

**DOYLESTOWN BARNSTORMERS RC CLUB**  
**BYLAWS**

ARTICLE 1            THE CLUB

A.     Name

1. The official name of this organization shall be Doylestown Barnstormers RC Club. The Club may also continue the use of the previous name, or DBA Stiner's Barnstormers RC Club.

B.     Location

1. The location of the flying field shall be known as the West side of Porr Road, just North of the Chippewa Creek, Doylestown, Ohio, Wayne County. GPS coordinates: Lat N 40° 56' 26.22", Long W 81° 43' 37.15".
2. Mailing address shall be Doylestown Barnstormers RC Club, c/o the current president, which for 2009 is Thomas W. Fisher III, 1164 Ghent Hills Rd, Akron, Ohio, 44333.

C.     Purpose

1. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the hobby related to Radio Controlled Aircraft. This shall be done through the promotion of club activities and membership and by maintaining a functional and safe flying site.

ARTICLE II           MEMBERSHIP

A.     Qualifications

1. The membership of this organization shall be limited to a total of 90.
2. All persons shall be eligible for membership and shall agree to abide by the club bylaws, field regulations and safety rules, and those of the AMA.
3. All flying members are required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. The use of club facilities by anyone unable to prove AMA membership is strictly prohibited. Any member who permits such use may be disciplined by the executive committee, up to and including loss of membership.

B.     New Members

1. Prospective members are to be introduced by a sponsor who shall be a current member in good standing.

2. When a valid AMA license, or application for same, is presented, and all required fees are paid, field privileges shall be extended for a probationary period that will last until the applicant is voted in as a full member at the next scheduled club meeting by a majority of the members present.
3. During the probationary period, field privileges may be revoked for violations of field regulations by a majority vote of the executive committee.
4. Voting on the applicant's full membership shall take place at a scheduled meeting of the membership. Voting shall be by secret ballot by members present and requires a majority vote for full membership.

C. Membership Categories

1. FULL MEMBER: Eighteen (18) years of age or older. Has full privileges and voting rights. Dues shall be the Full Member rate.
2. JUNIOR MEMBER: Younger than nineteen (19) years of age. Has full privileges and voting rights. Dues shall be Junior member rate.
3. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Includes all members of the immediate family. Dues shall be one Full member rate PLUS one Junior Member rate. Each flying member shall have his/her own AMA membership. Each member shall have a current AMA membership to have voting rights. Children are included until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, provided they remain continuously dependent upon their parents for their principle support.
4. Guests: Any flyer with proof of a current AMA membership may fly as a guest in the company of a club member in good standing. The guest is limited to six (6) days use of club facilities over any three-week period. After this, the guest must make application to become a member in order to continue to use club facilities.

D. Dues & Assessments

1. The annual membership dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Executive Committee with approval by a simple majority vote of members present at a scheduled meeting.
  - a. Single Membership: \$100.00
  - b. Family rate: \$125.00
2. Dues are reduced by 50% for memberships beginning after August 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances to be considered by the executive committee on a case-by-case basis.
4. Dues are to be paid no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Any member in arrears shall not be considered active. Such member shall not be given preference over any other applicant should a membership waiting list be in existence.
5. No special assessments shall be levied upon the Club members unless approved by a majority vote of the members present at a scheduled meeting. Members shall be given five (5) days prior written notice of such a vote and shall also be given a written explanation of such assessment.
6. Hardship. Any existing club member may request a waiver or reduction in annual dues based on "special circumstances". The executive committee can approve such application on a case by case basis.

E. Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion, Reinstatement

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the club. No refund of any dues will be provided after the beginning of the year for which the dues were paid.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

3. This section provides for the enforcement of the Field Regulations and Safety Rules. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members , as determined by the executive committee , shall also be considered for disciplinary action.
4. All club members are to assist in the enforcement of the Field Regulations and Safety Rules. Any violations or concerns should first be brought to the attention of the erring member.
5. Continued violation of the Field Regulations and Safety Rules should be brought to the attention of the Safety Officer or the Executive Committee through the use of the Grievance Procedure detailed in Article XI.
6. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by a majority vote of the Executive Committee if, by determination of the Executive Committee 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 Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
7. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
8. The Executive Committee shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

### ARTICLE III            OFFICERS

#### A.     Number

1. The number of primary officers of the Club shall number five (5). These officers shall constitute the executive committee. The executive committee may nominate additional club members to sit on the executive committee for the current year when deemed beneficial and appropriate.

#### B.     Duties & Responsibilities

1. President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesperson in all matter pertaining to it. The President shall also be the contact person with the AMA in case of questions, problems, or situations.

2. Vice President – The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record of major club assets, including their storage location.
  3. Secretary – The Secretary shall record minutes of all Club meetings and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities.
  4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall collect all monies due, and shall keep a record of all monies disbursed by the Club. The Treasurer shall maintain the Club bank accounts and report periodically thereon. The treasurer and president shall have check signing authority and the authority to disburse club funds as necessary.
  5. Safety Officer – The Safety Officer shall be responsible for overall safety concerns as they pertain to Club activities and ensuring that all existing Field Regulations and Safety Rules are enforced. This would include administering the Grievance Procedure as documented in these bylaws.
  6. Web Master – The Web Master will be responsible for managing and maintaining the club web site.
- C. Terms of Office & Elections
1. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for a term of one (1) year, starting January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Officers are to be elected by simple majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting held during the fourth quarter of the preceding year.
  3. Nominations for Club office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to any existing officer.
  4. A secret ballot is required for elections, for removal of a Club officer, and for expulsion of a member unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

D. Appointed Officers

1. Additional officers of the Club shall be added, as the Executive Committee deems necessary, in order to effect the needs of the Club and to utilize individual talents as may be volunteered by our members. These additional officers shall become part of the committee.
2. Field Marshall – The Field Marshall is appointed to serve as backup to the Safety Officer to enforce the Field Regulations and Safety Rules.

E. Financial Arrangements

1. Limitations and controls shall be in place regarding authorization of expenditures.
  - a. Expenditures up to \$50.00 may be authorized by any one member of the Executive Committee.
  - b. Expenditures between \$50.00 and \$100.00 may be authorized by any two members of the Executive Committee.
  - c. Expenditures between \$100 and \$500 may be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Committee
  - d. Any expenditure over \$500.00 shall require a majority vote of the members present at a scheduled meeting. Members shall be given five (5) days prior written notice of such a vote and shall also be given a written explanation of such expenditure. This control shall not apply to the payments for the lease of the flying field or other annual payments.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

A. General

1. Committees shall be formed on an as-needed basis for special projects, future planning, etc.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

A. Annual Meeting, Quarterly Meetings and Special Meetings

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the fourth quarter of each year, normally in November.
2. Elections of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting
3. Quarterly meetings shall be held in February, May, August, and November to review Club status, projects and to vote on membership of prospective new members. The executive

committee will determine the specific time and dates for each meeting and provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice to the membership. The nominal schedule for the quarterly meetings will be at 10 am the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month of a scheduled quarterly meeting.

4. Club officers may call special meetings with no less than five (5) days prior written notice of such meeting. The purpose of such special meeting shall be stated in the written notice.
5. At any Club meeting a simple majority vote of those members present shall be used for voting purposes.
6. Any member of the Club may initiate a formal proposal for action. Such proposal should be in written form.
7. Any proposal may be discussed and acted upon at the current meeting or held for consideration at a future meeting at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI RECORD KEEPING

##### A. Meeting Minutes

1. A written record of all meeting minutes shall be kept by the Secretary of the Club.
2. A record of issues decided by the Executive Committee pertaining to expenditures shall also be kept by the Secretary.
3. The minutes from preceding meetings shall be presented to the members by the Secretary at each meeting.

##### B. Treasurers Report

1. A written record of all Club expenditures shall be kept by the Treasurer.
2. A report of Club expenditures shall be presented to the members by the Treasurer at each meeting.
3. The Executive Committee shall conduct an annual audit of the Club finances.

#### ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS OF THESE BYLAWS

##### A. Proposals

1. Any member is permitted to submit proposed changes to these bylaws.
2. Members shall be notified at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification.
3. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. Mail-in votes and written proxy votes will be accepted.

#### ARTICLE VIII        DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

##### A.        Necessary Actions

1. The Club may be dissolved by a majority vote of the ENTIRE membership.
2. This vote shall be taken in response to a written proposal with explanations of the situations leading up to the proposal to dissolve.
3. The written proposal to dissolve shall be mailed to all Club members.

##### B.        Disposition of Club Assets

1. The terms of the lease of the flying field property stipulates that the property will be returned to the original condition, suitable for farming. This requires that the enclosure (shed), fencing, spools, tables, chairs, and all other materials be removed from the property.
2. A listing of all items to be removed , sold, or otherwise disposed of shall be prepared by the Executive Committee.
3. Bids shall be taken for the items to be sold and any monies received shall be added to the Club bank accounts.
4. Following payment of all Club liabilities, all remaining monies under Club accounts shall be dispersed to the membership.
5. Each member shall be given equal shares of any amounts to be dispersed, with triple shares being allocated to those members assisting with the cleanup of the property according to the terms of the lease.



## ARTICLE IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

### A. Purpose

1. The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce the existing Field Regulations and Safety Rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Most complaints can, and should, be resolved informally. However, when a complaint is serious, repetitive, or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Officer and/or the Executive Committee by means of the referenced Grievance Form to be filled out and submitted to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

### B. Procedure

1. The Safety Officer shall use his/her judgment in recommending disciplinary action as a result of the Grievance Form being submitted. No action is necessary unless there is at least one witness attesting to the Grievance.
2. The following actions shall be considered and recommendations made to the Executive Committee.
  - a. First Violation
    - i. Viewpoints of both the complainant and the accused will be heard and considered.
    - ii. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
    - iii. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused and recorded by the Secretary.
    - iv. Should the Committee so decide, the flying privileges of the accused shall be suspended for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and recorded by the Secretary.
  - b. Second Violation
    - i. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
    - ii. The accused shall have the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
    - iii. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a majority vote of the members present at a scheduled meeting.
    - iv. Voting shall be done by secret ballot.
    - v. Said expulsion shall last for a minimum of one year; longer if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

- vi. The expelled member may reapply for membership after expiration of the expulsion period.
- 3. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliatory action against any 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 Executive Committee.

Revised and Approved February 3, 2007 at Club Meeting

Revised 4/19/09 to reflect changes approved at club meetings since 2/3/07  
Revised 5/9/25 to reflect dues increase passed July 27, 2024.

Addendums:

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**DOYLESTOWN BARNSTORMERS RC CLUB**  
**GRIEVANCE FORM**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NATURE OF VIOLATION (DESCRIBE FULLY)**

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**ADDITIONAL WITNESSES (NOT REQUIRED)**

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