

MORRISON MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYERS CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - IDENTIFICATION

- A. The name of this organization shall be Morrison Model Aircraft Flyers.
- B. The purpose of this club shall be to promote interest and instruction in flying radio controlled aircraft.

ARTICLE II - DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

- A. All persons shall be eligible for membership. Eligible members shall agree to abide by the Club's Bylaws and the rules of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- B. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
 - 1. Junior Member: Is younger than nineteen (19) years old by July 1st., has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate of \$10 plus AMA membership.
 - 2. Full Member: Is older than nineteen (19) years old by July 1st, has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate of \$40 plus must hold current AMA membership.
 - 3. Family Membership: Includes all flying members of the immediate family living at home (spouse and children) provided they remain continuously dependent upon their parents for their principal support. They have full privileges and voting rights. Dues: One (1) Full Membership plus \$10 for each additional membership as well as AMA Membership for each flying member.
 - 4. Charter Membership: Charter membership is awarded to persons who have been club members for 20 consecutive years. Charter members have full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Free plus AMA membership for flying members.
- C. Dues are non-refundable and are to be paid no later than the May Club Meeting.
- D. First time members who join in September through December will pay the current membership rate. This will cover the membership dues until the end of the following year.
- E. A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active if his/her dues have not been paid as provided in Article II, Section C.
- F. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a membership issued by the AMA. All first-time flying member applicants and present flying members seeking membership renewal must show proof of membership in the AMA.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

- A. The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the General Membership by a majority of vote.
- B. President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the Club. He/she will also be the Club's contact person in all matters dealing with the AMA.
- C. Vice-president: The Vice-president shall act for the President in his/her absence. This member will also be responsible for maintaining a gas supply in the maintenance shed at the field for the mower.
- D. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He/she will also collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies disbursed by the Club.
- E. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall be responsible for ensuring existing safety rules are enforced. The Safety Officer and/or Club Officers shall be responsible for processing grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in Article XIV of the Club Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for one (1) year from date of election. Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority of those present at the regular meeting in the month of November. New officers will take office immediately after the November meeting.
- B. Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of November. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights.
- C. Unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting, a secret ballot is required for elections, for removal of a Club Officer and for expulsion of a member from the Club.

ARTICLE V – VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a special election at the next Club meeting. A majority vote of membership present at the meeting is required for election of the new officer. The elected officer is to serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE VI – AUDIT

The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by Club officers and published in the Club newsletter.
- B. As of November 3, 2013, the regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month from April-October. Meeting dates may be revised by the club council if they coincide with holidays or for other conflicts.
- C. 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. Email may be used for this notification purpose.
- D. At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall there by terminate. Terminated memberships may be considered for reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
- B. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities and any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of General Membership if, in the General Membership's determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws or the Rules of the AMA; or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- C. Any member who is expelled from the Club may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Membership.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to these 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. 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.

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL FUNDS

- A. The Secretary/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.

- B. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have authority to spend up to and including \$50 for normal operating expenses. Any expenses over \$50 will require a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE XI – DURATION

The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

- A. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Membership.
- B. Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Club Officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Club exclusively for the purposes of the Club 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 Club, as the Officers 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 country 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 XIII - INCORPORATION

The incorporation of this membership shall be a minimum of three (3) elected officers.

ARTICLE XIV - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

- A. 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 General Membership for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the President. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.
- B. Grievance Procedure: The General membership shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
 - 1. A grievance form (attachment A) will be filled out and turned into the President. At least one witness is required.
 - 2. FIRST VIOLATION:
 - I. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - II. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - III. If the general membership determines a violation has occurred, a verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the President and this will be recorded in the Club files.
 - 3. SECOND VIOLATION:
 - I. Complainant's name will be disclosed
 - II. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the General Membership.
 - III. If the General Membership so decides, written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club Newsletter.
 - 4. THIRD VIOLATION
 - I. The Secretary/Treasurer 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.
 - II. Said expulsion will last for a minimum period of one-year. (Longer if deemed necessary by the General Membership)

- III. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - IV. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 - V. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
5. These three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
 6. Any member receiving a Grievance and directs any retaliatory 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 General Membership.

(ATTACHMENT A)

MORRISON MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYERS CLUB GRIEVANCE FORM

Date: _____ Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Date Signed: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required)

