

# Monroe County Radio Control Club CONSTITUTION

Amended July 2014

## **ARTICLE I**

1.0 The name of this organization shall be "Monroe County Radio Control Club."

#### **ARTICLE II**

1.0 The objectives of this organization shall be to promote modeling and its associated educational and recreational activities.

# ARTICLE III

- 1.0 This organization shall be a non-profit incorporated association.
- 2.0 Neither the name nor the activities of this club shall be associated with any outside organization or partisan activity not in the best interest of radio control modeling.
- 3.0 Activities of this organization shall be directed exclusively to plans and projects promoting the best interests of the Club and its members.

## ARTICLE IV

- 1.0 Membership in this organization is open to all individuals interested in radio control modeling, subject to the conditions listed in the subsequent paragraphs of this article.
- 2.0 Membership is classified as Youth, Open, Senior, as defined by the current regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Honorary as defined by article IV sec. 5.6., Full Time Student, and Family membership.
- 3.0 Membership in the Club shall include only individuals belonging to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- 4.0 Membership of individuals owning and/or operating radio transmitters shall be restricted to those licensed by the Federal Communications Commission unless otherwise exempted by the Regulations of said Commission, except that non-flying members are also exempt from this restriction.
- 5.1 The dues of this organization shall include Club Dues, AMA Charter fees where applicable, and AMA License fees where applicable to fulfill the requirements of paragraph 3.0 of this article.
- 5.2 The determination of the amount of club dues for the succeeding year shall be by the majority vote of the membership upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, at a time no later than the October meeting of the current year.
- 5.3 Club dues shall be paid annually by Open Members. Payment is due January 1st of each year.
- 5.4 Youth and Full Time Student dues shall be one-half of Open dues.
- 5.5 First time club membership applied for after March shall be reduced by 10% of the yearly dues for each month thereafter until the end of the year.
- 5.6 Club dues for Senior members shall be ten dollars less than the Open fee.
- 5.7 Honorary (Lifetime) memberships can be given to up to one person a year. The qualifications for this consist of 60 years of age, 10 years of service and a long-term contribution to the club. Nominations for this will be in Feb., and voted on in March by secret ballot with 2/3 majority present voting in favor of nominee. The benefit of honorary membership is paid dues for life.
- 5.8 Family membership shall consist of one open membership (Full rate), if spouse/significant other participates, their dues shall be 1/2 the full rate and any children under 19 years of age shall be free.
- 6.0 All members of this organization agree to abide by the Bylaws enacted through Article IX of this Constitution.
- 7.0 No member shall be allowed to hold an office or vote on club functions if that member is engaged in a retail or wholesale business, or receives income on a full or part-time basis in fields pertaining to the model aviation industry as determined by the executive committee.
- 8.0 Any member, at any time, for conduct deemed counter-productive or offensive to the club, may have his/her membership voted on by club members only, the results of said vote ranging from fines, temporary suspension, or expulsion from the club. Expulsion would be by an 80% majority vote of total membership.
- 9.0 All prospective new members must be elected to membership by a 51% majority of members present at any meeting exclusive of membership renewals.

#### ARTICLE V

- 1.0 Any member in good standing for a period of at least 6 months is eligible to hold office, except as noted in Article IV, 7.0.
- 2.0 Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall serve for a period of one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

- 3.0 The President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members. They shall nominate two members in good standing for each office at the October meeting each year. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. All nominees shall have consented to run for office prior to nomination.
- 4.0 Election shall be by secret ballot at the November meeting each year. Election of an officer shall be based on a majority of all votes.
- 5.0 Newly elected officers shall assume office on January 1 each year.

## ARTICLE VI

- 1.0 The elected officers of the club are the Executive Board.
- 2.0 This board shall formulate the general policies of the organization and shall act on all necessary matters of business in the interim period between meetings of the organization.
- 3.0 The Executive Board shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in office of the organization until the next regular election.
- 4.0 This Board shall meet at least quarterly during the year and whenever called for a special meeting by the President.
- 5.0 Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE VII

- 1.0 The President shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint such Standing and Special Committees as are necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the organization, and shall serve as ex-officio of each.
- 2.0 The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of that office in such an event, and shall be a member of the committees.
- 3.0 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, shall notify all chairmen of their appointments, and shall conduct such correspondence as may be delegated to the office.
- 4.0 The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, and shall maintain such funds and make such payments as are authorized by the organization, and shall keep accurate records of receipts and expenditures, and shall submit an annual financial report for audit by the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII

- 1.0 The organization shall hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and at other times as called by the Executive Board.
- 2.0 Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, when not in conflict with this Constitution shall govern the proceedings of the organization.
- 3.0 Any motion/proposal involving club assets (flying field, club shelter, and holdings) will be published in the club newsletter prior to a club members' vote (giving members notice of the motion/proposal and upcoming vote). Payments for normal business expenditures are excluded from this amendment. In the event of an emergency, the Executive Board may choose to override this statute by a unanimous favorable vote.

# ARTICLE IX

1.0 The Executive Board and three club members appointed by the President shall serve as a Standing Committee to formulate and propose bylaws governing club activities. Proposals shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular monthly club meeting.

# ARTICLE X

1.0 In the event the Monroe County Radio Control Club ceases to operate, the assets of the organization shall be given to a not-for-profitorganization.

## ARTICLE XI

1.0 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any regular meeting of the organization, provided notice of intent to amend has been given at a previous meeting.

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