

Wichita R/C Power Boat Club

CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS GENERAL RULES & SAFETY RULES

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

I. CONSTITUTION

- A. **NAME:** The Club shall be known as the Wichita R/C Power Boat Club hereinafter called WRCPBC.
- B. **DEDICATION:** WRCPBC shall be dedicated to the progress and expansion of model boating through fellowship, sportsmanship and competition.
- C. **MEMBERSHIP:** The membership shall consist of individuals that are interested in the advancement of model boating without regard to Race, Color, Creed, Sex or Religion.

D. **OFFICES**

1. The officers of this club shall include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The same club member can be appointed as both: Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The nominations and elections for officers shall be held at the regularly scheduled meeting in January or the meeting immediately prior to the district meeting of the national organization in which the WRCPBC is associated, whichever is first. New officers will assume the duties of their office at the close of the meeting in which they are elected.
3. The club officers shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning on February 1st.

E. **AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws and shall be amended in the following manner by a simple majority vote.
2. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership body in writing. The member will submit copies to the membership who will be allowed ten (10) days to review the proposals. The decision will be made at the next meeting.
3. All approved amendments shall take effect immediately. Page 1

II. BYLAWS

A. MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the WRCPBC shall be in the following manner:

- 1. NEW MEMBERS: Any person wishing membership in WRCPBC May do so upon application through a WRCPBC Club Officer. Applications must be accompanied by annual club dues.**
- 2. MEMBERSHIP DUES**
 - a. An individual may register at a rate of \$20.00 per year per adult. Children of the family are free if under 12 years of age. All new members may join at any time in the year by paying the above fee.**
 - b. Current members may renew his/her membership at a rate of \$20.00 per year per person.**
 - c. Dues shall be used to support club functions and facilities.**
 - d. The current years membership fees will be due no later than January 1st for the club's fiscal year of January 1st through December 31st. Dues will not be prorated or refunded for a portion thereof.**

B. MEETINGS

- 1. DATE OF MEETINGS: Club business meetings will be held as convenient for the club members. Monthly dates will be announced by email to the club members and posted on the club web site.**
- 2. CLUB MEETING PROCEDURES: Club meetings will be held with respect and consideration to all club members attending the meeting.**

C. VOTING

- 1. BALLOT VOTING: All votes taken at club meetings can be by Ballot or show of hands. Votes will be counted / tallied by the Secretary and/or Treasurer.**
- 2. NEW MEMBERS VOTING: New club members shall have full Voting privileges for local club issues upon receipt of club application and dues.**
- 3. MAJORITY VOTE: All decisions must be passed by a simple majority of the active members present at a club meeting.**
- 4. ABSENTEE VOTING: Absentee votes will be accepted prior to the meeting.**

D. OFFICERS

1. **ABSENCES:** Any officer that is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, for any reason, may be removed from office. Nominations and an election will be held at that same (third) meeting for a replacement officer. The nominations and election should be held as the last order of business with the new officer taking office at the close of that meeting.
2. **BANKING:** Only the President and Treasurer are authorized to conduct banking transactions on behalf of the club.
3. **AGE:** Officers shall be 18 years of age or older.
4. **DUTIES of the OFFICERS:** The duties of the WRCPBC Officers shall be as follows:
 - a. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the presiding member of:
 - (1) **Club Meetings:** Duties at the club meeting include:
 - (a) Calling meetings and maintain order as required.
 - (b) Setting meeting times, dates, and format as required.
 - (2) **Club Functions:** Duties at the club functions include
 - (a) Reviewing all proposed club functions.
 - (b) The President will be the final decision making authority in all unresolved issues.
 - (3) The President may authorize disbursement of club funds for the maintenance of club equipment.
 - (4) The President shall develop and institute a continuous recruitment program for new membership.
 - (5) **VACANCY:** In the event the President resigns or vacates the position of President, the Vice President will assume the duties of President and at the earliest opportunity, conduct an election to replace the vacated office of Vice President.

b. VICE PRESIDENT

- (1) The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.**
- (2) The Vice President duties also include Safety Director.**

c. SECRETARY

- (1) The Secretary is responsible for the following:**
 - (a) maintaining accurate minutes of club meetings**
 - (b) retaining copies of all correspondence**
 - (c) retaining applications on file for all national organizations the club is associated**
 - (d) calling roll at club meetings**
 - (e) seeing that all new members get copies of the Club Constitution and Bylaws**

d. TREASURER

- (1) The Treasurer is responsible for the following:**
 - (a) maintaining accurate records of club books**
 - (b) making Treasurer's Report at club meetings**
 - (c) maintaining accurate bank records**

E. CLUB WATER USAGE:

- 1. Club water is to be used for the primary purpose of radio control model boating.**
- 2. The club water is for the use of WRCPBC members to promote radio controlled power boating.**

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GENERAL RULES AND SAFETY RULES

1. **CLUB EQUIPMENT USAGE:** All club equipment will be kept at an Officer's house unless affordable storage can be found. Three (3) days notice will be necessary prior to a member borrowing any equipment. The equipment must be returned within one (1) to three (3) days.
ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED AT SEDGWICK COUNTY LAKE ONLY!
2. **SHOES:** Closed toed shoes will be required at all times at SEDGWICK COUNTY LAKE. This is for safety and insurance purposes.
3. **CLEAN-UP:** Clean-up your pit area after any usage of Sedgwick County Lake. Particularly, any broken bottle or soda/beer cans (even if they are not yours).
4. **DAMAGES:** Report any damage or problems you notice at Sedgwick County Lake to one of the Club Officers immediately.
5. **OPEN WATER:** During practice times, open water is closed and all boat launching will cease while the pick-up boat is on the lake.
6. **NO SWIMMING:** No Swimming at Sedgwick County Lake.
7. **FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGE:** Upon forfeiture of membership or non-renewal of membership, rights to club property or other membership privileges are cancelled. All club keys to said club property shall be returned to an officer of the WRCPBC no later than 30 days after forfeiture of membership requirements.
8. **NEW BOATERS:** New boaters will be encouraged to join WRCPBC. But if the new boater chooses to compete in a sanctioned club race, then it will be a requirement for the new boaters to join one of the national organizations (IMPBA, NAMBA or APBA).
9. **DISBURSEMENTS:** Any and all other disbursements/expenditures must be approved by the majority of the club members present at the monthly meeting. Should a club member choose to disburse funds or contact services at their discretion, they may present the receipt, itemization and explanation of expenditures at the next meeting for a vote. Reimbursement is not guaranteed and shall be voted on at the next general meeting by the club members. Full re-imbusement or partial reimbursement may be allowed. Any expense or contract made without a vote of the members is considered the personal debt of the person making the debt. No one member has the authority of acting on behalf of the club without a vote of the club members.
10. **COURSE DIRECTION:** The direction of the course is clockwise. No running backwards on the course

11. **DEAD BOATS:** When there are two dead boats on the course or if a dead boat is sinking, there will be no launching any boats. Boats already on the course shall be called in to let the pickup boat retrieve the dead boats.
12. **CUTTING THE COURSE:** Cutting the course when other boats are on the course is not allowed. If you need to test your boat, ask all other boaters to hold off launching their boats.
13. **FREQUENCY CLIPS:** Frequency clip must be on your radio before turning the radio on. This includes any other R/C models brought to the club site.
14. **DRIVERS STAND:** All driving of a R/C boat will be done from the drivers stand. No driving from the shore line.
15. **BOAT LAUNCHING:** Launching your own boat is not allowed. You have to Have a pit person launch your boat. When your boat is underway then your pit person is to join you on the drivers stand.
16. **SPECTATORS AND CHILDREN:** No one is allowed to launch their boat if there are spectators or children on the shore line in front of the pit area or drivers stand. **NOTE:** Parents are responsible for keeping their children off the shore line in front of the pit area, drivers stand and away from boats that are being started or are running.