made at any regular membership meeting, but not later than the November meeting, at which time nominations will be closed. The Board of Directors shall present a proposed slate of officers and directors at the November meeting. However, if any position has more than one nominee(s) then all positions will be voted on individually rather than by acclamation. If there are no nominees outside of the proposed slate, the slate can be elected by acclamation.

Section 9 – Elections Voting shall take place at the Annual Meeting in December. Newly elected officers will assume operational duties as of January 1st of the coming year.

Section 10 – Vacancies In the event of a vacancy in an elected position with less than sixty (60) days remaining in the term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement candidate. If the vacancy occurs with greater than sixty (60) days remaining, the Board shall nominate a replacement to be presented to the membership for voting at the next regular meeting.

Section 11 – Safety Officer The President will normally be the Safety Officer as required by AMA. All members are designated as Club Safety Officers with authority to courteously make on the spot corrections.

Section 12 – Chief Flight Instructor The President shall appoint an individual to coordinate instruction and solo of all members wishing to learn how to fly fixed wing aircraft. Specific duties may be outlined by the President.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1 – Board Meetings Board Meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof.

- (a) Such notice may be informal and oral and may be given by any Officer or Director.
- (b) Board action may be taken pursuant to telephone voting which will be tabulated by the Chairman of the Board. Telephone voting should be confirmed in writing or email to the Chairman of the Board.

Section 2 – Annual Meeting Shall be held on the first Saturday in December.

Section 3 – Membership Meetings Shall be held on the first Saturday of every month.

The Secretary shall notify the Members of the cancelling of any meeting.

Section 4 – Quorum A quorum is required to conduct an official meeting. A membership meeting quorum shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) voting members.

Section 5 – Field Alterations Any motion to make major alterations to the existing physical layout of the field that is seconded will be postponed to the next scheduled meeting. The membership will be notified of the proposal in the newsletter.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of currently serving Officers of the Club plus three (3) additional members.

Section 2 – The affairs of the Club shall be administered by the Board of Directors. They shall advise, counsel and recommend to the membership what they deem appropriate and then take action after discussion with those present at the meeting. The Board is authorized to take emergency actions that clearly cannot be put off until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 3 – Quorum Board meetings must have a minimum of five (5) Directors present.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Proposed changes in the By-Laws will be presented to the Board of Directors for their recommendations.

Section 2 – The Board recommendations (either pro or con) along with the supporting rationale will be presented to the membership for discussion. The membership must be notified of changes and/or additions to the By-Laws by email and Newsletter 5 (five) days prior to the date of discussion and vote on the corrections and additions to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII LAWSUITS

In the event the Club is sued for any reason, Bay City Flyers Inc. shall have the authority to counter sue to recoup fees and expenses incurred.

ARTICLE VIII DISOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of Bay City Flyers, Inc. it's net assets shall be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

ARTICLE IX DESTRUCTION OF CLUB PROPERTY

Any member causing willful damage to the Club property shall be reported to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action and possible expulsion under Article II Section 7, (c) (e).

Certification

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing "Amended By-Laws" were duly adapted as the official By-Laws of Bay City Flyers, Inc. after a majority vote of the quorum of the Board at the meeting on March 11, 2023

By: _____
Jeff Houck, President

Attest: _____
Mike Diesu, Secretary