Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds
BYLAWS

Article I: NAME & GOVERNANCE

1. The official name of this Board of Directors shall be the "Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds Board of Directors" ("Board")
2. The Board shall conduct, at least annually, a review of finances during a board meeting that is open to the membership.
3. Board members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the policy & intent (stated in the rulebook) of the organization and shall act in good faith, with integrity, professionalism and respect toward fellow board members, club members, volunteers, sponsors and stakeholders (including community members and passersby during ERCU events). Board members shall comply with all applicable laws, disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest, and refrain from conduct that is disruptive, unethical, or detrimental to the organization's reputation or operations.

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 ("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 a boat and paid the annual membership dues with the Registrar at the time of elections to the Board.
4. The officers of the Board shall be a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer/Registrar, Statistician, Race Coordinator, Technical/Scale Inspector, and Officer At Large. It is permissible for the At Large position to serve as a "co" in one of the other officer positions.
5. The Chair shall be elected by and from the membership of the Board.
6. 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.
    a. The Board shall consist of no fewer than five members and no more than seven members.
7. A Board term shall be for two years, the term to begin on November 1 and end on October 31. Three members shall be elected in even number years, and four members shall be elected in odd number years.
8. Each Board member shall be entitled to one vote only on any matters of the Board.
    a. Board members may participate in and vote in meetings by electronic means. Proxy voting is not permitted.
    b. Voting via electronic methods (i.e. email, text message, etc.) between board meetings is appropriate and will be initiated and managed by the Chair.
9. All Board members will assist in the running of the Gold Cup event. 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 at a minimum: ERCU Hall of Fame, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Driver, Contest Director of the Year, Sponsor of the Year, Sportsmanship and Contribution Awards.
    a. The Board is responsible for supplying trophies for the year-end awards banquet.

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Article IV: CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

1. Board members shall disclose any financial or personal interest related to matters before the Board and shall refrain from discussion and voting on such matters. The disclosure shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Article V: RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. The Competition Committee, as appointed by the Chair, shall have the power to adopt, modify, amend or otherwise change the ERCU Racing Rules. The Competition Committee also will have the power to create Competition Directives during the course of the season to address, correct, modify, amend or otherwise address problems with the ERCU Racing Rules.
2. Competition Directives must be written, and are immediately in effect through the end of the current season.
3. Competition Directives will automatically become proposed rule changes and will receive the same rigor as the normal rule change process during the offseason.
4. The Competition Committee will forward a list of recommended rule changes to the Board for review. The Board will then decide which recommendations are to be submitted to the membership for a vote.
5. Rule changes require a minimum of 66.7% approval vote of the membership in order to pass.

Article VI: MEETINGS

1. A quorum is defined as four board members being present either in person or via electronic modes.
2. All actions taken by the Board shall be by a vote at a regular or special meeting.
3. There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Board in each calendar year.
4. A minimum of 5 days notice of any meeting must be posted on the club's website and via email to the full membership.
5. The Chair may call a Board meeting at any ERCU sanctioned regatta and notice of the sanction is notice of a possible Board meeting.

Article VII: COMMITTEES

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

Article VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The Chair shall act as the chief executive officer of the organization. The chair will preside over all meetings of the board and shall perform the usual duties of a presiding officer. The Chair may call special meetings as required.
2. The Secretary shall act as the chief administrative officer of the organization. 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 the duties of that position, the Secretary will serve as Chair Pro-Tempore. In the event of the Chair's resignation or removal from

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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. The Treasurer/Registrar 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 state in the current ERCU Rulebook.

Article IX: 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.

Article X: BYLAW AMENDMENTS

1. The ERCU Bylaws may only be changed or modified by a vote of the registered ERCU members in good standing.
   a. "Good standing" is defined by a member with the current season's dues paid in full.
2. Proposed changes to the ERCU Bylaws 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 in good standing for consideration by November 14 of each year.
3. The Board shall then submit by an electronic ballot (online survey, email or other electronic platform) regarding the petition matter to the ERCU members in good standing by November 21 of each year.
4. All ballots shall be sent to the Chair, who will team with the Secretary to scrutinize vote results.

Article XI: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1. A Board member may be removed from office, for cause, by a vote of the ERCU members in good standing. A formal vote by members may be initiated by a petition of not less than 10 percent of the ERCU members in good standing, or by the ERCU Board.
   a. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, non-participation in Board activities, malfeasance, misconduct, or actions contrary to the best interests of the organization.

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Article XII: 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.
2. The member named shall have the right to appeal to the Board 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 its decision in writing within 48 hours of the appeal meeting.
5. The member shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Board to the members. The member in question 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 in question may present their case with regards to the Appeal.
7. Each member shall receive and submit a secret ballot to be tallied by two scrutinizers who are not board members.
8. A simple majority of ballots cast shall determine the final outcome of the Appeal. The decision of the members is final.

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