

# **SCOTTSDALE MODEL FLYERS BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I-MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the club is to enjoy the hobby of radio-control aircraft under the guidelines of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, assist new members by providing flight and safety instructions, share ideas and information on the construction of model aircraft and cultivate friendships.

## **ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 2.01- MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

Membership shall be for the annual period of January 1 through December 31.

### **SECTION 2.02- Conditions of Membership**

The following criteria must be met for club membership:

1. Must have current. A.M.A membership card.
2. Must pay annual club dues.
3. Must follow club and AMA rules and regulations.

Due to space restrictions and, safety concerns, the membership may be limited.

### **SECTION 2.03-Suspension or Revocation of Membership**

The membership of a member may be suspended or revoked in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

a) If a member has violated A.M.A. or club rules, two officers of the club will discuss the violation with the affected member and present the facts to the remaining two officers. Officers will determine the seriousness of the violation and the penalty that shall apply; a warning, a suspension or revocation of membership.

### **SECTION 2.04-Membership Limits**

The number of members shall be limited to 175 members due to space, parking and safety, considerations.

An applicant will be put on a waiting list and will be notified of the first available opening.

## **ARTICLE III - DUES AND JOINER'S FEE**

### **SECTION 3.01 - Dues Year**

Dues shall be based on a calendar year covering the period January 1 to December 31.

### **SECTION 3.02 -Amount of Dues**

- a) Annual dues for an individual member shall be \$40.00.
- b) Annual dues for a family membership shall be \$40 and covers individuals living at the same address.

### **SECTION 3.03 -Joiner's Fee**

New members or past members that have let their membership lapse must pay a one-time joiner's fee of \$50. The initial joiner's fee must be paid in addition to club dues.

### **SECTION 3.04 Payment of Dues**

- a) Dues are due on or before January 1 of each year.
- b) Late dues paid in January shall be penalized \$5.00.
- c) Late dues paid in February shall be penalized \$10.00.
- d) Any member that has not paid annual dues by March 1 shall be purged from the club's membership master file and must reapply for membership and pay the \$50 joiner's fee plus annual dues.
- e) Members who join in the month of October will be considered paid for the remainder of that year plus the next additional year.
- f) The club secretary shall mail a notice of dues to all members by October 15 for dues payable for the following membership year.

## **ARTICLE IV - Club Meetings**

### **SECTION 4.01 - Informal Meetings**

The club does not have formal meetings by popular request. Club officers will meet at the field to discuss items that need attention or items that have been introduced by any member of the club. Senior members and ex-officers are consulted for their opinions in matters of importance and all members are asked for input by E-mail. Final decisions are made by the club officers. In case of a tie vote, the previous president of the club will break the tie.

## **ARTICLE V -CLUB OFFICIERS**

### **SECTION 5.01 - Officers**

The officers of the club shall be the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

### **SECTION 5.02 - Duties of officers**

a) **President**-The president shall be the principal officer of the club, shall call and preside at all meetings and provide the leadership required by such office.

b) **Vice President**-The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in case of the temporary disability of the president and assist the president in the management of the club.

c) **Secretary**-The secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Master File of the club members on the computer, mailing of newsletter, e-mailings, dues notifications and miscellaneous correspondence with the A.M.A.

d) **Treasurer**-The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all club dues, maintaining a daily log of all receipts and expenditures, making necessary deposits and withdrawals at the bank, making monthly payments on the rental of the portable toilet and paying miscellaneous club bills.

### **SECTION 5.03 - Terms of Office**

The terms of officers are not specific in duration. If the officers or members think a change should be made, an election will be called.

### **SECTION 5.04 - Elections**

a) The secretary will e-mail a request to members for volunteers for each of the four office positions. The same notice will also be posted on the frequency pin cabinet.

b) The secretary will mail ballots listing candidates for each position to all members. If the election is near October 15, the secretary will include the ballot with the notification of annual dues.

c) When the secretary receives the ballots by return mail, he will notify the membership of the newly elected officers.

d) Outgoing officers will meet with the newly elected officers to acquaint them with their duties and responsibilities.

## **SECTION 5.05 - Support Members**

The club will assign support members to assist the club officers with field maintenance and safety. Support members will consist of a field manager and safety officers.

a) **Field Manager**-The field manager shall be responsible for the field maintenance, safety fences, canopies and other club equipment.

b) **Safety Officers**-The president will appoint several safety officers to monitor the safety rules and regulations of the club and the AM.A All officers are also designated safety officers.

## **ARTICLE VI -CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION 6.01 - Field Rules**

A Membership Application Package will contain an Application Form with club requirements, A.M.A Safety Code, Scottsdale Model Flyers Site-specific Rules and Scottsdale Model Flyers Field Layout.

## **ARTICLE VII - LIABILITY OF OFFICERS**

Officers and support members shall not be liable to the club, the members or any person asserting rights on behalf of the club for damages, settlements, fees, fines, penalties or other monetary liabilities arising from a breach of or failure to perform any duty resulting solely from the status as an officer unless the person asserting liability proves that the breach or failure to perform constitutes any of the following:

- a) willful negligence or misconduct.
- b) willful failure to deal with the club or the members in connection with a matter in which the officer or support member has a material conflict of interest.
- c) a violation of criminal law, unless the officer had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful.
- d) a transaction from which the officer derived an improper or illegal personal profit.