



CLUB BYLAWS

Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds

Article I: NAME

1. The official name of this board shall be the “Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds Board of Directors” (Hereinafter called the “Board”)

Article II: OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

1. It is the object and purpose of the Board to promote the racing of scale unlimited hydroplanes and to ensure equality of all members in every aspect of Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds (hereinafter called “ERCU”) functions, regardless of race, color, creed, political preference or otherwise.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS

1. The Board shall be composed of seven At-large members who shall be elected by all persons within ERCU who have registered an Electric R/C Unlimiteds boat with the Board Registrar at the time of elections to the Board.
2. Officers of the Board shall be a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer/Registrar, Statistician, Race Coordinator, Technical/Scale Inspector, and Member At Large.
3. The Board Chair shall be elected by and from the membership Board he/she will chair.
4. Any vacancies that may occur shall be filled by a vote of the Board. The new member will complete the term of the vacated position.
5. The term of membership shall be for two race seasons, the term to begin and end with the year-end banquet. Three members shall be elected in even number of years, and four members shall be elected in odd years.
6. Each Board member shall be entitled to one vote only on any matters of the Board.
7. Board members may vote by proxy. A Board member may designate another member of the Board to cast a proxy vote. No member of the Board may act as a proxy for more than one vote.
8. The Board is responsible for supplying trophies for the year-end awards banquet.
9. All Board members will assist in the running of the Gold Cup. Board Members are responsible for securing the site, trophies, equipment setup and officiating.
10. The Chair will poll all Board members at the conclusion of the racing season, prior to the awards banquet, on members to receive the following awards. Most Improved Driver, Contest Director of the Year, Rookie of the Year (all classes), Sportsmanship Award, Sponsor of the Year, Contribution Awards, and ERCU Hall of Fame as well as any other award the Board deems fit to recognize.



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Article IV: RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. The Board shall have the authority to interpret and enforce the rules adopted by the ERCU Membership

Article V: MEETINGS

1. All actions taken by the Board shall be by a vote at a regular or specified meeting of said Board.
2. There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Board in each calendar year. These meetings may include virtual meetings (i.e. Zoom, Teams, conference call, or other online meeting platforms).
3. Special meetings may be held at any time or place at the call of the Board Chair with 10 days written notice of such meeting. A special meeting must be called upon receipt of a written petition to either the Board Chair or by not less than two members of the Board.
4. The Chair may call a Board meeting at any ERCU sanctioned regatta. Announcement of the sanctioned regatta is notice of a possible Board meeting.
5. At any meeting, four members, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.
6. All meetings of the board shall be open to the entire membership of ERCU.

Article VI: COMMITTEES

1. The Board shall establish such standing committees as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its business and shall prescribe the duties of such committees.
2. Special committees may be appointed at any time, by motion or resolution, to take into consideration and report on special matters.



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Article VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The Chair shall act as chief executive officer of the organization. The chair will preside over all meetings of the Board and shall perform all the usual duties of a presiding officer. The Chair can call special meetings as required.
2. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board, shall record all proceedings, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may designate. The Secretary shall compile votes from the yearly Board position elections. If the Secretary is up for election, the Board shall appoint a club member to count votes. In the event that the Chair is unavailable to perform his/her duties, the Secretary will serve as Chair Pro-Tempore. In the event of the Chair's resignation or removal from office, the Secretary will serve as interim Chair until the Board takes official action to replace the Chair.
3. The Treasurer/Registrar shall act as the chief distributing officer of the Board, and shall provide, at least once a year, a financial statement showing the fiscal condition of the ERCU treasury. He/she shall keep all records necessary to maintain an accurate listing of members and their respective registered boats. The Treasurer/Registrar shall maintain the Master Hull Roster.
4. The Statistician shall maintain the yearly race and historical point records of ERCU.
5. The Race Coordinator shall be responsible for setting up the yearly race schedule and for making available to each Contest Director the necessary information and equipment to stage a regatta.
6. The Scale/Technical inspector shall enforce the scale appearance as well as the technical requirements as stated in the ERCU Rulebook.
7. The Member at large shall be delegated his/her duties by Board.

Article VIII: ORDER AND BUSINESS

1. The order of business at each regular meeting shall be as follows:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Reading and adoption of minutes of the previous meeting
 - c. Reports of Officers
 - d. Reports of Standing Committees
 - e. Reports of Special Committees
 - f. Old or Unfinished Business
 - g. New Business
 - h. Adjournment
2. At any special meeting, the special business for which the meeting is convened may be taken up immediately after Roll Call at the discretion of the Chair.



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Article IX: BYLAW AMENDMENTS, AND ERCU RACING RULE CHANGES

1. The ERCU Board Bylaws and/or the ERCU Racing Rules may only be changed or modified by a vote of the registered ERCU members in good standing.
2. Proposed changes to the ERCU Board Bylaws and/or the ERCU Racing Rules shall be submitted, in writing, to the Chair by November 1 of each year. The Chair shall then distribute such proposed changes by e-mail, to each member for consideration by November 14 of each year.
3. The Board shall then submit by an electronic (online survey, email, or other electronic platform) ballot regarding the petition matter to the registered ERCU members by November 21 of each year.
4. All ballots shall be sent to a scrutinizer appointed by the Board, who is not a board member. The scrutinizer shall tally and confirm results and forward to the Board.
5. A Bylaw or ERCU Racing Rule may be adopted, modified or otherwise changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the total ballots received under the conditions set forth under Section 1 of this Article.

Article X: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1. A Board member may be removed from office by a vote of the registered ERCU members. A formal vote by the registered ERCU may be initiated by a petition of not less than 10 of the registered ERCU members or by the ERCU Board.
2. The Board shall then submit by e-mail a ballot regarding the petition matter to the registered ERCU members within thirty days of receipt of the petition. All ballots received by the Board within 30 days after mailing the petition shall be tallied, and the vote considered final.



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ARTICLE XI. Appeals

1. The Board and/or Committee shall put in writing and forward to the member involved a reason for a decision regarding scale, technical or disciplinary action within 7 days of the decision being rendered.
2. The member named shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors by submitting in writing their wish to appeal and appear before the Board.
3. The Board shall convene a meeting as soon as possible to deal with the appeal. The member shall have the right to appear before the Board to appeal the decision.
4. The Board shall submit their decision in writing within 48 hours of the meeting.
5. The member shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Board to the members. The member must submit an outline of the Appeal in writing to the Board within 72 hours of receiving the written notice of the Board s Appeal decision.
6. The Board shall give 14-day notice to the members of a special general meeting of the members at which time the member may present their case with regards to the appeal.
7. Each member shall receive and submit a secret ballot to be tallied by two scrutineers who are not Board members
8. A simple majority of Ballots cast shall determine the outcome of the Appeal and the decision shall be final.

Amended by vote of the membership 12/28/2020