



## CONSTITUTION OF THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL SOARING SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society is "THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL SOARING SOCIETY", hereinafter "HKRCSS".
2. The registered office of HKRCSS will be located in the Territory of Hong Kong or in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
3. The goals of HKRCSS are as follows:
  - (a) To promote the sport and science of radio control soaring of model sailplanes, and facilitate the exchange of information and ideas related to same;
  - (b) To hold regular meetings for the discussion of HKRCSS activities and of developments in R/C soaring and related fields;
  - (c) To organize competitions and related activities in R/C soaring.
  - (d) To establish and maintain bilateral relations with relevant societies outside Hong Kong as a representative of R/C soaring communities in Hong Kong;
  - (e) To solicit the relationships with HKRCSS of appropriate organizations within Hong Kong interested in R/C modeling, so that their views may be incorporated in HKRCSS' representations to government;
4. Individual memberships are classified as follows:
  - (a) A full member is an individual who has expressed an interest in R/C soaring and HKRCSS activities. Full members are entitled to all HKRCSS membership privileges including the right to vote. They are subject to normal initiation and subscription fees. **Membership fee is HK\$150 per annum.**
  - (b) **A visiting member is an individual who has expressed an interest in R/C soaring and HKRCSS activities. Visiting members are entitled to all HKRCSS membership privileges but excluding the right to vote. They are still subject to normal initiation and subscription fees. Visiting membership, costing HK\$100 each, is only valid for 3 consecutive months.**
  - (c) An honorary member is an individual who has been elected by the Committee to that status in recognition of special contributions to R/C soaring or to HKRCSS. Membership is conferred for life. An honorary member has full voting rights and membership privileges, but is not subject to initiation or subscription fees.
5. Every candidate for full membership shall be proposed and seconded by HKRCSS members at a regular, annual general, or extraordinary general meeting. Membership privileges are not conferred upon such candidates until and unless he is elected as a member by a majority of Committee members present at such meeting.
6. The Committee shall determine, from time to time as it deems necessary, all subscription and initiation fees and due dates, and late payment penalties at its sole discretion; provided, however, that any changes in such fees must be announced at no less than two successive regular meetings before becoming effective.
7. Management of HKRCSS shall be entrusted to a Committee of full or honorary members elected at each annual general meeting with one-year terms and re-electable for one consecutive term only. The Committee shall consist of four officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five members-at-large with responsibilities and titles to be determined by the Committee. A member with a direct commercial interest in R/C models is not eligible to run for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer.
8. The Committee shall have the power to appoint full or honorary members to fill vacancies in the Committee as they occur, provided that the term of members so appointed shall expire at the next annual general meeting.
9. The Treasurer elected at the previous annual general meeting shall prepare a full report of HKRCSS' financial affairs for inclusion in the notice by which the annual general meeting is announced.

10. An annual general meeting shall be held in December of each calendar year unless, in the sole opinion of the Committee, that is impractical due to circumstances beyond the control of HKRCSS, such as natural disaster. In any event, an annual general meeting must be held no less than nine months nor more than fifteen months from the date of the previous annual general meeting. Such annual general meeting may be held adjacent to, or concurrent with a regular HKRCSS meeting, and the following business is to be conducted:
  - (a) Presentation of, and acceptance or rejection of the financial report;
  - (b) Report by the Chairman;
  - (c) Election of the officers and other Committee members;
  - (d) Other business that has been communicated by any member to the Secretary and was included in the meeting notice.
11. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time upon the request of any member and concurrence in that request by one-fifth of all voting members, or twelve voting members, whichever is less. Such request must state the purpose for the meeting and the proposed date for the meeting; except that if no date is specified, it must be held within one month of the concurrence by members described above.
12. At least ten days before any extraordinary or annual general meeting the Secretary shall send to every member at his address as recorded in HKRCSS' books a notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.
13. The business at any general meeting shall be limited to that provided by these rules and those further matters contained in the meeting notice. The quorum at any general meeting shall be eight full or honorary members.
14. A HKRCSS officer or Committee member shall preside at all HKRCSS meetings.
15. The Committee may, by two-thirds vote of Committee members present at any meeting, expel or reclassify any member whose continued membership, as a result of the member's conduct, is no longer in the best interest of HKRCSS. Such action shall not be taken until said member has been given the opportunity, with no less than seven days notice, to appear before the Committee to answer the complaint against him.
16. The Committee may strike off from the membership rolls any member whose financial obligations to the company are more delinquent than permitted by the Committee.
17. No alteration to this constitution shall be made unless approved by at least two-thirds of the voting members present at an extraordinary general meeting. The Secretary will submit to the Registrar of Societies within twenty-eight days written notice of any alterations made.
18. All HKRCSS income and property shall be applied toward the fulfillment of the goals set forth in this constitution. No officer or Committee member shall be eligible for any salaried or compensated position within HKRCSS. No portion of HKRCSS income or assets will be distributed to members, except in compensation for specific services rendered, assets sold to HKRCSS, or in reimbursement for authorized expenses (and reasonable interest) incurred by the member on HKRCSS' behalf.
19. If HKRCSS is wound up each member, while his membership is current and for one year thereafter, will contribute to HKRCSS assets in order to pay HKRCSS' debts and liabilities, as well as the costs of winding up and the adjustment of the rights of the members, the amount not to exceed ten Hong Kong Dollars.
20. If HKRCSS is dissolved or wound up, any remaining assets will be distributed to other non-profit or charitable organizations in Hong Kong, with preference given to organizations with goals similar to HKRCSS. In no case will assets be distributed, directly or indirectly, to individuals or former or current HKRCSS members.

**Revisions:**

October, 2021

As requested by the Hong Kong Police Force, membership fee has to be stated in the constitution.

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January 19, 2020

Visiting membership class was discussed and voted positive on the AGM held on January 19, 2020. This constitution was revised accordingly with the below new membership class added.

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January 17, 2015

This constitution was revised and approved at the 2014 AGM held on January 17, 2015. Details:

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June 30, 2001

This constitution was approved at an extraordinary general meeting of HKRCSS held on 30 June 2001.