

Proposed changes to the ERCA By-laws

Martin is proposing the following changes to the club's by-laws. This will enable us to move to membership based on 12 monthly renewal, rather than calendar year based. It will reduce the workload of managing everyone's renewals at each New Year, remove pro-rating of dues, and will enable things like multi-year renewal for those members who have asked for it.

This is the first written notice of the proposed changes. Per the club rules, it will be raised as an agenda item at the January and February meetings, then the club members will vote to accept or reject the proposed changes at the March meeting.

The specific text changes are highlighted in yellow below:

ARTICLE III FEES AND DUES

Current Text:

Section 3: Annual due will be assessed members as follows:

- Age 18 and younger (no dues)
- Age 19-64 \$70.00
- Age 65-79 \$55.00
- Age 80 and over \$40.00

Individuals under the age of 19 who are immediate family members of any current club member do not pay initiation fees or dues but must apply for membership and be approved in the same manner as any other applicant. New members who are 19 years of age or older and who are not included in a family membership, shall pay 1/12 of the appropriate dues for each month remaining in the year, during which they become members. In no case shall dues be assessed that would exceed the appropriate annual dues.

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Current Text:

Section 5: Clarification of how dues are to be paid:

1: Club dues are payable at or prior to the first meeting of the new year.

3: Members still delinquent by the February meeting will be advised by mail or email that dues must be paid, along with a \$10.00 late fee, by the March meeting. If this does not take place by the March meeting they will be dropped from the club membership and will not be permitted to use any designated club flying area.

4. Dropped members that rejoin the club after the March meeting shall pay the initiation fee of (\$5.00 or \$25.00) but not the lifetime “Field Improvement Fee”. They shall pay the appropriate annual dues (no dues for members 18 or under) for that year. If a dropped member rejoins after the dropped year they will be treated as a returning member.

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Section 5: Clarification of how dues are to be paid:

1: Club dues are payable when the member’s club membership expires (12 months from the date of receipt of dues). If payment is received early, the membership expiry will be 12 months from the date of previous membership expiry.

3: Members still delinquent two months after membership expiry will be advised by mail or email that dues must be paid along with a \$10.00 late fee, within the following month. If this does not take place by three months after expiry of membership, they will be dropped from the club membership and will not be permitted to use any designated club flying area.

4. Dropped members that rejoin the club after being removed from club membership shall pay the initiation fee of (\$5.00 or \$25.00) but not the lifetime “Field Improvement Fee”. They shall pay the appropriate annual dues (no dues for members 18 or under) for the subsequent 12 months.