

# **WESTERN OREGON CONTROL LINE FLYERS**

## **“WOLF”**

### **Constitution and By-Laws**

Amended January 27, 2024

#### **Article I Name**

- A. The name of this organization shall be the “Western Oregon Control Line Flyers” and by the short title of “WOLF”.

#### **Article II Purpose**

- A. The purpose of this organization shall be the following:  
The construction and flying of control line model airplanes by the club’s members and the promotion of same for the public at large.

#### **Article III Office and Term**

- A. The office and term of this organization shall be the following:
1. The address of the organization shall be the club secretary’s home address.
  2. The club president or designee shall act as agent for the club in all business affairs
  3. The term of the organization shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of 51% vote of the membership. Assets remaining after all obligations have been satisfied will be donated to other like-minded modeling group or groups in accordance with club membership approval. There shall be a 30 day voting period to ensure maximum membership participation.

#### **Article IV Membership**

- A. Membership shall be open to any individual with an interest in control line model aviation.
- B. Membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.
- C. All members must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- D. Membership shall consist of the following two categories:
1. **Adult:** Any person over the age of 19 years at the time dues are paid. Adult members shall have the following rights and privileges:
    - a. Use of all club facilities
    - b. Newsletter
    - c. Copies of all rules and these by-laws

- d. The right to vote and hold office
- e. The right to attend and speak at all meetings
- 2. Youth: Any person under the age of 19 years at the time dues are paid. Youth members shall have the rights and privileges of an open member with the following limitation: They may not serve as a club officer.
- E. Application and acceptance for membership shall be involve the following steps:
  - 1. Fill out a club membership application and submit to the club secretary.
  - 2. Provide proof of A.M.A. membership
  - 3. Pay annual dues for the current year
  - 4. Affirm a willingness to follow all AMA and club rules and regulations as they may be adopted from time-to-time pursuant to these and the AMA's by-laws.
- F. Termination of membership may be accomplished by the following:
  - 1. Voluntarily, by resignation either verbal or written, to any club officer.
  - 2. Involuntarily, due to non-payment of dues, or at the direction of a simple majority of the membership for flagrant or repeated violations of the club's rules or the AMA's safety code or of club principles to the detriment of the club or the hobby at large.
- G. Reinstatement of terminated membership may be accomplished in the following ways:
  - 1. Members who resign in good standing may be reinstated if they can show current membership in AMA and pay the requisite dues for the current year.
  - 2. Persons dropped from membership by a majority vote of the membership will require the same vote to be considered for membership as a new applicant.
  - 3. All other former members seeking reinstatement will be handled as a new applicant and shall be required to complete the application procedure.

#### **Article V Dues**

- A. Annual dues for the membership year are due no later than February 1st.
- B. The executive committee shall set the annual dues amount which must be approved by a majority vote of the membership. There shall be specific amounts for the following membership categories: Adult, Youth, and Family.
- C. All dues collected shall be entered upon the books of the club for general use and will not be refundable.

#### **Article VI Member Responsibilities**

- A. All members shall be responsible for the conduct and policing including safety procedures for all their guests and family members while using the club's facilities.

B. All members are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner when flying anywhere so as to keep and perpetuate a favorable public image for the club and the hobby at large.

C. Any member seeing or being made aware of any club property being misused or any violation of club or AMA safety rules shall immediately do what is prudent to halt such actions.

### **Article VII Club Officers**

A. The elected club officers shall be:

1. President, 2. Vice President, 3. Secretary, 4. Treasurer, 5. Safety Officer

B. Only paid up members in good standing may serve as officers.

C. Elected and appointed officer terms shall be the same as the club's year: January 1 to December 31.

D. Elections shall be held annually during the business meeting in which the elections have been announced beforehand.

E. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a recall election. The vote must carry a simple majority of the club's entire membership with all members voting either in person or by written proxy if unable to attend the election in person. Voting will be done by written secret ballot counted by two non-officers.

F. Special elections to fill vacancies will be called by the executive committee and announced in the club newsletter.

### **Article VIII Officers Duties and Responsibilities**

A. The President's responsibilities shall include: 1. Chief executive officer, 2. Official club spokesman, 3. Club business representative, 4. Supervise and preside over all club meetings, 5. Appoint committees and their chairs when called for.

B. The Vice President's responsibilities shall include: 1. To assume the President's responsibilities when the President is absent, 2. To assist the President in all matters, 3. To cast the tie breaking vote.

C. Secretary duties shall include the following: 1. Keep an accurate account of all meetings, 2. Maintain the club roster and mailing list, 3. Record meeting attendance, 4. Maintain the club's mailing address, 5. Is tasked with responsibility of sending relevant information to club members via postal and/or e-mail, 6. Assume the Treasurer's duties when the Treasurer is absent, 7. Counting ballots during any regular votes of the membership.

D. Treasurer duties shall include the following: 1. Have charge of all club money, 2. Maintain the club financial records, all records will be maintained in a way as to be open

for review at any time, 3. Give a report at each club meeting as to the club assets, 4. Prepare an annual report for the membership to be included with the next newsletter and/or club meeting, 5. Collect all dues and assessments and issue all payments, 6. Act as cashier at all fund raising events, 7. Confirm A.M.A. membership of all club members, 8. Assume the Secretary duties when absent.

Special Note: The positions of secretary and treasurer may be assumed by one individual.

E. Safety Officer duties will include the following: 1. Maintain a safe atmosphere at club facilities and club functions, 2. Report on safety concerns at each meeting, 3. Make suggestions to the membership on ways to improve the club's safety record, 4. To suspend anyone using club facilities in violation of the AMA safety code or club rules, 5. Performing pull tests and model safety inspections at club functions or at the request of a club member,

### **Article IX Executive Committee**

A. The elected and appointed officers of the club shall make up the executive committee.

B. The executive committee shall have the power to make decisions and take action on matters concerning the operation of the club's business.

### **Article X Rules and Regulations**

A. The executive committee shall have the power to make, by resolution, such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, the articles of incorporation, the club's AMA charter and By-laws, nor these By-laws, as they may deem necessary for the safe and productive operation of the following: Club facilities and property, Competitions, Demonstrations, Static displays, Fund raisers, and other club activities.

### **Article XI Newsletter**

A. The club may have a newsletter which is to be published on an as needed basis, and will be in print and/or electronic form.

B. The purpose of the newsletter shall be to provide newsworthy information to all club members concerning its business, events, activities, and control line aviation in general.

### **Article XII Meetings**

A. The club shall have at least one general business meeting per year (typically referred to as the Annual General Meeting, or AGM)) and any special meetings as determined by the executive committee. At least 30 days notice should be given to the membership prior to any meeting.

B. Only paid members in good standing are eligible to vote or be nominated for office during meetings.

C. A simple majority of the members present is required to pass any motion presented at a monthly meeting (except as noted in Article 7 section E and Article 13 section A.)

D. The suggested order of business at a meeting shall be:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting(s)
3. Treasurer report
4. Safety officer report
5. Introduction of any guests or visitors
6. Introduction of any new members
7. Announcements and/or communications
8. Committee reports
9. Old business
10. New business
11. Program if available (film, lecture, or guest speaker, etc.)
12. Adjournment

### **Article XIII Amendments**

A. These by-laws of the Western Oregon Control Line Flyers may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of the membership. Voting can done either in person, or by electronic means according to the timeline which would be specified.