



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

### **ARTICLE ONE: OBJECTIVE**

- A.** Charitably promote the advancement of education in the science of aeronautics the hands-on designing, building and flying of radio control model aircraft for research, education, surveillance, pleasure and recreation to 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 building and flying of radio control model aircraft and fellowship and co-mingling with the Club's 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 Model Aeronautics (AMA), which is:

The world's largest sport aviation organization, representing 2,500 clubs and a membership of more than 170,00 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.

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 complete and sign a membership application form regardless of membership status..

#### **B. PAYMENT OF DUES:**

All classes of membership including Life Members are required to submit a completed and signed membership application form annually for membership renewal. Membership dues are due 1 October. Dues not paid by 31 October shall render the member delinquent. Delinquent dues may be paid with a late fee that is determined annually by the Board of Directors. Delinquent dues (including the late fee) not paid by 30 November shall render the membership expired. Former

members whose membership has expired who wish to rejoin the club will be required to pay the Field Improvement Fee in addition to the dues associated with his/her class of membership. The late fee does not apply in order to rejoin.

### **C. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership shall be classified as follows:

#### **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 provided 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.

#### **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 the Open Members 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.

#### **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 shall apply to Adult Senior Members.

#### **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. Adult Senior members who have been a Club member in good standing for the previous 10 years will be granted Life Membership on 1 October following their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

Any member who does not intend to utilize the Club's facilities for flying a 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 Club matters. An Associate Member can be reinstated, to 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.

**STUDENT MEMBERS:**

Those individuals 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 Members 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. 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 an all Open Membership fees will be due and payable.

**MILITARY MEMBERS:**

Club members in good standing who are assigned active military duty outside of the club's area which prevents them from using the club facilities may have their membership temporarily suspended. Prepaid dues will be prorated for the time remaining from the date of departure from the area until the end of the fiscal year. Upon return the member may rejoin with the prorated dues deducted from the membership fee and the requirement to pay the field improvement fee or a late fee will be waived. There is no need to maintain a current AMA membership until returning to club's area. However, a current AMA membership will be required prior to rejoining.

**D. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

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.

In addition to the above, any Active Open or Senior Membership shall entitle the member's spouse and immediate family members, under the age of 19, the use of 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 be required to pay one initial Dues and Field Improvement Fee.)

**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.

**E. 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 Field Operating and Safety Rules, as approved by the membership. Members will conduct themselves in sportsman like 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 abrasive language shall result in expulsion.

**ARTICLE THREE: OFFICERS**

**A. ELECTED OFFICERS** of the Club shall be:

- President.
- Vice-President.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer.

**THERE WILL BE NO DUES EXEMPTION FOR CLUB OFFICERS**

**B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS** consisting of eight (8) members who shall be as follows:

- a. Past President (Chairman of the Board).
- b. Three (3) Elected Members at Large.
- c. The following current officers of the Club:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

**C. FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICERS:**

Shall consist of the Membership at large and will serve as appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall monitor flying activities and ensure that all members and guests 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.

**F. OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

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

**ARTICLE FOUR: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**A. PRESIDENT:**

President shall be responsible for all functions of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesman for the Club in all matters relating to it including insuring that the Club's 501(c) Tax Exempt status be maintained through annual filing of IRS Form 990N and that the proper tax status with the State of Colorado be maintained.

**B. VICE-PRESIDENT:**

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 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 records as the President may request. The Treasurer's account shall be examined annually by an Audit Committee of not less than three (3) members. This audit shall be completed as soon as practical after the election of new officers and will be arranged and conducted by the out-going Treasurer.

**E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The 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 \$200.00. Shall maintain a record of all Board meetings and publish the meetings minutes in the monthly newsletter. All Board meetings shall be open to the membership. Notwithstanding, the provisions of ARTICLE FIVE, 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.

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 actions.

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 requiring complaints or disciplinary action must occur within one week of a written complaint.

**F. HISTORIANS:**

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

**G. NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

Shall publish the monthly newsletter and publish all events.

**H. TERM OF OFFICE:**

All elected officer of the club shall serve a term of one (1) 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.

Appointed officers shall serve at the request of the President. Their appointments will run concurrently with his term of office unless terminated earlier

**ARTICLE FIVE: MEETINGS**

**“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.

**A. REGULAR MEETINGS:**

Regular meetings shall be held every month, at the time and place noted in the monthly newsletter. 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 meeting per the following schedule:

- At July meeting: Announce the “nominations” 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.

In addition to the President’s announcements, the Secretary shall give notices of the nominations and election meetings to each member at least one (1) week in the advance of the meetings.

**B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:**

Shall be held at least quarterly at a time and place announced by the Chairman of the Board or President. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be held when deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Board or the President at a time and place announced by the Chairman of the Board or President.

**C. SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

May be held as follows:

- a. At the call of the President.
- b. Upon a call signed by any five (5) of the Board of Directors.
- c. Upon a call signed by any ten (10) 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 (7) days prior to the meeting date.

**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 Voting Club Membership. At the Board of Directors meetings, a quorum shall not be less than five (5) Board Members.
- C. Any expense over \$200.00 but not-to-exceed \$1000.00 may be passed by affirmative vote of 51% or more of the Voting Membership in attendance at any Club meeting. Any expense exceeding \$1000.00 will be treated in the same manner as set forth in Paragraph covering amendments to the By-Laws except that references will be to expenses 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 regular mail or electronic mail an exact copy of the article or articles that will be changed, along with instructions to return via regular mail or electronic mail a ballot for the purposed change or changes. Amendments to the By-Laws may be passed by 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. A provision for On-Line Voting may also be present and utilized by the Board of Directors.
- 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 Voting 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 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 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.

## ARTICLE EIGHT: DISSOLUTION PROVISIONS

Upon dissolution of the club, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the club, will dispose of all assets of the club exclusively for the purposes of the club in such a manner, or to such an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.