



Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association

CLUB BYLAWS



Revised: January 2009

I. Name & Location: The name of this organization shall be, *Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association (MMRCA)*, and henceforth referred to as the “Club”. Unless otherwise designated, Club flying activities will be at “Flying Tigers Airfield,” located North-East of Columbia, Missouri.

II. Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote radio control model aircraft flying in the Mid-Missouri area for the enjoyment and recreation of its members. All assets shall be used to provide and maintain a flying site and to promote club activities. MMRCA shall operate within the limits outlined by the Academy of Aeronautics (AMA) and under its charter.

III. Memberships, Dues, Fees: All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club’s bylaws, and those of the AMA. Membership and dues liabilities are for one (1) year from March 1st to February 28th/29th. Annual dues shall be due and payable anytime after January 1, but before March 1st, or loss of privileges will occur. There shall be Regular, Non-Flying, and Associate Memberships as follows:

- **Regular** Membership, \$50.00 annually. Full club privileges and voting rights. After the first year, may also hold an elected or appointed office. AMA membership is required. To insure that funds are available for flying field maintenance and improvement, a \$35 yearly maintenance fee will be paid in addition to the regular membership fee.
- **Non-Flying** Membership, \$50.00 annually. Full club privileges, voting rights, and may hold an elected or appointed office. Does not require AMA membership, but may not engage in any type of flying activity.
- **Associate** Membership, Paid participant in one club event annually. Right to fly three times annually during non-club-events, providing a Regular Member is present at the field. AMA membership is required. No other rights or privileges.

IV. Elected Officers: Officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year beginning the first regular meeting in January. All members shall be notified by mail of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the election is held. Because of this prior notification, elections only require a simple majority of those members present at the meeting. Nominations may be made at anytime prior to the vote for that particular office. If there is more than one nominee for an office, voting will be by Secret Ballot. Only those members in good standing at the time of nomination shall be considered for any office. Should any office become vacated for any reason, the president shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of his or her term. These are the duties of the elected officers:

President: The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, appoint special officers such as Safety Officer, be the spokesman for, and to conduct the business of the Club.

Vice President: The duties of the vice-president shall be to assist the president in his duties, to preside in his/her absence, and other duties as assigned by the president.

Secretary: The duties of the secretary shall be to keep a record of the business of all meetings and to have in his/her possession at all meetings a copy of these bylaws and any available minutes from previous meetings.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to care for the money of the organization and to report to the organization at each meeting the income, expenditures, and cash on hand as of that date. The treasurer shall also maintain a roll of members.

V. Appointed Officers: The following officers are Appointed by the current standing president, will serve during that president’s term, and report to the membership at regular or special meetings (or to the president directly, as appropriate):

Field Marshal: The Field Marshall shall be responsible for establishing “mowing crews” and is to ensure that the field is properly maintained and shall recommend improvement/changes.

Safety Officer: The Safety Officer is designated in charge of safety at the field. This officer shall coordinate efforts to improve safety. This includes maintaining and enforcing the club's field and safety rules. This designation does not release the general membership from their own personal responsibility for safety. Each member should insure that all club rules are followed by everyone at the field at all times.

VI. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general policy. Other than disciplinary actions, the end result of most actions of the board will be to prepare a proposal for voting by the membership at a future regular or special meeting. This is especially true when full discussion of the matter at a regular meeting would be disruptive, never-ending, and/or non-productive. The board shall consist of all current elected and appointed officers, and all past presidents that are still members and wish to participate. The current president will be considered the Chairman of the Board and will preside at all board meetings.

VII. Meeting: The regular meetings are normally held the third Tuesday of every month. Special meetings may be called by the president or by a majority vote at any time. A quorum is reached when the greater of 10% of the current membership, or six current members, are in attendance.

VIII. Use of Club Logo: The official club logo is shown at right. This logo shall be used only in a manner consistent with the positive promotion of the club.



IX. Dissolution: The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership and a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. All Club assets shall be sold and the money put into the treasury. All liabilities shall then be paid. Any remaining money shall then be donated to a non-profit organization as seen fit by the Board of Directors.

X. Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion, and Reinstatement of Membership:

- Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving notice to any Club Officer.
- If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
- Infractions of rules or hazardous flying will involve verbal warning from club members or Club Safety Officer.
- All members are obligated to adhere to and to help enforce safety rules.
- Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.
- The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to take disciplinary action based on the seriousness of the violation.
- Any member receiving disciplinary action, including verbal warnings, who directs any retaliation action against any individual, or the club in general, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional property damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.
- Any infraction of a criminal nature (such as serious threats, assault, or intentional property damage) may be turned over to law enforcement officials.
- No refunds shall be issued following any termination or resignation.

XI. Grievance Procedure: If a member has a grievance against another member, they must fill out the Grievance Form at the bottom of this document and submit it to a member of the Board of Directors for follow up, as provided for in Article X.

XII. Amendments: These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, if a quorum as defined in Article VII is present, only by a unanimous vote. If such a vote is not possible, the matter will be tabled for that meeting and written notification of the amendment shall be given to the membership at large via the next club newsletter. Once written notification has been made, a simple majority vote is all that is required. However, absentee ballots are allowed for members unable to attend the meeting.

