

BYLAWS of the Drone Flyers Club, The Villages, Florida

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Club is DRONE FLYERS CLUB, herein referred to as the “Club”. The Club is a not-for-profit organization and operates as part of The Villages Recreation Lifestyle group.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The purpose of this Club shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following: To organize the efforts of its Members to promote the development of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) multi-rotor aircraft commonly referred to as “drones” as a recreational, sporting, and educational activity; to participate in and foster safety and education programs; to encourage Members to develop good citizenship, sportsmanship, and responsibility toward others through participation in the Club’s programs; to promote the exchange of ideas and information; and to aid the community and local public safety organizations whenever possible.

SECTION 2: This document, dated January 15, 2026 repeals and supersedes any previous revisions.

ARTICLE III – DEFINITIONS

Drone – a Small Unmanned Aircraft System of a multi-rotor or convergent type capable of vertical or near-vertical takeoff and landing. Standard fixed wing remote controlled aircraft are not included for the intent of this Club.

Recreation Department – The Villages Community Development Districts Recreation & Parks Department, the overseeing organization responsible for meeting facilities for the Club and providing the general guidance for Resident Lifestyle Groups that the Club operates under.

Safety Regulations – all Federal, FAA, state, and local laws and regulations governing the safe operation and use of sUAS.

Safety Rules – Club prescribed safety rules implemented in addition to Safety Regulations. In the event of a conflict between Safety Rules and Safety Regulations the more restrictive shall apply to all Club sponsored activities.

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ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, DUES, and FEES

SECTION 1: Any resident of The Villages, Florida with a positive interest in drones is eligible for membership in the Club. Each applicant for membership will complete the prescribed form in effect at the time of the application. Each resident must have a valid and active Villages Resident ID or Villages Guest ID.

SECTION 2: Guests may attend up to two (2) regular Club business meetings or flying events prior to becoming a paid member provided they have a Villages identification or have been issued a Villages guest pass and complete the Club's liability waiver. The member is responsible for guest conduct. Guests must agree to follow all Safety Regulations, Safety Rules, and Club Rules. Guests are not permitted to attend scheduled

SECTION 3: Deleted

SECTION 4: Membership dues structure: Each Member will be assessed dues as determined by the Board of Directors and approved vote of the membership to be sufficient to meet expected operating costs and budget. One-time assessments if needed from time to time will be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by a vote of the Membership prior to being assessed. These fees are provided in Amendment I of the Club bylaws.

SECTION 5: The annual renewal dues of all Members shall be due and payable by the beginning of the calendar year. If the annual renewal dues of any Member remain unpaid through the first two (2) Club meetings then his/her Membership shall be deemed terminated. A Member's dues must be current and paid in order to exercise a vote in Club business, participate in Club events and activities, or utilize Club facilities or equipment.

SECTION 6: No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club Membership, unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Members present at the regular (monthly) meeting, and the Members have been given twenty-one (21) days prior notice via e-mail along with an explanation of the assessment.

SECTION 7: All Dues are non-refundable.

SECTION 8: Deleted

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ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The elected Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Officers shall be full-time/year-round residents of The Villages and have a valid FAA 107 certification.

SECTION 2: The President is the primary executive Officer of the Club and will preside over all meetings of the Club, will appoint any committees and the chairpersons of such, and will be a Member with full voting rights of all committees. The President shall convene meetings of the Board of Directors and committee chairpersons as needed to assess the objectives, activities, planned events, operating and financial condition of the Club, and to form recommendations concerning such matters for presentation to the Membership.

SECTION 3: The Vice-President shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the President. Additionally, the Vice-President will assume the duties and responsibilities of the President in the event of their absence or disability.

SECTION 4: The Secretary is the official record keeper of the Club and as such will keep a complete and accurate record of all meetings of the Club. The Secretary shall maintain the Club roster which shall contain the contact information and verify the members Villages ID number of every Member. The Secretary will conduct all routine correspondence and perform such other duties as may be required by Club activities. The Secretary shall retain the Bylaws and copies of all previous Bylaws. The Secretary shall ensure appropriate notice is provided to The Villages Recreation News to advertise scheduled meetings.

SECTION 5: The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and shall keep, in computer files or books belonging to the Club, a full and complete accounting of all receipts and expenditures of Club funds. All moneys of the Club shall be deposited in the Club account in an expeditious manner. Treasurer records will be audited prior to turnover to a new Treasurer or President. Any discrepancies will be rectified prior to turnover. The handling of all funds shall be in accordance with The Villages Recreation Department rules and guidelines and the Internal Revenue Service regulations.

SECTION 6: The President may appoint the Membership Director, Should a Membership Director be appointed, he or she would be responsible

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for implementing established Club policies regarding potential, new, current, and rejoining Members. The Membership Director, if appointed, shall be a Member of the Board of Directors. If a Membership Director is not appointed, the functions assigned to the position will be the responsibility of the Vice President of the Club.

SECTION 7: The President shall appoint the Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for enforcing the safety rules of the Club. The Safety Officer shall hold a valid FAA 107 certification. The Safety Officer shall be a Member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8: If the need arises, an Officer of the Club may hold no more than two positions within the Club. The offices of President and Treasurer shall not be held simultaneously by one Club Member, spouses, significant other, or family member.

SECTION 9: Additional positions for Officers and Directors may be established by the Board of Directors. The Membership shall have been given twenty-one (21) day prior notice via e-mail along with an explanation of the duties and responsibilities of any new positions being created. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of Members at a regularly scheduled meeting shall approve all new positions. The duties and responsibilities of new positions shall be recorded as an amendment to these bylaws.

SECTION 10: Club Officers will serve as the Board of Directors. Club Directors will attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of scheduled Executive Board meetings. Members of the Board of Directors may attend scheduled meetings of the Executive Board in-person or virtually.

SECTION 11: The Directors of the Club shall all be Club Officers elected by the Membership. Additional At Large Directors shall be elected by the Membership to serve on the Board of Directors. The number of At Large Directors shall be two or three, as needed, to establish an odd number of Directors on the Board of Directors. Additionally the Board of Directors shall serve as the Safety Committee for the Club.

SECTION 12: Subject to the majority vote of the Membership to the contrary, the Officers are authorized to execute and perform all corporate acts appropriate to carry on the business of the Club. All Officers shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

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SECTION 1: Meetings of the general Membership shall be held on a monthly basis, except if approved by the Membership for suspension for defined periods or as required by The Villages Recreation Department due to availability issues. The date, time, and location of scheduled meetings will normally be published to the Membership at least one month in advance by email, and at least one week in advance of a rescheduled meeting. The Secretary shall ensure The Villages Recreation News is provided with the necessary information for the scheduling and publishing of the monthly meetings.

SECTION 2: Each Club member in good standing shall have one vote. Proxy votes are not authorized. A majority of the Board of Directors and ten percent (10%) of the total Membership shall constitute a quorum for conducting routine business. A simple majority of the Members voting shall be required to pass any motion at any meeting, except in the case of amendment of these Bylaws as required in article IX.

SECTION 3: Special meetings may be called by the President, Club Officers, and/or Special Committee. Notification of notice shall be sent by e-mail five days (5) in advance. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the notification.

SECTION 4: At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be, over 50% of the Members voting at the meeting and not abstaining.

SECTION 5: Any Member in good standing may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a proposal to the President or Secretary. The proposal shall include a description of the nature, type and extent of the Board's action recommended. The President or any Board members, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next meeting.

SECTION 6: The Members shall be notified of the annual election meeting by e-mail, not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to such meeting. When such notice is emailed, it shall be sent to each Member of the Club in good standing and the Member in good standing shall be entitled to vote on the election of Officers.

SECTION 7: All records are and shall remain property of the Club and shall be passed on to their successors when new Officers are elected.

ARTICLE VII – TERMS and ELECTION of OFFICERS

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SECTION 1: Election of Officers shall be held at the January meeting, by ballot or show of hands cast in person or in the case of “no contest”, by acclamation, if so moved and carried. An excess of votes cast for any candidate over those cast for any opponent will be deemed sufficient for election. Ballots, if required, will be tallied and elected nominees announced at the election meeting.

SECTION 2: Assumption of elected office will occur on February 1st of the new calendar year. Outgoing Officers shall assist in and assure the smooth transition of leadership, responsibilities, and records.

SECTION 3: Vacancies in any office will be filled by appointment by the remaining Officers. Such appointees will serve to the end of the term for which their predecessor was elected.

SECTION 4: The elected Officers shall serve for a period of two years or until successors are duly elected and installed.

SECTION 5: Recall by election - A secret ballot is required for removal of Club Officers, Board Members, or Club Members unless waived by a majority vote of the Members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1: In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Club in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, the assets of the Club that remain after payment or making provisions for payment of all Club liabilities, shall be donated to a section 501(c)(3) organization as deemed acceptable by a simple majority vote of the Membership.

ARTICLE IX – ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1: These bylaws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Members present who are eligible to vote at any regular or special meetings of the Club, a quorum being present. Notice that such a motion is to be made and voted upon by the Members shall be announced at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting. These bylaws shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until dissolution or termination of the Club or upon amendment.

ARTICLE X – INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

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SECTION 1: In the event that an aircraft causes damage to any structure, fence, equipment, or other property, or causes injury to themselves or others, the operator or remote pilot in command of the aircraft shall be fully responsible for all costs and liabilities caused by their operations, actions, or inactions.

In the event of property damage or accident the senior Club Officer present at the time of the event shall direct the immediate return and landing of all aircraft and suspend all further flights until such time as it is deemed safe and appropriate to resume flight operations.

If the Member pilot refuses to pay the repair cost, his/her Membership will be changed to a Member in Bad Standing with revoked flying privileges until the situation is resolved. The Member in Bad Standing will be reinstated at a later time only on the recommendation of the majority of all Club Officers.

SECTION 2: The Club is not responsible for any injuries or damage to Members aircraft or other properties during flight meets or other activities.

ARTICLE XI – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules and Safety Regulations that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual Member or Members. While most violations can be resolved informally, those that cannot, such as flagrant or continued violations, will be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

SECTION 2: A complaint against a Member shall be submitted in writing, signed by at least one current Member in good standing and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall bring the complaint to the attention of the Club Officers within ten days of the written complaint. The Club Officers shall make the decision for dismissal of complaint, suspension or expulsion of that Member.

SECTION 3: Grounds for suspension or expulsion include but are not limited to:

- 1) An individual or individuals willfully committing an act or omission which is in violation of any of the terms of the bylaws or other rules of the Club.
- 2) An individual or individuals willfully or repeatedly committing an act which may be detrimental to the Club or Club's reputation or good standing within the community, or in some other way deemed disorderly or prejudicial to the Club or its Membership.
- 3) An individual or individuals knowingly or willingly violating Club Safety Rules

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or Safety Regulations during a Club activity.

4) An individual or individuals violating any rule of The Villages Recreation Department while utilizing their facilities.

SECTION 4: A vote for expulsion or termination by the Membership shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present. The individual's Membership may be terminated for a period of one (1) calendar year without any monetary refund of Membership dues or fees. The offending Member or Members will be informed of the disposition of the violation in writing.

SECTION 5: REINSTATEMENT: A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors is required for the reinstatement to the Club after the one-year period. After reinstatement, the Member must become current with their Membership dues.

ARTICLE XII – FISCAL POLICIES

SECTION 1: The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 2: Planned expenditures of Club funds will normally be discussed and approved by a simple majority of the Members at a regularly scheduled Club meeting. Expenditures deemed in the Club's best interest and within the prescribed limits need not be delayed until a Club meeting.

SECTION 3: Expenditures of Club funds up to \$300 per event may be authorized by the President plus one other Officer.

SECTION 4: Expenditure of Club funds in excess of \$300 per event shall require a simple majority vote of the Members present at any scheduled meeting.

SECTION 5: All contracts or obligations incurred by the Club shall bear the signature of the President, or in their absence the Vice President, and shall not be valid unless so signed. The President or the Vice-President shall be one of two authorized signers of checks issued on the Club account, the other signer shall be the Treasurer.

SECTION 6: An audit of Club financial records shall be conducted annually by two Members of the Board of Directors not including the Treasurer. This audit will be completed no later than March 31 of each calendar year.

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SECTION 7: The Board of Directors shall establish an Annual Budget for the next fiscal year. The budget shall be approved by a majority of the Members present at the December monthly meeting, or other meeting as the situation may require. The annual budget shall determine if the annual membership fees shall be adjusted.

The annual budget shall include as a minimum:

- 1) Any and all fees payable by the Club.
- 2) Any Insurance fees

All anticipated fees, costs, and expenditures

- 3) Adequate reserves to cover reasonable unforeseen costs and expenditures

SECTION 8: Fees and financial matters shall be collected, conducted, and maintained in accordance with the most recent and current guidelines published for Resident Lifestyle Groups and Volunteers by The Villages Community Development Districts Recreation & Parks department.

SECTION XIII – HISTORY OF REVISIONS OF the DRONE FLYERS CLUB Bylaws

09/30/2018 – Original Draft
10/24/2018 – Second Draft submitted to Membership for approval
11/28/2018 – Revisions and changes to establish final bylaws.
01/23/2019 – Bylaws approved by the membership
02/27/2019 – Amendment 2 adopted - Local Flying and Safety Rules
04/24/2019 – Amendment 3 adopted - Removal of AMA charter and membership requirements for bylaws
06/22/2023 – Amendment 4 adopted - Changes to bylaws approved
04/24/2025 – Amendment 5 adopted - Article 5, Membership Director position
01/15/2026 – Amendment 6 adopted - Update to Bylaws

Section XIV - BYLAWS ADOPTION:

Section 1: Bylaws approved by the membership and adopted January 15, 2026.

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT HEREBY CERTIFIED
BY 2026 OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

VICE-PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

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SECRETARY: _____
DATE: _____

TREASURER: _____
DATE: _____

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AMENDMENT 1 – FEES and DUES SCHEDULE

The fees and dues set forth herein shall be the operating expenses and agreed to Club expenditures as directed by the Board of Directors and Membership. Standard fees and dues are defined and may be modified as set forth in the Club Bylaws.

SECTION 2: Refunds of Fees and Dues: All dues and fees paid to the Club are not refundable.