

BY-LAWS OF THE MODEL AIRCRAFT RECREATION SOCIETY A NONPROFIT CORPORATION 2012

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTORY

Section 1: The name of the Corporation is: MODEL AIRCRAFT RECREATION SOCIETY

Section 2: DEFINITION OF BY-LAWS. These By-Laws constitute the code of rules adopted by MODEL AIRCRAFT RECREATION SOCIETY for the regulation and management of its affairs.

Section 3: LOCATION. The offices of the organization shall be located at the residence of the current president.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The Model Aircraft Recreation Society has been formed to promote and encourage the sport and hobby of building and flying all types of model aircraft in an atmosphere of informality, pleasure, recreation, fellowship and enjoyment.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: QUALIFICATIONS. Membership in the Organization is open to any and all persons who agree with the purpose of the Society as set forth above, and who also agree to abide by the By-Laws, and other officially promulgated rules, regulations, directives and guidelines during the term of their membership. All those who are current in paying their dues shall be deemed active members of the Organization. The amount of dues shall be established and revised from time to time by the elected officials; provided, however, that:

(a) The elected officials may waive the payment of dues in exceptional circumstances; and may award Honorary Memberships.

Section 2: TERM AND DUES. The amount of the dues shall be established by the membership and may be revised by the membership at any time deemed necessary. The membership year of the Organization shall be from January 1 through the following December 31. Applications made and dues paid between September 1 and December 31 shall be included in the next membership year, but membership shall commence from the date of application. A member whose dues remain unpaid for three (3) months after termination of a membership year shall be considered in arrears and shall be dropped from the rolls until payment of delinquent dues is received.

Section 3: The membership list, except as provided by law, shall not be published, circulated, or otherwise made available unless authorized by the elected officers. However, the membership list shall be made available for use by active members in connection with the Organization's business.

Section 4: CONTROL. Control of the Organization shall rest with the membership. Any action of the Elected Officers shall be subject to review by the membership at the next annual or special meeting of the membership. A vote of the majority

of those present at the membership meeting at which a quorum is present may alter or rescind any action of the Elected Officials.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Organization shall be generally responsible for directing the affairs, and managing, administering, preserving, and protecting its' property consistent with the stated objectives, purposes and By-Laws of the Organization.

Section 2: The elected officers shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and safety officer-elec.

Section 3: Appointed officers shall consist of a Safety Officer, Field Marshall, and other positions established by the President, with the advice and consent of the majority of other elected and appointed Officers, as deemed necessary for the orderly conduct of the Organization.

Section 4: The PRESIDENT shall be the chief officer and shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President shall keep adequately informed on all programs and activities and shall prepare a report of such operations at the completion of term of office for presentation to the membership.

Section 5: VICE-PRESIDENT. In the event of the absence, disability, or inability of the President to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the Vice-President shall be responsible for executing all of the duties and assuming all of the responsibilities of the office of the President. The Vice-President also shall perform such other duties relating to the operation of the Association as may be assigned by the President.

Section 6: SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible to the President and to the Board of Directors for maintaining the records of the Organization, other than financial, including the minutes of any formal meeting of the Board of Directors, and a roster of the Membership. The Secretary also shall be responsible for the incorporation of any duly enacted changes in the By-Laws into those documents and for promulgating announcements of such amendments and changes and other significant changes in the purposes, objectives, and functioning of the Corporation to the membership. The Secretary also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 7: TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be responsible to the President and to the Board of Directors for conducting the financial affairs of the Corporation as directed by the Board of Directors and for maintaining the financial records of the Organization. The Treasurer shall collect all money and other things of value due, payable or donated to the Organization, and shall disburse Organization funds as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 8: REPORTS. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and the Treasurer to submit a report of the preceding meeting's business at each meeting of the Corporation.

Section 7: VACANCIES. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board. The President may, however, fill vacancies for the period ending upon the date when such vacancy is filled by the Board.

## ARTICLE V

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1: ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the membership for the nomination and election of officers and directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the membership shall be held prior to the close of the Corporation's fiscal year at such time as shall be designated by the President.

Section 2: REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place to be published in the Club's Newsletter.

Section 3: SPECIAL MEETING. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or by one-third (1/3) of the active members.

Section 4: NOTICE. Notice of a membership meeting shall be given to all members at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

Section 5: INFORMAL ACTION. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members who would be entitled to vote at a meeting for such purpose and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Organization.

Section 6: QUORUM. At all meetings of the membership, the members present entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, provided at least 1/2 of the elected officers are present.

Section 7: VOTING. Each active member will have one vote on any matter put to vote at any meeting. Any member whose dues are not current shall not have voting privileges.

## ARTICLE VI

### COMMITTEES

Section 12: COMMITTEES. The Board of Directors may establish such standing and ad hoc committees as the Elected Officials may deem advisable in the administration and conduct of the affairs of the Organization. Such committees appointed by the Elected Officers shall advise and consult with the Officers of the Organization to the extent authorized. The President shall appoint all chairpersons and members of the committees. The chairperson of each committee shall determine the date and place of all committee meeting. Each committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

## ARTICLE VII

### TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1: Nomination of candidates for elected office shall be made at the general membership meeting designated by the President for such nominations of candidates for Elective Office.

Section 2: No name should be placed in nomination for any office unless the individual being considered for nomination has been contacted and agrees to the nomination and is a member "in good standing".

Section 3: Officers to be elected shall be elected by vote of simple majority of those active members present at the meeting designated by the President for Election of Officers.

Section 4: Elected and Appointed Officers shall serve for one (1) year from date of election.

Section 5: All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot unless waived by a simple majority of active voting members present at the meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

All contracts and agreements authorized by the Board, and all checks, drafts, notes, bonds, bills of exchange, and orders for the payment of money shall, unless otherwise directed by the Board or required by law, be signed by the President and by the Treasurer. The Board may, however, authorize the Secretary or other officer to sign checks, drafts, and orders for the payment of money singly and without necessity of countersignature.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT

Section 1: Any member in good standing may resign membership by giving written notification thereof to the President or Secretary.

Section 2: If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics, that members flying and field participation/activity privileges shall be suspended until reinstatement of membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section 3: Any member who willfully commits an act which is deemed by unanimous vote of elected and appointed officers to be detrimental to the Organization, its' By-Laws, Rules or Regulations, or to model aviation in general may be expelled by majority vote of the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Organization.

Section 4: The President shall notify, in writing, any affected member of their suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action and the reason(s) for the action taken.

#### ARTICLE X

##### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

Section 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.

Section 2 SAFETY COMMITTEE: The Safety Committee shall use its' judgment in carrying out action on the following: (a). A GRIEVANCE FORM will be filled out and turned in to the Safety Committee Chairman.  
At least one witness is required.

(b) FIRST VIOLATION: 1. viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. 2. Complainants name will be disclosed.  
3. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee Files.

(c) SECOND VIOLATION: 1. Complainants name will be disclosed. 2. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.

3. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this action shall be issued and a copy published in the Club Newsletter.

(d) THIRD VIOLATION: 1. 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.  
2. Said expulsion will last for a one year minimum.  
(Longer if deemed necessary by the Elected Officials.)

(e) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two year period of time.

(f) A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

(g) Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.

(h) The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

(i) 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 Officers

#### ARTICLE XI BY- LAW AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws shall be made, altered, amended, and repealed by the Membership subject always to the power of the members to change such action by a vote of a majority of active members at any annual or special meeting duly convened after notice of that purpose.

#### ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

Section 1: The Organization may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership.

Section 2: Upon the dissolution of the Organization, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Organization, dispose of all the assets of the Organization exclusively for the purposes of the Organization 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 501 (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 Board shall determine. 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 Organization 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.