



**Mile Hi R/C Flying Club  
AMA Charter Club 695  
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## **MILE HI R.C. CLUB BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE ONE: OBJECTIVE**

- A. Charitably promote the advancement of education in the science of aeronautics through the hands-on designing, building and flying of radio control model aircraft for research, education, surveillance, pleasure and recreation to the membership, and the co-mingling of members.
- B. To combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency by providing a structured environment for youth, for instructions in the building and flying of radio control model aircraft and fellowship and co-mingling with of the mature membership.
- C. To foster national and international sports competition in the competitive sport of building and flying radio control model aircraft in local and national competitive events sanctioned by the national Academy of Aeronautics, which is:
  - The world's largest sport aviation organization, representing 2,500 clubs and a membership of more than 170,000 from every walk of life, income level and age group.
  - A self-supporting, non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote development of model aviation as a recognized sport and worthwhile recreation activity.
  - Is an organization open to anyone interested in model aviation.
  - Is the official national body for model aviation in the United States, and
  - Sanctions more than a thousand model competitions throughout the country each year, and certifies official model flying records on a national and international level

### **ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **A. ELIGIBILITY**

Any person interested in radio controlled model aircraft is eligible for membership within the requirements set forth herein. All members of this Club must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Additional requirements may be prescribed by the membership from time to time, if circumstances warrant, and if such requirements are in the best interest of the Club. All members are required to sign a membership contract.

#### **B. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be classified as follows:

- a. **OPEN MEMBERS:** Members **19 years of age to 65** years of age after 1 October. Dues and Field Improvement Fees shall be set by the Board of Directors per year, (using the AMA percentage guidelines), payable in advance, upon enrollment. (Dues will be pro-rated the first year). Said dues will include the per capita charge required for the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Club charter, which provides additional liability

insurance for the club. Membership dues not paid within thirty days after due date shall render the member delinquent, and subject to termination of membership as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

- b. **JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Those who are **under 19 years of age as of 1 October**. Dues shall be set forth by the Board of Directors, per year, payable in advance, upon enrollment. (Junior dues will not be pro-rated regardless of the month a Junior joins the club.) All other conditions, except the right to vote, that apply to Open members as stated in Paragraph (B) (a) shall apply likewise to Junior members. Junior members are not subject to payment of the Field Improvement Fee, **until they reach the age of 19**.
- c. **ADULT SENIOR MEMBERS:** Persons whose age reaches 65 years or older by 1 October are entitled to the privileges of a full membership with dues and field Improvement Fees to be set by the Board of Directors each year, (using the AMA percentage guidelines), payable in advance upon enrollment. All other conditions that apply to Open Members in Paragraph (B) (a) shall apply likewise to Adult Senior members.
- d. **LIFE MEMBERS:** Life membership may be granted to any Club member upon the affirmative vote of the members, after recommendation by the board of Directors. Life membership shall be reserved for members who have distinguished themselves for the benefit of the Club and/or model aviation generally. Life members shall be exempt from dues and shall be entitled to all Club privileges
- e. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Any member who does not intend to utilize the club's facilities for flying model aircraft during the course of any fiscal year may apply for an associate membership at reduced annual dues rate to be set by the Board of Directors each year. An associate member will be entitled to all club facilities except flying model aircraft and voting on any club matters. An Associate member can be reinstated, to an Open or Adult Senior membership at any time by paying the annual dues in full prior to reinstatement, but will not be required to repay the field Improvement Fee.
- f. **Student members:** Those who are full time students between the ages of 19 and 25. Students must provide proof of full time student status each semester to continue to qualify for the Student member classification. Student member shall pay one half of the Open membership dues and will not be subject to the field improvement fee. Dues will not be pro-rated regardless of the month a Student joins the club. Student members will not have voting rights, but will be granted all other privileges of open membership in paragraph B (a) above. If a student member is no longer a full time student or fails to provide proof that they are a full time student, or turns 26 years of age, they will be required to become an Open Member of the club and all Open Membership fees will be due and payable

**C. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- a. Active membership entitles the member to attend all Club meetings; to vote on any proposal submitted to the membership for consideration and use and enjoy the Club facilities. Junior members are considered active members, but are not entitled to vote on proposals submitted to membership for consideration.

- b. In addition to the above, any active open or senior membership shall also entitle the member's spouse and immediate family members **under the age of 19** the use of the club's facilities. However, any member of such family who actively flies model aircraft at the club's facility, or any other site normally used by the club, must be a current member of the AMA and must hold, if appropriate, a current FCC license. Any member of such family **upon reaching the age of 19** will be subject to all conditions of an initial open membership, which will include payment of the current amount of Dues and Field Improvement Fees. (New family memberships will only be required to pay one initial Dues and Field Improvement Fee).
- c. **GUEST PRIVILEGES:** Ex-members of the Club who are living in the metropolitan and surrounding areas will not have guest flying privileges. Ex-members who have moved from the area and are visiting temporarily will be given guest flying privileges for the duration of their visit. Visitors from out of the area will be given temporary guest flying privileges for the duration of their visit. Beginners first learning to fly will be required to join the Club within a reasonable amount of instruction time. All guests as defined in this paragraph must have proof of a current AMA membership and must be apprised of the Club rules and use of the frequency board before being allowed to fly.

#### **D. CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members will abide by the AMA Safety Code as published in the AMA Official Model Aircraft Regulations and Mile Hi's Club Rules, as approved by the membership. Members will conduct themselves in sportsmanlike manner. Willful endangerment of persons or property, flagrant safety violations, excessive use of alcohol or drunkenness and excessive use of profanity are not conducive to a family environment and will not be tolerated. Use of physical violence or abusive language shall result in expulsion.

#### **ARTICLE THREE: OFFICERS**

A. The **ELECTED OFFICERS** of the club shall be:

- a. President.
- b. Vice President.
- c. Secretary.
- d. Treasurer.

#### **THERE WILL BE NO DUES EXEMPTIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS.**

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for disciplinary actions required. Disciplinary actions shall consist of the following:

- a. Written reprimand.
- b. Expulsion.

The Board of directors shall function as a review board for any complaints and /or disciplinary action.

Complaints or requests for disciplinary action must be presented in writing within 72

hours of the incident in question. Any decision of the Board of Directors regarding complaints or disciplinary action must occur within one week of a written complaint.

**B HISTORIANS**

Shall maintain a historical record of Club activities, contests and events.

**C FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICERS**

Shall consist of membership at large and will serve as appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall monitor flying activities and ensure that all members abide by the AMA Safety Code and all flying rules of the Club. They shall also be responsible for keeping the Club flying rules current and for reporting irregularities to the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE FOUR: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**A PRESIDENT**

Shall be responsible for all functions of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesman for the Club in all matters relating to it.

**B VICE PRESIDENT**

Shall act for the President when he is unable to serve. He shall serve as Parliamentarian and as Membership Chairman. He shall notify all members in advance of the amount and due date of the yearly dues.

**C SECRETARY**

Shall keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain the attendance roll for all such meetings and shall handle the club's correspondence.

**D TREASURER**

Shall collect all monies due, receive contributions, pay all approved bills, keep financial records of cash receipts and disbursements of the Club, and make such financial reports as the President may request. The Treasurer's account shall be examined annually by an Audit Committee of not less than three (3) members and shall be completed in October after the election of new officers.

**E NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Shall publish the monthly newsletter and publish all events.

**F BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Shall function as a steering committee to formulate policies, plans and programs. Shall be responsible for all routine administration of the Club and can approve all expenditures of less than \$100.00. Shall maintain a record of all Board meetings and publish the meeting minutes in the monthly newsletter. All Board meetings shall be open to the membership. Notwithstanding,

the provisions of Paragraphs B and C below, failure to provide such notification shall not nullify an election that may be conducted at any meeting where a quorum, as stipulated in Article Six is present.

G. **"ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED"**

Shall govern the club in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE FIVE: MEETINGS**

A. **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Shall be held every month, at the time and place noted in the monthly newsletter.

B. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

Shall be held every month, at the same time and place noted in the monthly newsletter.

C. **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

May be held as follows:

- a. At the call of the President.
- b. Upon a call signed by any five of the Board of Directors.
- c. Upon a call signed by any ten members of the Club.
- d. Further provided that any call for a special meeting shall be at a reasonable time and that the call shall specify the time, the place and the purpose of the meeting, and the notice shall be given at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

- D. No notice of regular meeting need be given except where nominations and election of officers will take place. In such cases the President shall be required to announce the meetings per the following schedule:

**At July meeting:** Announce the "nominations" will be held at the August meeting.

**At August meeting:** Announce that "elections" will be held at the September meeting.

**At September meeting:** Election and the "Installation of officers" will be held.

- E. In addition to the announcement of the President required by the preceding paragraph, the Secretary shall give notices of the nominations and election meetings to each member at least **one week** in advance of the meetings.

F. **OTHER OFFICERS**

Board of Directors consisting of eight members who shall be as follows:

- a. Past President (Chairman of the Board).
- b. Three Elected Members at Large.
- c. The following current officers of the Club:  
-President

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

#### **G. APPOINTED OFFICERS**

A Club Historian and a Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President to serve at his request.

#### **H. TERM OF OFFICE**

- a. All elected officers of the Club shall serve a term of one year from date of installation. Vacancy in an elected office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Such appointee shall serve to the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.
- b. Appointed officers shall serve at the request of the President. Their appointments will run concurrently with his term of office unless terminated earlier.

### **ARTICLE SIX: REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. All regular business and enterprises conducted by the Club shall be under the control of the Board of Directors through the President and/or a committee chairman appointed by the President.
- B. At any club meeting, without a quorum, no meeting may be conducted. A quorum shall be not less than 10% of the total Club membership. At the Board of Directors meetings, a quorum shall not be less than five (5) Board Members.
- C. Any expense over \$100.00 but not-to-exceed \$500.00 may be passed by affirmative vote of 51% or more of the membership in attendance at any Club meeting. Any expense exceeding \$500.00 will be treated in the same voting manner as set forth in Paragraph covering amendments to the By-Laws except that references will be to expense only.
- D. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be provided to each voting member of the club. The Parliamentarian will provide each member by mail an exact copy of the article or articles that will be changed, along with a ballot for the purpose of voting on the proposed change or changes. Amendments to the By-Laws may be passed by the affirmative vote of 51% or more of the ballots returned to the Parliamentarian. Ballots will provide a return date and must be received by the Parliamentarian on or before the return date to be counted. Only ballots received on time will be counted.
- E. There shall be an investment policy in place to govern the investment of club funds. Any changes to the investment Policy may be passed by an affirmative vote of 51% or more of the membership in attendance at any club meeting.

### **ARTICLE SEVEN: COMMITTEES**

The following committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President at his discretion. Their general duties shall be as indicated by name of the committee with special duties therein as may be directed by the President.

#### **A. CONTEST COMMITTEE:**

To be comprised of three (3) individuals to organize contests for the following year, to arrange appropriate prizes and awards, to meet with other area clubs to arrange inter-club competitions and to perpetuate club flying activities.

**B. PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

To be comprised of the Newsletter Editor and any assistants he may require publicizing the club and its activities through newsletter, radio, TV and any other media.

**C. SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

Three (3) members to be responsible for all social events such as dinners, picnics, etc., with the Board of Directors approval, for arranging time, place and type of event. Social Committee is also responsible for arranging the activities, programs and refreshments at monthly club meetings.

**D. FLYING SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

This committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors and Flying Safety Officers of the Club. The Board shall formulate and enforce workable Safety regulations that will apply during all flying sessions and which will be binding on all members.