

Frontier Fun Flyers (FFF) Club Bylaws

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Section I: Elections & Voting

Paragraph 1: Candidates for office shall be regular members in good standing.

Paragraph 2: Nominations and elections shall be held at the March meeting.

Paragraph 3: Officers elected will assume office on April 1.

Paragraph 4: Regular members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Paragraph 5: Any member in good standing being nominated for an office or position must be present at the time of nomination, or must have an oral or written statement signifying his or her willingness to accept such nomination. Said statement is to be filed with the secretary at least 24 hours prior to nomination and election.

Paragraph 6: Election shall be by secret ballot.

Paragraph 7: Terms of office: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall serve two years. President and Treasurer shall be elected on even-numbered years.

Vice President and Secretary shall be elected on odd-numbered years.

7A. Any Club Officer or appointee may resign such position, submitted in writing to the Secretary.

Paragraph 8: Duties: President shall preside at meetings. VP shall preside in the absence of the President. The Secretary records minutes, and the Treasurer handles club funds.

Paragraph 9: Appointed Officers: Safety Officer, Field Marshall, Committee Chairman, Program Chairman.

9A. The President shall appoint a Safety Officer, for a period of one year, in the month of March of that year.

9A.1. The Safety Officer shall recommend to the Board members, members to act as flight instructors.

9A.2. The Safety Officer may form a Safety committee as required.

Paragraph 10: Changes to Bylaws: any member may submit in writing proposed changes to FFF Bylaws, to the board for consideration. The board will meet and decide if the change has merit. The board may present the changes to membership and ask for a motion to adopt the change. If a motion is made and seconded, the membership shall discuss and vote to accept the change. 2/3 majority of membership present at a regular meeting is required to change the Bylaws. The vote to accept or deny changes to the club bylaws shall take place at the next regular meeting after the meeting of the membership when proposed changes were presented.

Section II: Fees & Dues

Paragraph 1: There shall be four dues classifications:

- (A) Adult / Family Membership: \$35.00 per year. (Includes entire household)

- (B) Youth Membership (age 18 and under): \$10.00 per year. (Cash or Credit Card)

- (C) Active Military / Family Membership: \$25.00 per year. (Includes entire household)

- (D) Life Membership - No Fee status (appointed by Club Officers - Refer to Section VII: Paragraph 2, Subsection C) (Includes entire household)

Paragraph 2: Dues will be payable as follows:

- (A) Dues for memberships are payable for the entire year on January 1 and, as with Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) dues paid after October 1 are considered payment through the next calendar year.

- (B) A current AMA membership for calendar year applying must accompany payment of dues. AMA number shall be entered on member's club membership card.

- (C) Membership Scholarships: At the discretion of the Club Officers, up to two membership scholarships may be granted each year. The Club Officers will

select up to two members from the general membership (Club Officers may not receive a scholarship) to receive the scholarship which will be announced between October and December of each calendar year for the following years' membership dues. The selected member to receive the scholarship, may at his/her choice, donate that scholarship to another member. The membership scholarship will preclude that member from paying for his/her dues for the following calendar year.

(D) Flying Field Stewards: shall have their yearly membership dues waived for their continued efforts to oversee and take the responsibility for the condition of their assigned club flying site. Field stewards will be selected by the Officers at the October or November meetings each year.

(1) Outdoor Site Field Stewards: will be required to check on his/her assigned club flying site not less than twice monthly and post those conditions using the appropriate mass notification method (currently "Slack" app for Apple/Android). The outdoor field steward shall report and issues regarding damage and/or required repair to either the President or Vice President to help coordinate any corrective action.

(2) Indoor Site Field Stewards: shall ensure the cleanliness of the facility after flying events and report issues that arise with the flying site to the President or Vice President so they may be dealt with through the facility

owner. The indoor field steward will be a member that frequently flies at the indoor facility to ensure it is a safe environment. The indoor field steward will be responsible for the sign-in sheet as well as reporting any safety violations noted to the club Safety Officer. The sign-in sheets shall be turned in to the Club Officers at each monthly meeting.

Section III: Committees

Paragraph 1: The President shall appoint an election nomination committee at the February meeting.

Paragraph 2: The President shall appoint other committees as needed from time to time.

Paragraph 3: The Safety Officer may appoint members to a safety committee as required to assist in matters of safety.

Section IV: Finances

Paragraph 1: Expenditures of over \$500.00 shall require a two-thirds majority vote of members present at a regular meeting. Disposing of Club assets requires 2/3 majority vote of members at a regular meeting. Any proceeds will go back into the Club accounts.

Paragraph 2: At the end of the term of office, the Treasurer shall submit to the membership a written accounting of finances for the period in which the office was held.

Section V: Awards & Prizes

Paragraph 1: Allocation of funds for awards and/or prizes shall be made at a regular meeting. A motion shall be called for and a simple majority vote required for passage.

Section VI: Meetings

Paragraph 1: Regular meetings of Frontier Fun Flyers will normally be held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM or as designated by the Vice President or other Club Officers, or by an alternate means or location as the situation requires.

Paragraph 2: Should a holiday fall on the regularly scheduled day, the meeting is automatically postponed until the fourth Thursday of the month.

Paragraph 3: Regular meetings shall be held in Anchorage as designated by the Vice President or other Club Officers.

Paragraph 4: A minimum of 10 members present is required to conduct club business including the President or Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Safety Officer at any regular meeting. The Safety Officer may substitute for the Treasurer or Secretary as required.

Section VII: Membership

Paragraph 1: Application for club membership shall be made by completing a Frontier Fun Flyers application form and showing proof that all club requirements are met.

Paragraph 2: Requirements for Frontier Fun Flyers membership shall be:

- (A) Adult & Youth Membership: Payment of dues (ref. Section II) and proof of a current full "open" membership in the Academy of Aeronautics. (Park Flyer category or any lesser insured AMA membership is not sufficient at our club flying sites.)

- (B) Active Military Membership: Requires proof of AMA membership and Active Duty Military status verified by a Club Officer.

- (C) Life Membership:
 - (1) Appointed Status: This life membership status is one that is appointed to a member (by the Club Officers) for outstanding service to the club, model aviation, and to fellow club members. This appointment will no longer require the member to pay yearly membership dues to the Frontier Fun Flyers. However the member must re-submit a yearly membership application agreeing to the stipulations of membership. The "Life Member" must continue his/her AMA membership in good standing. The "Life Member" will be issued a membership card indicating "Life Member" with his/her AMA # on it signed by an acting Club Officer. This appointment will

be confirmed by a majority vote of membership present at the meeting when the appointment is made.

(2) The only time a "Life Member" will not have to submit a yearly membership application is if the "Life Member" also has a current "AMA Life Membership". This will be denoted on the membership card to show "Yearly" for those that have to submit a yearly membership application and "Permanent" for those that are AMA Life Members. This can also be updated if the member elects to upgrade their AMA to life status, at which time a new membership card will be issued.

(3) Life Membership applies to the entire household to include the member's spouse and any children 18 years old or younger. Once a member's child reaches the age of 19, he/she would then be required to obtain his/her own adult membership. The exception to this rule would be for the benefit of a member caring for an elderly family member or a developmentally disabled child requiring their care who is over the age of 18.

Paragraph 3: New members shall also be presented a copy of the Frontier Fun Flyers club field Safety Rules and Club Bylaws via the club website

(<http://forum.frontierfunflyers.org/>) or in written form if requested.

Paragraph 4: Resignation: Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the club.

Paragraph 5: Termination: If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Paragraph 6: 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 the club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present 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, the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation. Voting will be by secret ballot.

Paragraph 7: Reinstatement: A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting is required for reinstatement to the club.

Paragraph 8: Dissolution of Club: The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the entire membership.

Section VIII: Field Rules

Paragraph 1: Grievance Procedure: The Grievance Procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

Paragraph 2: The Safety Officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- (A) A Grievance Form will be filled out and routed to the Safety Office/Committee Chairman. The form may be given out to any current Club Officer At least one witness is required. (See Attachment A)

- (B) First Violation: Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered in private. The Safety Officer shall discuss the violation with the member and advise him on how to correct the violation.

- (C) Second Violation: Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended

for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the club newsletter.

(D) Third Violation: Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing, and the club members via the club meeting, that the club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for one year minimum. A member may be expelled from the club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

(E) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

(F) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

ATTACHMENT A

Grievance Form:

Date:

Time:

Location of incident:

Describe the nature of the violation:

Signature of complainant:

Printed Name:

Complainant contact number:

Witness signature:

Printed Name:

Witness contact number:

Additional Witnesses (not required)

Grievance Forms are for safety violations only.

Every effort will be given to cordially educate and correct any issues that may develop.

(Refer to FFF-Club Bylaws Section 8 - Field Rules.)

Upon completing this form, please give it to any of the FFF Club Officers or mail it to:

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