

**BYLAWS OF THE OKLAHOMA RADIO KONTROL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**  
**AMA Chartered Club 1648 since 1978**

Revision 6, December 2008

Changes from previous Revisions are shown in *Italics*

This perpetual non-profit organization incorporated on May 24, 1962 in the State of Oklahoma shall be known as The Oklahoma Radio Kontrol Society, Incorporated to be known as "T.O.R.K.S.". Our purpose is to promote fellowship and the state of the art of radio controlled objects

**ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the T.O.R.K.S. is available to any person who:  
Is a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA),  
Pays the yearly club dues,  
and abides by these Bylaws and all other Rules of the T.O.R.K.S.

Membership in the T.O.R.K.S. obligates the member to:  
Abide by the AMA safety code.  
Attend club regular business meetings.  
Participate in at least two field maintenance actives annually.

Members will receive the following:

A copy of the By Laws

A copy of the Field Regulations

Membership card

Monthly newsletters, which contains a minimum:

Minutes of last meeting

News of club activities

Classified ads of items for sale by members.

Other items of interest as selected by the editor.

Flying field access key or LOCK CODE and privileges

Other rights and privileges as voted by the membership

**ARTICLE II EXPULSION**

Any individual may be expelled from the membership of this Club by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Director's may take this harsh action if they determine the individual willfully commits an act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles, the Clubs Field Regulations or the By Laws or rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. Any member who is expelled from the membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from the membership

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## ARTICLE III ELECTED OFFICERS

Elected Officers shall be selected at the last business meeting in December by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at that meeting. Elected Officers' term shall be for 12 continuous months January through December, to discharge the duties of their office and such other business required to operate the organization in the best interest of all the members. In addition outgoing officers are required to conduct one-on-one transition meetings with their replacements to inform the incoming officers of their duties. The outgoing officers will be in attendance at the following January meeting to assist the incoming officers.

These elected officers and their duties shall be:

President - To conduct meetings, act as point of contact for the club in all outside activities (i.e. the AMA, The City, etc.) and direct the club business.

Vice President - To assist the president and assume such duties as necessary of the president, if vacated. Act as point of contact for the club in all internal activities (i.e. the Fun Flies, Field Maintenance, etc). Conducts the regular meeting in the absence of the President.

Secretary - Keep all *annual* records of the club meetings, all motions and compiles outgoing correspondence. *Works with Historical Records Keeper to permanently record those actions that affect the clubs master records (Bylaws, field regulations, process guide etc)*. Compiles, writes, edits, publishes *and sends monthly email notice of the posting of* the monthly newsletter. Works with Treasurer *and Membership Records Keeper* on maintaining club membership rosters. Conducts the regular meeting in the absence of the President, and. Vice President.

Treasurer - Collect and disburse club funds. Purchases door prizes and other club related supplies. *Works with the other Board members to develop an annual club budget which will be presented to the membership at the February club meeting and published in the subsequent newsletter.* Works with Secretary *and Membership Records Keeper* on maintaining club membership rosters. Conducts the regular meeting in the absence of all other officers

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers, and such appointee to serve until the end of the term of which his or her predecessor was elected.

## ARTICLE IV APPOINTED OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the above listed elected officers and such members as appointed by the Board at their discretion. The Board of Directors will meet at least once a month to discuss the business and make recommendations for presentation to the membership. The president shall announce time and place of the Board meeting. The newly elected incoming Board shall appoint a willing individual (volunteers) to each of the positions identified below:

Safety Officer - To provide a watchdog over the safe conduct of model operations at the flying field. Reports to the President

Chief Instructor -- Organizes and executes the training program. Maintains, and makes available, the club trainer and buddy boxes. Identifies, and organizes competent instructor pilots. Reports to the President

Field Marshal - Organizes and leads flying field mowing and other maintenance activities. Reports to the Vice President

*Historical Records Keeper – Electronically maintains and updates as required, all of the documents*

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## ARTICLE IV APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

*that define the operations of the TORKS, i.e. the Bylaws, Field Regulations, Process Guide, Application Package, etc.*

*Membership Records Keeper - Electronically maintains and updates as required, a master electronic record of the TORKS club membership. Provides emailing list to the officers as needed.*

## ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Committees to assist in the operation of the organization shall be formed as needed. Committee chairmen will become members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI EXPENDITURE OF CLUB FUNDS

Expenditures of any Monies over \$500.00 must be approved by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the regular business meeting. *All expenditures below \$500.00 must be cosigned or agreed to by at least 2 officers. If expenditure under \$500.00 is disputed it must be agreed to by a majority of the officers.*

## ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Meeting of the general membership (a regular business meeting) will be held monthly, at 7:30 p.m. Place and day of the meeting to be announced.

## ARTICLE VIII DUES

*Effective January 01, 2009 dues for the TORKS are as follows:  
If the dues are paid between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year:*

*Dues for Membership are divided into the following Categories:*

OPEN = Over Age 19 but not yet 65 = \$70.00 / Year.

Additional OPEN Family Member \$45.00 if living at the same address as the Open Member of the same name family.

OPEN = Age 65 and OVER = \$60.00 / Year

YOUTH Under Age 19 = \$15.00 / Year

YOUTH Under Age 19 = FREE if living at the same address as the Open Member of the same family name.

*If paid from July 01, until December 31: the dues for the remainder of the year are*

OPEN = Over Age 19 but not yet 65 = \$60.00 / Year.

Additional OPEN Family Member \$35.00 if living at the same address as the Open Member of the same name family.

OPEN = Age 65 and OVER = \$50.00 / Year

YOUTH Under Age 19 = \$10.00 / Year

YOUTH Under Age 19 = FREE if living at the same address as the Open Member of the same family name.

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## ARTICLE VIII DUES (continued)

*NOTE: Dues for the upcoming year, may be paid in full after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year so long as the applicant has proof that they poses AMA membership for the upcoming year. For NEW members, paying in October also covers the remainder of the current year, i.e. 15 months of membership.*

LIFE memberships are awarded by:

HONORARY LIFE memberships are awarded on a unanimous vote of the board and the members present at the regular business meeting which the LIFE membership is proposed.

LIFE memberships may be purchased by making:

A one-time cash contribution of \$800.00 or more.

A one-time donation valued at \$800.00 or more.

Annual payments of \$240.00 (\$20.00 a month) for four consecutive years.

## ARTICLE IX EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Continuing program of education will be undertaken to perpetuate the organization. Club members may be called upon to present a program of interest or educational value dealing with the field of Radio Control and or Aviation in general.

## ARTICLE X FUNDS RAISING PROGRAMS

Projects may be undertaken to raise money. All moneys collected are club property and may be dispersed only by the Treasurer at his earliest convenience.

## ARTICLE XI COMPETITIONS

An annual program of contest(s) or fun fly(s) aimed at increasing club camaraderie, and improving flying skills, shall be organized as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by members. The contest may either be members only or open to anyone paying an entry fee and fulfilling the requirements for the class entered, and having current membership in the AMA.

## ARTICLE XII BY LAW REVISIONS

These bylaws may be amended, dropped or added to (i.e. changed) only by the following steps:

- A. The proposed change (a motion) shall be put forth to the assembled membership in a regular business meeting.
- B. Open discussion of the motion will be held, the secretary shall record the discussion in a detailed manner as possible.
- C. When the discussion is ended the motion will be tabled.
- D. The motion and discussion will be published in the subsequent club newsletter.
- E. The motion will be brought back before the assembled membership in the next regular business meeting after RECEIPT of the club newsletter, making public the motion and discussion.
- F. Further discussion will take place if necessary.
- G. A "second" will be called for. If one is not received the motion dies.
- H. A two-thirds majority vote of the then assembled membership in the regular business meeting will decide the outcome of the change to these Bylaws.

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## **ADDENDA: RECORD OF CHANGES.**

The date and purpose of revisions to this document should be recorded in this section

Amended and Restated February 1998

Introduction, Article I and Article III amended December 2002 added provisions to remove members.

Revision 1 Amended August 1998, added life memberships. Revised annual dues by age groups.

Revision 4 October 2004 Article IX amended August 1998 Article X amended September 1998

Revision 5 September 2006 Article X revised to change dues and add refund of mowing fees

Revision 6 December 2008 Combined all membership related items to ARTICLE I, correctly renumbered all other articles Added budget requirements to ARTICLE III co-signature of expenses to ARTICLE III added, two new positions to ARTICLE III, and deleted mowing fee refund to ARTICLE III.