



# By-Laws

## The LVRC Flyers.

Effective February 1, 2023

### Article I: Name

#### Section 1.1 Name

The name of this society shall be "The LVRC Flyers". Hereafter, this Nevada nonprofit organization will be referred to as "LVRC".

#### Section 1.2 Location

The principal office of the LVRC shall be located in Clark County Nevada, with a mailing address as specified by the duly elected LVRC President.

### Article II: Purpose

#### Section 2.1 Purpose

To have fun, enjoy the camaraderie provided by people with like interests and create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment of all. Consistently facilitate the art, design, construction and flying of radio-controlled aircraft. To serve fairly and in proper balance those people with interests in competition or sport flying for personal enjoyment. Promote the hobby by introducing new pilots to the fun of remote control flying. Use the talents of LVRC members to support community events.

### Article III: Policy

#### Section 3.1 AMA Charter Club

The LVRC shall maintain charter club status with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and shall procure liability coverage from the AMA for all LVRC flying sites.

#### Section 3.2 Political Involvement

The LVRC shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or politically oriented cause.

#### Section 3.3 Discrimination

LVRC does not limit membership based on race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age or disability.

## **Article IV: Governing Bodies**

### **Section 4.1 Governing Bodies**

The LVRC follows the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) guidelines governing model aircraft operations in the United States.

## **Article V: Membership**

### **Section 5.1 Qualification**

AMA membership is required for Full Member membership in LVRC; LVRC membership is voluntary and open to anyone who desires to become a member, and agrees to abide by our rules and by-laws, and has paid the annual dues as set by the LVRC. Each member shall be entitled to one vote submitted to the membership.

### **Section 5.2 Resignation**

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving oral or written notice to the LVRC. The member will not be entitled to any reimbursement of any portion of dues, fees or assessments.

### **Section 5.3 Termination**

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her Full Member membership in the LVRC shall become an Associate Member membership. Full Member membership will be reinstated upon restoration of eligibility. The member is not entitled to any reimbursement of any portion of dues, fees or assessments.

### **Section 5.4 Expulsion**

This section provides for enforcement of the safety rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the LVRC by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership (in attendance at the meeting) if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these bylaws, or the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the LVRC, the AMA, or to model aviation. The member is not entitled to any reimbursement of any portion of dues, fees or assessments.

### **Section 5.5 Reinstatement**

A two - thirds vote (2/3) of the membership is required for reinstatement to the LVRC.

## Section 5.6 Membership Categories

LVRC memberships include:

### **Full Member:**

Any adult who flies radio control model aircraft of any kind and wishes to be a member of LVRC and agrees to the terms and conditions of membership as outlined in these bylaws. Full members shall have full voting rights in all LVRC matters. To enroll as a Full Member of the LVRC, a person must first be a current member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

### **Junior Member:**

Any youth and or teenager under the age of 19 who flies radio control model aircraft of any type and wishes to be a member of LVRC and agrees to the terms and conditions of membership as outlined in these bylaws. Junior Members must also be a current Junior Member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The rights and privileges of a Junior Membership are the same as the Full Membership with the exception of full Voting privileges.

### **Associate Member:**

An Associate Member is a non-flying member, who will participate in LVRC events and meetings only. Associate Members have voting rights but are not required to have membership in the AMA.

## Article VI: Dues

### Section 6.1 Dues

Dues and fees shall be established as voted upon by a majority of the regular membership. Dues shall be assessed on an annual basis, beginning on the first of the month following the member's initial membership in the LVRC or beginning on the first of the month following completion of a previous period of membership. A period of membership shall terminate on the last day of the twelfth month following initial or renewed membership. A member will be considered delinquent after completion of a twelve-month period of membership if not renewed, shall no longer be considered a member.

Membership shall be free for **Junior Members** (members nineteen (19) years old and younger).

Dues for **Associate Members** are one-half (1/2) the yearly dues of a full member.

Dues shall be paid to the treasurer no later than the last day of the final month of an annual period of membership and are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the LVRC officers on a case-by-case basis.

Dues shall be paid before a member can participate in a LVRC sponsored function or vote at a LVRC meeting.

No special assessment shall be levied upon the LVRC membership, unless it is approved by a simple majority vote of members voting at a regular meeting, and the

members have been given at least five (5) days' notice along with an explanation of the assessment.

Dues for a member may be waived by a majority vote of LRVC officers.

## **Article VII: Officers**

### **Section 7.1 Officers**

The officers of LVRC are constituted of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers are required to be **Full Members** of the LVRC.

### **Section 7.2 Term of Office**

Officers are elected annually and serve from January through December.

### **Section 7.3 Duties**

#### **President:**

The President shall be principal executive officer of the LVRC and shall, in general, supervise and lead all the business and affairs of the LVRC. The President shall preside at all meetings and assume all other duties pertinent to his/her office. The President, at the end of his/her term of office, or removal/resignation, shall surrender all papers and other LVRC properties to the next elected officer.

#### **Vice-President:**

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties and powers of the President in the President's absence, and when called upon to do so by the President. The Vice-President, at the end of his/her term of office, or removal/resignation, shall surrender all papers and other LVRC properties to the next elected officer.

#### **Secretary:**

The Secretary shall keep and maintain in good order, minutes of all officer, general and special meetings and have the minutes available for review within fifteen (15) days of that meeting. He/she will see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law. He/she will maintain custody of the LVRC's legal records including by-laws, standing rules and incorporated documents and be responsible for all membership correspondence, including e-mail, phone and mail.

The secretary shall maintain the roster of active members of all three categories and verify the member's AMA membership as appropriate.

The secretary shall provide an electronic version of the by-laws to the website master for posting with access available to members only. The Secretary, at the end of his/her term of office, or removal/resignation, shall surrender all papers and other LVRC properties to the next elected officer.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall have custody of all LVRC funds or holdings and shall have the authority to disburse the funds for goods or services essential to the LVRC, as approved by the membership. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies received and expended. He/she shall remit all accounts payable as authorized by the membership or LVRC officers. The Treasurer shall maintain a checking account in the name "LVRC Flyers".

The Treasurer shall furnish a year-to-date and balance sheet to the membership at each monthly general membership meeting. He/she will be limited to expenditures of 250.00 or less per activity or event, unless approved by the membership.

The Treasurer, at the end of his/her term of office, or removal/resignation, shall surrender all papers and other LVRC properties to the next elected officer.

**Section 7.4 Fiscal Responsibilities**

All officers are authorized to possess a bank debit card for the LVRC's account, for use specially and only for authorized LVRC activities. All LVRC officers are authorized to make expenditures on behalf of the LVRC up to \$200.00, unless the expenditure was previously authorized as part of an event budget or special allocation approved by the membership.

Only the President or Treasurer is authorized to possess a set of LVRC checks and can write checks on behalf of the LVRC.

**Section 7.5 Activity Coordinators and Committee Chairs**

Activity Coordinators and Committee Chairs, with the exception of the Safety Coordinator, may be either Associate Members or Full Members of the LVRC. Safety Coordinators must be Full Members of the LVRC.

**Safety Coordinator:**

the Safety Coordinator shall see that all flying and field guidelines, as stated in the by-laws and posted at the local flying field, are observed at all times. He/she shall have the right to appoint deputies to help carry out duties. If he/she or appointed deputies observe any unsafe flying on conduct, or if the condition is brought to his/her attention by other LVRC members, it is his/her responsibility to see that the situation is corrected.

**Membership Chairperson (optional):**

Duties of the Membership Chairperson shall include contacting prospective members, ensure the new member has a current AMA membership, aid in filling out the required application(s) and collecting the appropriate dues. The chairperson will provide the monies and the required personal information to the Treasurer and Secretary within three (3) days for inclusion into the LVRC roster. If there is no Membership Chairperson appointed, any officer may perform these duties.

**Publicity Chairperson (optional):**

The Publicity Chairperson is responsible for publicizing the existence of the LVRC

and its activities for the promotion of the hobby. The chairperson is responsible for clients who wish to advertise on the website and/or newsletter. The chairperson may contact the local government for community service events, any media, including hobby related publications, and supply that media with information about the LVRC, or articles and photos, for the purpose of publicizing LVRC. The Publicity Chairperson shall obtain permission from the membership prior to talking with or releasing information to the media. If there is no Publicity Chairperson appointed, the officers may all jointly perform these responsibilities as delegated by the President.

**Webmaster (optional):**

The Webmaster Activity Coordinator is responsible for updating and maintaining the official website of the LVRC. The webmaster, or designated assistants, will review requests for website postings and assist individuals with LVRC inquiries. While the webmaster has the responsibility for the format and content of the site, he/she shall obtain approval of the officers on matters of updating, costs, and articles which may be considered for inclusion on the web site.

**Newsletter Editor (optional):**

The Newsletter Editor Activity Coordinator is responsible for publishing a newsletter a minimum of four times every calendar year and posting on the website articles collected from contributors. While the Newsletter Editor has the responsibility for the format and content of the newspaper, he/she shall obtain approval of the officers on matters of publication, costs, and any articles which may be considered for publication. The Newsletter Editor may appoint a committee to assist in these duties.

**Section 7.6 Vacancies**

Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining officers.

**Article VIII: Meetings**

**Section 8.1 Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the LVRC shall be held monthly, time and location to be determined by the officers unless canceled by the president. The president may designate any for all regular meetings of the membership large enough to accommodate seventy - five percent (75%) of the members. Time and place of meeting shall be posted on LVRC website calendar, not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 8.2 Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the members may be called either by the president or not less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the members having voted. The president may designate any place for all special meetings of the membership large enough to accommodate seventy - five percent (75%) of the members. Time and place of meeting shall be posted on LVRC website calendar, not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

## **Article IX: Nominations, Elections, and Recall**

### **Section 9.1 Nomination**

Nomination of officers may be submitted by any member orally or in writing, submitted from the floor during the October or November general membership meeting. Nominations may be accepted in person during the October and November meetings, or by email proxy submitted in advance to a LVRC officer. The membership shall conclude nomination of officers during the November LVRC meeting.

### **Section 9.2 Elections**

Election of officers will be by vote of the membership by secret ballot. The membership shall conclude election of officers during the November regular membership meeting. LVRC officers will serve for a period of one (1) year.

Term of office commences January 1st and continues through December 31st. Officers shall not receive any monetary compensation for their services. Tallying of the ballots will be performed by a committee made up of two (2) members appointed by the President and are present at the meeting. The members must not be a candidate for any officer position. The results will be presented to the President and announced at the meeting.

### **Section 9.3 Recall**

Officers may be removed upon motion and approval by (3/4) vote of the Membership present at a regular meeting provided notice is given to the membership prior to the meeting.

## **Article X: Miscellaneous Provisions**

### **Section 10.1 Quorum**

A quorum to conduct business shall consist of a simple majority of members in good standing in attendance on that date.

### **Section 10.2 Robert's Rules**

Robert's rules of order will govern meetings.

### **Section 10.3 LVRC Logo**

The official logo of the LVRC will be an outline of the state of Nevada depicting the location of Las Vegas using a star or other icon. The letters LVRC will be at the top with "Las Vegas Radio Control" below. Depictions of RC aircraft and transmitter will appear within the state outline. New logos may be adopted by vote of the membership or may be created and temporally used for special events.

#### **Section 10.4 Affairs, Business, and Property**

The affairs, business, and property of the LVRC shall be the responsibility of the elected officers, except for those duties conferred on the officers by these by-laws. The officers shall make decisions on LVRC matters where expediency is deemed necessary. The LVRC officers may accept gifts on behalf of the membership.

#### **Section 10.5 Budget**

The LVRC shall not incur indebtedness above the current balance of the treasury after all outstanding bills have been paid.

#### **Section 10.6 Audit**

The LVRC books may be audited for the prior year, at the request of any officer or member in good standing with the LVRC. If an audit is requested, the audit will be conducted with the assistance of the outgoing Treasurer and a committee consisting of two (2) LVRC members appointed by the incoming President.

The audit will cover all general journal, receipts and disbursement records of the LVRC for the year being audited. The audit committee will report the results at the February meeting. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer may review the books every three (3) calendar months after an audit.

### **Article XI: Amendment of These Bylaws**

#### **Section 11.1 Proposed**

Proposed amendments to the by-laws of the LVRC must be submitted in writing to one of the officers. The proposal shall contain the following: 1) article number, 2) section number, 3) the text of the proposed change, 4) the purpose of the amendment change, 5) date of submission, and 6) signature of the originator.

#### **Section 11.2 Approval**

The proposed amendment submission that meets the criteria of Section 11.1, will be reviewed by the LVRC officers, posted on the website for review and presented to the general membership at the next scheduled meeting for vote.

#### **Section 11.3 Voting**

A vote of approval will shall consist of seventy-five percent of the members in attendance at the meeting when the vote is taken.



## **Article XII: Flight and Safety Rules**

### **Section 12.1 Flight and Safety Rules**

The standard code of safety as set forth by the AMA and local field rules as set forth by the LVRC will prevail at all times.

Relevant FAA, AMA, Clark County and LVRC rules will be posted at flying sites and/or on the LVRC website for all members to access and review at any time.

Repeated or significant violations of safety and/or field guidelines will result in expulsion from the LVRC.

### **Section 12.2 Grievance Procedure**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules. Although most grievances can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred in writing to the Safety Coordinator.

The written grievance must include the date, time, and nature of the grievance plus the name of at least one witness. The Safety Coordinator along with the other LVRC officers will review the written grievance and solicit input from the parties involved and any witnesses. The LVRC officers will determine what if any action should be taken in the matter and prepare a written response to the persons directly involved in the conflict.

Repeated violations of FAA, LVRC or AMA safety rules or retaliation against a person filing a grievance will be subject to expulsion from the LVRC. This includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the officers.

## **ARTICLE XIII: Dissolution**

### **Section 13.1 Dissolution**

LVRC may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the LVRC members. If, for any reason, the LVRC is disbanded, the officers of the LVRC will make provisions for payment of all the liabilities of the LVRC.

All LVRC property will be sold at fair market value by the officers of the LVRC. All proceeds from the sale of the property and monies, including checking account, saving account, certificates of deposit, etc., will be donated to a charitable organization in the greater Las Vegas area. The officers of the LVRC shall decide which charitable organization is to be the recipient of these monies.

Approved and accepted on behalf of the membership of LVRC this day

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Signed:

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer