

1 **BYLAWS**

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3 **ARTICLE I – NAME**

4 The name of the Club is DRONE FLYERS CLUB, herein referred to as the “Club”.

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6 The Club mailing address is:  
7 Drone Flyers Club

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12 The Club is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of  
13 Florida and The Villages Recreation Department Lifestyle group rules.

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15 **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

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

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26 SECTION 2: The Club shall secure and renew as required a charter from a  
27 nationwide community-based organization as agreed to by the Membership.

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29 **ARTICLE III – DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

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42 Safety Rules – Club prescribed safety rule implemented in addition to Safety  
43 Regulations. In the event of a conflict between Safety Rules and Safety Regulations  
44 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 regular Club meeting and functions. Any guest must agree to follow all Safety Regulations, Safety Rules, and Club Rules.

SECTION 3: Deleted

SECTION 4: Membership dues structure: Each Member will be assessed dues as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by vote of the Membership to be sufficient to meet expected operating costs and budget. Other one-time assessments needed from time to time will also be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by Membership vote prior to collection. 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

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

SECTION 1: The elected Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. The President shall appoint a Membership Director. All Officers shall be full time/year-round residents of The Villages.

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

89 chairpersons of such, and will be a Member with full voting rights of all committees.  
90 The President shall convene meetings of the Board of Directors and committee  
91 chairpersons as needed to assess the objectives, activities, planned events, operating  
92 and financial condition of the Club, and to form recommendations concerning such  
93 matters for presentation to the Membership.

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

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99 SECTION 4: The Secretary is the official record keeper of the Club and as such will  
100 keep a complete and accurate record of all meetings of the Club. The Secretary shall  
101 maintain the Club roster which shall contain the contact information, and Villages  
102 ID number of every Member. The Secretary will conduct all routine correspondence,  
103 and perform such other duties as may be required by Club activities. Any  
104 newsletters or other official publications of the Club will be approved by the  
105 Secretary and a record copy retained. The Secretary shall ensure the appropriate  
106 notice is provide to The Villages Recreation News to advertise scheduled meetings.

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

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116 SECTION 6: The Membership Director, an Officer appointed by the elected Officers,  
117 shall be directly responsible for implementing established Club policies regarding  
118 potential, new, current, and rejoining Members. The Membership Director shall be  
119 a Member of the Board of Directors.

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121 SECTION 7: The Safety Officer shall be appointed by the elected Officers of the Club.  
122 The Safety Officer shall be responsible for enforcing safety rules of the Club. The  
123 Safety Officer shall be a Member of the Board of Directors.

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

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129 SECTION 9: Additional positions for Officers and Directors may be established by  
130 the Board of Directors. The Membership shall have been given twenty-one (21) days  
131 prior notice via e-mail along with an explanation of the duties and responsibilities  
132 of any new positions being created. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of a regularly

133 scheduled meetings attendance shall approve all new positions. The duties and  
134 responsibilities of new positions shall be recorded as an amendment to these bylaws.

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136 SECTION 10: For the purposes of incorporation the Club Officers will fulfill  
137 Director's duties, serving as Board of Directors.

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139 SECTION 11: The Directors of the Club shall be all Club Officers either elected by  
140 the Membership or so appointed. Additional At Large Directors shall be elected by  
141 the Membership to serve on the Board of Directors, the number of At Large Directors  
142 shall be two or three, as needed, to establish an odd number of Directors on the Board  
143 of Directors. The Directors shall comprise The Board of Directors and shall also  
144 serve as the Safety Committee.

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

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150 ***ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS***

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152 SECTION 1: Meetings of the general Membership shall be held on the 4th  
153 Wednesday of each month, except if approved by the Membership for suspension due  
154 defined periods or as required by The Villages Recreation Department due to  
155 availability issues. The date, time, and location of scheduled meetings will normally  
156 be published to the Membership at least one month in advance by email, and at least  
157 one week in advance of a rescheduled meeting. The Secretary shall ensure The  
158 Villages Recreation News is provided with the necessary information for the  
159 scheduling and publishing of the monthly meetings.

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

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

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

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174 SECTION 5: Any Member in good standing may initiate a formal request for action  
175 by the Board of Directors by submitting a proposal to the President or Secretary.  
176 The proposal shall include a description of the nature, type and extent of the Board's

177 action recommended. The President or any Board members, may have the matter  
178 placed upon the working agenda of the next meeting.

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180 SECTION 6: Notice of the annual election meeting of the Members shall be served  
181 by mail not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to such meeting. When such notice  
182 is emailed, it shall be sent to each Member of the Club entitled to vote on the election  
183 of Officers and Director.

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

187 ***ARTICLE VII – TERMS and ELECTION of OFFICERS***

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

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

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

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

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

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211 ***ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION***

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213 SECTION 1: In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Club in any manner  
214 or for any reason whatsoever, the assets of the Club that remain after payment or  
215 making provisions for payment of all Club liabilities, shall be donated to a section  
216 501(c)(3) organization as deemed acceptable by a simple majority vote of the  
217 Membership.

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219 ***ARTICLE IX – ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, IMPLEMENTATION***

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

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## 229 ***ARTICLE X – PROPERTY DAMAGE***

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

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

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

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246 SECTION 2: The Club is not responsible for any damages to Members aircraft or  
247 other properties during fly meets or other activities.

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## 249 ***ARTICLE XI – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP***

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

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

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

264 1) An individual or individuals willfully committed 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 commits 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 violates Club Safety Rules or Safety Regulations during a Club activity.
- 4) An individual or individuals violates 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 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 a regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 5: All contracts or obligations incurred by the Club shall bear the signature of the 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.

SECTION 7: The Board of Directors shall establish an Annual Budget for the next

309 fiscal year. The budget shall be approved by a majority of the Members present at  
310 the December monthly meeting, or other meeting as the situation may require. The  
311 annual budget shall determine if the annual membership fees shall be adjusted.

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313 The annual budget shall include as a minimum:

- 314 1) Any and all fees payable by the Club, annual fees for incorporation, and all
- 315 filings
- 316 2) Any Insurance fees
- 317 3) The cost of General Liability Insurance for the Club and the Directors of
- 318 the Club
- 319 4) CBO membership fees for the Club (not Club Members)
- 320 5) All anticipated fees, costs, and expenditures
- 321 6) Adequate reserves to cover reasonable unforeseen costs and expenditures

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

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328 **SECTION XIII – HISTORY OF REVISIONS OF the DRONE**  
329 **FLYERS CLUB Bylaws**

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- 331 9/30/2018 – Original Draft
- 332 10/24/2018 – Second Draft submitted to Membership for approval
- 333 11/28/2018 – Revisions and changes to establish final bylaws.
- 334 1/23/2019 – Bylaws approved by the membership
- 335 2/27/2019 – Amendment 2 adopted – Local Flying and Safety Rules
- 336 4/24/2019 – Amendment 3 adopted – Removal of AMA charter and membership
- 337 requirements for bylaws

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339 **Section XIV - BYLAWS ADOPTION:**

340 Section 1: Bylaws approved by the membership and adopted April 24<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

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342 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT HEREBY CERTIFIED BY  
343 2019 OFFICERS:

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345 PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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348 VICE-PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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357 ***AMENDMENT 1 – FEES and DUES SCHEDULE***

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

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