

Bylaws of the Peoria R/C Modelers

I. NAME: This organization will bear the title of Peoria R/C Modelers, and so designated in all written and printed material related to the Club. It will be hereafter referred to as the Club.

II. PURPOSE: The purpose of the Club will be to bring together modelers interested in radio control aero modeling to stimulate interest and increase enjoyment in radio control modeling. This will be accomplished through the exchange of ideas, mutual assistance, competition and increased awareness by the public.

III. OFFICERS AND ELECTED POSITIONS: Four members, to be known as Officers, and one member to be known as Nominating Chairman, will be elected by the Club members for a term of one year. Officers and Nominating Chairman will be elected at the regular October meeting for the following year. They will be elected by a simple majority of the members present. If a quorum is not present, the election will be held at the next meeting and the current Officers and Nominating Chairman will serve until replaced. Nominations may be made by a Nominating Committee and from the floor at the October meeting. In the event an Officer or the Nominating Chairman cannot fulfill their duties, the President will appoint their replacement.

- A.) President:** It shall be the duty of the President to represent the Club, preside at Club meetings, to cast a vote only in the event of a tie. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee and may make appointments to other positions and committees.
- B.) Vice-President:** The Vice-President will assume the duties of the President when the President cannot perform his duties. The Vice-President will act as Program and Events Coordinator.
- C.) Secretary-Treasurer:** It will be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to record the actions taken at each Club meeting, handle all Club correspondence, maintain membership records, collect dues and assessments, record meeting attendance, handle disbursements, maintain Club financial records, issue membership cards and preside at Club meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
- D.) Club Safety Coordinator:** It will be the duty of the Club Safety Coordinator to promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between Clubs. This person will act as a communications liaison between the Club and Academy of Model Aeronautics Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material. The Club Safety Coordinator must have E-mail access.

Club Safety Coordinator Duties:

- 1) Provide a communications link between Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and Club in matters related to safety.
- 2) Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the Club and its members.
- 3) Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents.
- 4) Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness.

Safety Coordinator activities may include the following:

- Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable.
- Distribute AMA Accident/Incident Report Forms and assure they are properly used.
- Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during Club meetings.

- Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of Club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.
- Act as a liaison with the local EMS/Fire Department.
- Establish a Club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents.
- Coordinate appropriate first aid training for members using qualified instructors.
- Develop an appropriate communications plan to assist Club officers and members.
- Review emergency procedures (fire and rescue) with Club members on an annual basis.

E.) Nominating Chairman: The Nominating Chairman's duty includes seeking nominees for the elected and appointed positions of the club for the annual election. The Nominating Chairman is not an officer of the Club.

F.) Appointed Positions: Appointed positions are to be appointed by the President.

- 1) **Newsletter Editor:** It will be the duty of the editor to edit, publish, and distribute a club paper once a month unless directed otherwise by the President.
- 2) **Other Appointed Positions:** A committee chairman may be appointed by the President or for duties such as air show chairman, groundskeeper, etc.

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

A.) Open Member Requirements:

- 1) Be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics
- 2) Pay dues for the current calendar year.

B.) Youth Member Requirements:

- 1) Be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics
- 2) Pay dues (parent not Open Member) equal to 50% of regular membership
- 3) If Parent is an Open Member, no Club dues.
- 4) Youth Members must be under nineteen years old.

C.) Dues for the next calendar year will be determined during the meeting at which annual elections of officers are conducted. From time to time the club may offer incentives in the form of a dues reduction to promote membership growth or as an incentive for participation in club activities. Dues may be changed with a simple majority vote of members present.

V. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS: The Bylaws may be amended by a vote of no less than two-thirds of the members present. Amendments proposed at a regular Club meeting must be advertised in the newsletter or special publication prior to discussion and may be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting.

VI. MEETINGS: A Club meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month. A meeting may be rescheduled or cancelled by the President and cancellation must be advertised in the newsletter.

A. Voting: Unless otherwise specified in the bylaws, a motion will be adopted when carried by a simple majority of the members present at a regular Club meeting.

B. Quorum: A Quorum will mean 20% of all Open Members.

VII. RULES FOR FLYING ACTIVITIES:

A.) Safety

- 1) Club members will abide by AMA Safety Code as amended from time to time.
- 2) Club Members will also abide by Club safety rules and Club flight customs. In case of a conflict the AMA safety code will prevail.

B.) Sound

- 1) Club members will abide by AMA Sound Code as amended from time to time.
- 2) Club Members will also abide by Club sound rules. In case of a conflict the AMA sound code will prevail.

VIII. DISBANDING: Should the Club ever be disbanded, its remaining assets, after any legal fees will be distributed equally to the current members.

IX. BYLAWS: The Club bylaws will be in compliance with the State Laws and Illinois Corporation Bylaws and if conflict arises the State and Corporation By-Laws will prevail. If a conflict arises with these bylaws and the AMA, the AMA will prevail.

X. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: 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. The Safety Officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A.) Grievance Form: A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

B.) Violations:

- 1) **First Violation:** Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
- 2) **Second Violation:** Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. 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 published in the Club newsletter.
- 3) **Third Violation:** Safety Officer/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. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

C.) TIME PERIOD: The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

D.) RETALIATION: 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 Club Officers.

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