

BYLAWS of the BERGEN COUNTY SILENT FLYERS, LLC

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Bergen County Silent Flyers, LLC (BCSF).

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the BCSF organization shall be the following:

1. To enjoy the art of flying radio controlled model airplanes.
2. To promote the development of Radio Controlled model sailplanes and electric airplanes.
3. To assist members by providing a safe place to fly.
4. To provide opportunities to participate in club projects and promote the hobby.
5. To provide an environment where members committed and loyal to the purpose of the BCSF Organization will assist and support fellow BCSF members in the art of flying radio controlled model airplanes.
6. To remain loyal to the purpose, it is agreed by all members that there will be no nitro or gasoline burning motors in any airplane flying at this field.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The BCSF membership shall remain open unless a safety issue arises requiring the membership to be capped or reduced.

Section I. THERE SHALL BE TWO (2) TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS WHICH ARE AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

- A. Senior - Members 18 years or older. Senior membership carries all the privileges and responsibilities contained in Article 3.
- B. Junior - Members 17 years old or younger. Junior membership is free contingent upon a parent or guardian becoming a senior member. Junior membership carries all rights and privileges of Senior membership except that they do not have the right to open or close the BCSF club field nor may they remain there without the presence of a Senior member.

Section II. BCSF Membership Requirements:

- A. Current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- B. A new member shall attend at least one (1) meeting.
- C. The prospective member's admittance to the BCSF shall be voted on at a meeting by the members and accepted when a simple majority is obtained.
- D. New members will be considered probationary members during their first year.
- E. All new members must be in good standing with all prior r/c clubs and have not been expelled from said clubs.

Section III. INITIATION FEE AND DUES:

- A. Initiation fee shall be \$25.00 and is payable in full to the treasurer upon acceptance into the BCSF club. The set annual dues of \$50.00 shall also be paid at this time. Additional family members joining shall pay no initiation fee and only the club required dues.
 - 1. The annual dues will be set by the membership as necessary to meet the needs of the club and must be payable in full to the treasurer no later than December 31st of the current year.
 - 2. At any time the BCSF treasury requires additional funds, a motion shall be made at a BCSF business meeting and if accepted by the majority of the BCSF membership shall then be assessed accordingly.

Section IV. RESIGNATION AND RENEWAL OF BCSF MEMBERSHIP:

- A. A member who resigns in good standing may reapply for BCSF membership provided that membership space is available.
- B. REMOVAL FROM THE BCSF AS A MEMBER:
 - 1. A member who has not paid their current dues by the last calendar day of February, shall be removed from the roster.
 - 2. A member who has been removed because of non-payment of dues shall be reinstated by payment of all outstanding dues as well as a \$25.00 reinstatement fee, provided that membership space is available.
 - 3. A member shall be eligible for removal for flagrant violation of the BCSF club flying field rules or the official AMA safety code.
 - a. A member shall be eligible for removal for consistent conduct unbecoming of a BCSF member. (i.e., fights, abusive language or deliberate damage to other's property).
 - b. An affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership shall be required to remove a member from the BCSF.

ARTICLE 4 - FIELD RULES

Section I. BCSF MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Abide by the BCSF flying field rules which are attached.
- B. Act as a "Field Marshal" when using the designated BCSF Club Field.
- C. Bring only one (1) specific pilot non-BCSF member at a time, who is a member of AMA, to fly at the designated BCSF Club Field, no more than three (3) times within one (1) BCSF Club Year. Proof of current AMA membership is required.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

Section I. THERE SHALL BE THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICERS:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Secretary
- E. Safety Officer

Section II. Club Officer Responsibilities

- A. AN OFFICER WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE RELIEVED OF OFFICE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE GENERAL BCSF MEMBERSHIP. AN ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AT THAT TIME FOR A REPLACEMENT.

ARTICLE 6 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I. Presidential Responsibilities:

- A. Preside over the BCSF meeting in accordance with the AMA rules.
- B. Be responsible to contact members when necessary.
- C. Act as a spokesperson to outside organizations.

Section II. Vice Presidential Responsibilities:

- A. Perform the President's responsibilities in his/her absence.
- B. Perform the duties assigned to him/her by the President.

Section III. Treasurer's Responsibilities:

- A. Accept all dues, donations, incoming monies and promptly payout all expenditures.
- B. Maintain an accurate journal of BCSF club finances.
- C. Correspond with members in order to have all dues paid within timeframe.
- D. Report financial status at all meetings.

Section IV. Secretary's Responsibilities:

- A. Complete the required paperwork to maintain the BCSF as a chartered club within the AMA.
- B. Provide minutes of all meetings and distribute to membership by email.
- C. Work with the Treasurer to keep the roster updated and available to members.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

1. There shall be monthly meetings.
2. Special business meetings may be called by the President. Upon written notice of the BCSF membership, the President can call a meeting. Notice of special business meetings shall be given to members at least seven (7) days in advance.
3. Only members that attend those special meetings or have sent proxies will have the right to vote.
4. A quorum of 11 members will be required to conduct business at a club meeting.
5. The order in which a meeting will be conducted is as follows:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Reports from all officers
 - c. Reading of prior meeting minutes.
 - d. Reports from any committees
 - e. Old Business
 - f. New Business
 - g. Adjournment

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended or revised by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the BCSF members. An accepted method of voting Bylaw changes is balloting by mail providing the ballot contains a provision allowing members to request a meeting for more discussion on the proposed change.

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

If the BCSF club should decide to disband, any and all capital assets shall be auctioned off. Funds raised from this, in combination with any other liquid assets of the BCSF club, shall be equally divided among all BCSF members in good standing, after any and all outstanding debts have been paid.