

REMOTE POSSIBILITIES RADIO CONTROL CLUB

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: DUTIES

1. **Board of directors:** The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to administer its policies. Official decisions will be made by a simple majority vote of the membership present at a regular monthly meeting of the Club.
2. **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it. And will serve as the President of the board of Directors.
3. **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all Club assets. And will serve as a member of the board.
4. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club and Board meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He/she will also be the Club's contact person with AMA in case of questions, problems or situations. At all club meetings it is imperative that any item or business that is brought before the body of the membership present and requires a motion from the floor, the individuals names that make the motion and 2nd the motion and the results of that motion, need to be so documented. In short a complete and accurate dictation must be made. And will serve as a member of the board.
5. **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of all monies disbursed by the Club. He/she will also give a monthly accounting of monies received and monies dispersed for Club expenses, which would include a monthly net statement amount. And will serve as a member of the board.
6. **Field Marshall.** The Field Marshall shall be responsible for establishing maintenance crews and preparation and clean-up of all Club events. He/She is to ensure that the field is properly maintained and recommend improvement/changes. And will serve as a member of the Board.
7. **Safety Committee Chairman/Safety Officer.** The Safety Committee Chairman! Safety Officer shall be responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing safety regulations are enforced. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in the by-laws. The same person who has the position as Field Marshall can also hold this position. And will serve as a member of the Board.

ARTICLE 2: AUDIT
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1. The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books at their discretion and at least once a year. The results of the audit will be reported to the membership in our October monthly meeting.

ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF OFFICE

1. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for one (1) year from the date of election. Officers are to be elected by a vote of the members in the month of November. Mail-in ballots will be made available for those members by request, who have voting rights but cannot attend the meeting. Those ballots must be returned by mail before the November meeting, or hand delivered to a board member sealed and they will be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting. New officers will take office at our December meeting (Christmas Party). Personnel will be nominated by the elected officers and confirmed by a simple majority vote of those members present during a regular meeting: i.e. Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Contest Director, etc.
2. Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of October. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer. All known nominations for office will be published by Email and on the Club web site prior to the election.
3. A secret ballot is required for removal of a member of the Board of Directors at a regular monthly meeting, and would require a 2/3 majority vote to remove him/her from office. The same applies for expulsion of a member from the Club.

ARTICLE 4: VACANCIES

1. A candidate being nominated by the remaining officers and being voted in at the next monthly meeting shall fill vacancies in any office. Such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 5: COMMITTEE

1. A committee of the Club shall be appointment by the President and will be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting, and will serve throughout the term, or less, of his tenure of office. Standing Committees are the Safety Committee and the Field Maintenance Committee.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place designated by the Club officers and published on the Club website.
2. Club officers may call special meetings with no less than five days prior written notice of a special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the written notice.
3. At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at the meeting.
4. Any member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President of the Board shall forward copies of the proposal to other members of the Board of Directors for their consideration. Either the President~ or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting
5. Meeting will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order as Guidelines.

ARTICLE 7: DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Club officers with the approval of a simple majority vote. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis. Dues are to be paid no later than the March 1st Club meeting.
2. 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 five (5) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.
3. New members who join in October through December will pay initiation fee and rates of \$10.00. This will cover the membership dues until the end of the current year.

Article 8: MEMBER STANDING

1. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, and those of the AMA.
2. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
 - a. Full Member: Is sixteen (16) years old or older and have full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate plus AMA Membership (Currently \$25.00 Club membership) Club membership fee subject to change as approved by majority vote of the Club membership.
 - b. Junior Member: Is younger than sixteen (16) years old, has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate plus AMA Membership. (Currently \$10.00)
 - c. Associate Member: A Non-Flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club, and has voting rights. (Currently \$25.00 Club membership)
 - d. Honorary Member: Currently Mayor Dan McArthur and Mark Leseberg have been given such status, and will have voting rights.
3. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by AMA. First time flying member's applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of membership in the AMA. Non-flying and Associate Members do not require AMA membership.

ARTICLE 9: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby be terminated, and voting rights suspended, until restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the by-laws of the Club, become the responsibility of the Board of Directors as stated in Article 1, Duties, Section I of these Bylaws. Any individual may be recommended for expulsion of his/her Club membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.
5. The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to recommend disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

ARTICLE 10: AMMENDMENTS

1. Amendments may be made to the bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Those members that do not have email will be notified directly by mail service, all others will be notified by their present email address. An annual review of the by-laws shall be made during the January meeting by the Club membership.
2. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two third (2/3) majority vote of the members present, at the regular monthly meeting, and mail-in Club ballots. Mail-in Club ballots will be made available upon request for those Full members who cannot attend the Club meeting. Those ballots, returned by mail sealed, will be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 11: SPECIAL FUNDS

1. The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.
2. The President must approve any discretionary spending of up to \$200.00 per month without requiring Club approval. Any expenditure above the \$200.00 per month must be approved in advance by a simple majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE 12: DURATION

1. The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 13: DISSOLUTION

1. The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational~ religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 50 1 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation, as the Club membership shall determine.
3. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the County in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 14: INCORPORATION

1. The incorporation of this membership shall be a minimum of three (3) of the six (6) Board of Directors members elected.

ARTICLE 15: LOGO

1. The official Club logo shall be:



ARTICLE 16: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. Purpose

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

2. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- (a) A grievance form (see page 8) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

- (b) **FIRST VIOLATION**
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - c. The Safety Committee will give a verbal reprimand to the accused, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

- (c) **SECOND VIOLATION**
 - a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
 - c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy posted on the website.

- (d) **THIRD VIOLATION**
 - a. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 - b. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors).
 - c. A member shall be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 - e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

- (e) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.

