

McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Bylaws

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Articles of Bylaws

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ARTICLE I (Name)

Section 1 The name of the association shall be: McMinnville Aircraft Modelers.

ARTICLE II (Purpose)

**Section 1 The purpose of this association shall be:
To maintain an association of persons interested in radio control modeling. To encourage, promote, and instruct in radio control building, flying, and operations. To sponsor and participate in radio control contests and to represent modelers, especially its members, to government agencies and/or private parties in the acquisition of flying sites and facilities.**

ARTICLE III (Membership)

Section 1 Membership in this association shall be open to anyone interested in modeling, providing they are also members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

**Section 2 Dues shall be as follows: \$40.00 per year. Dues must be paid between November 1 and December 31 of each year. Members paying after January 1st will be charged a \$20.00. late fee. All non paid members will be removed from the roster for non payment of dues on February 1. Any persons wishing to renew after the February 1st date, must resubmit an application form.
Youth members under 19 are exempt from paying dues.**

Serving club officers shall be exempt from paying dues while serving in those positions.

Section 3 Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Proxy votes will be permitted in writing only.

Section 4 Family membership: Immediate household relatives of a current paid member may join the association without additional dues. Relatives are spouse, son, daughter, father, and mother. Additional family members must have current AMA membership.

ARTICLE IV (Officers)

Section 1 The officers of the association shall be: A president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and Safety Officer.

Section 2 In October a nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President. A slate of officers shall be presented by the nominating committee to the membership at the November meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. All nominations are subject to the approval of the nominee.

Section 3 Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the December meeting to serve for a term of one year.

ARTICLE V (duties of the officers)

Section 1 President: To preside at all meetings and to coordinate the business affairs of the association.

Section 2 Vice-president: To serve as President in the absence of, or at the request of the President. The Vice-president shall assist the President as required.

Section 3 Secretary: To be the guardian of all records. To record the minutes of all meetings. To notify members of time and place of meetings. To conduct and file copies of all correspondence of the association and to supply all members a current copy of the bylaws, (via Club website).

Section 4 Treasurer: To keep and maintain the financial records. To maintain a current paid membership roster.

ARTICLE VI (executive committee)

Section 1 The executive committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a member at large.

Section 2 The executive committee shall manage and direct the affairs of the association according to the desires of the membership. It shall be empowered to spend up to \$250.00 per expenditure without prior membership approval. Amounts greater than \$250.00 may be expended in the payment of AMA club charter and State fees, without prior club approval. The executive committee shall audit the books in November, prior to the December election of officers.

Section 3 Meetings of the executive committee shall be arranged by the President or his designate.

Section 4 A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII (meetings)

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the executive committee at any time.

Section 3 A simple majority of members at any official meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII (Safety)

Section 1 The current AMA safety code shall be that of the Association in the addition to any club rules.

Section 2 New instructors shall be nominated by the President or his designate and elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 A safety committee, appointed by the president, shall formulate safety rules as required. These shall be presented to the executive committee, who shall in turn submit finalized rules to the membership for a vote. Once adopted the rules shall be posted at the field.

ARTICLE IX (Muffler rule)

Section 1 All engines will comply with the AMA rule book, and county ordinance as per noise limitations.

ARTICLE X: Violations of Code of Conduct and/or Club Rules

Section 1. The executive committee shall be responsible for disciplinary action on behalf of the club.

Section 2. a) Should disciplinary action be under consideration, the executive committee shall notify the offending member by e-mail of the charges against him/her. The offending member shall be invited to explain and/or defend his/her actions at the executive committee meeting to be held at the date, time and place specified in the e-mail. In the event the member does not have an e-mail on file, a certified letter shall be mailed to the last known address. This notification shall be postmarked at least 14 days before the scheduled meeting.

b) The executive committee shall then be empowered to take whatever action it deems reasonable and necessary.

c) Should the executive committee decide to rescind the individual's membership, the vote must be unanimous. The offending member shall be notified by certified letter, e-mail and the remainder of the member's current year's dues, prorated for the months remaining, shall be refunded.

Section 3. a) A member of the executive committee must disqualify himself/herself if he/she feels he/she cannot act without a conflict of interest in the case.

b) The remaining members of the executive committee shall be empowered to conduct the business at hand as a complete board.

c) Should two members of the board choose to disqualify themselves, the remaining members of the executive committee shall choose another club member to serve as a temporary executive committee member.

Section 4.

a) The membership may re-open a recent disciplinary action for discussion at the next general club meeting by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote providing all members of the club have been notified, in advance by e-mail or letter to their last known address, of the intention to do so.

b) After discussion, the membership may rescind the executive committee's action by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote.

ARTICLE XI (Amendment of bylaws)

Section 1 These articles may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. Any proposed changes should be presented at one meeting, posted in the monthly newsletter, then voted on at the next regular meeting. Written proxy votes will be accepted.

ARTICLE XII (Termination)

Section 1 This association will be terminated upon a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting where a properly entered and seconded motion of termination is presented.

Section 2 At the termination of the association, all assets, except those reserved to meet any remaining obligation of the association, will be distributed to a non-profit organization recognized as tax exempt under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization to which assets are distributed shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership.

Article XIII By Law Adoption

Section 1 The By Laws of the McMinnville Aircraft Modelers, MAM, shall be adopted by vote of the membership.

Date adopted: _____

President: _____