



CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
FREEBORN-MOWER RADIO CONTROL FLYERS
January 2003

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be 'Freeborn-Mower Radio Control Flyers' and hereinafter shall be referred to as The Club. The flying field is considered the location of The Club and is located in Freeborn County, Minnesota, USA at 93 degrees-07 minutes W/ 43 degrees-46 minutes N.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section 1 To promote the hobby of radio controlled aviation.
- Section 2 To provide a model air field on which to operate model aircraft
- Section 3 To provide a safe environment for pilots and model aircraft.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Classes of membership shall be: Regular, Family, Junior
- Section 2 REGULAR members are members who have paid full membership dues and are current members of the AMA. They must be 19yrs of age or older as of July 1st. Regular members have full voting rights.
- Section 3 FAMILY members are Parent and children under 19 in same household OR Grand-parent and grand-children under 19 in same household who have paid one full membership dues plus \$10 and the Parent OR Grand-parent are current members of the AMA. The Parent OR Grand-parent are considered Regular members. Only one vote per household allowed
- Section 4 JUNIOR members are members under 19yrs of age as of July 1st. Applicants for Junior membership must also apply concurrently for membership in the AMA. Junior members shall not have voting privileges or hold office. Junior membership dues are \$1.00 per year.
- Section 5 The Club shall determine the full membership dues which must be paid by February in order to vote.
- Section 6 Guests are non-Club members who wish to fly at The Club's field. They may be a relative or a friend of a Regular member. Temporary flying privileges not to exceed one week are available providing the Guest flies in the company of the host regular member. The Regular member assumes legal responsibility and liability.
- Section 7 New flyers must successfully complete The Club's Training Program before flying alone and/or providing instruction to others. Training may start before licensure but after 30 days an AMA license shall be required as well as membership in The Club.
- Section 8 All persons flying at The Club field shall adhere to The Club's Constitution & By-Laws and the current official AMA National Aircraft Safety Code.
- Section 9 Disregard for The Club's Constitution & By-Laws and/or the AMA's Aircraft Safety Code shall be grounds for disciplinary action and/or termination of membership. Termination of membership shall require a majority vote of the assembled quorum. A member who has been terminated may be reinstated by a majority vote of the assembled quorum.

- Section 10 Resignation from The Club shall consist of notification in writing submitted to an officer of the club
- Section 11. Grievances shall be settled by the Grievance Committee consisting of the current officers. majority rules.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- Section 1 Officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer. There is NO LIMIT to the number of consecutive terms the Officers may serve.
- Section 2 All Officers shall be regular members of The Club and shall be 19yrs of age or above as of July 1st. Officers can not serve concurrently in more than one elected office and shall be AMA members.
- Section 3 The Officers shall be nominated at the November meeting.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1 President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of The Club and have general powers and duties of supervision and appointment usually vested in the office of President.
- Section 2 Vice-President: The Vice-president shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to the office by the President. The Vice-president shall succeed to the Presidency in the event the President is unable to serve, and act as chairman at official meetings in the absence of the President.
- Section 3 Secretary: The Secretary shall keep all records required by law and necessary for the operation of The Club. Such records include a roster of members, a copy of all minutes of club and board meetings, properly signed and entered, and a copy of this Constitution & By-Laws. The Secretary shall assist the President in preparing an agenda for meetings and shall conduct the correspondence for The Club as directed by the President. The Secretary shall communicate proper notices of meetings and notify officers, committee members and delegates of their appointments.
- Section 4 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep all financial records required by law and necessary for the operation of The Club. The Treasurer shall make disbursements for payments of obligations incurred by The Club only upon receipt of bills properly approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall maintain accounts in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet and net worth statement for presentation at The Club's January meeting. The Treasurer shall have the right to pay monthly re-occurring expenses without Board approval for the purpose of avoiding finance charges and interest expenses. Expenses voted on and approved by the Board or the membership may be paid upon receipt of the statement.
- Section 5 Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall be responsible for The Club's rules being reviewed at the January Board meeting. The Safety Officer shall have oversight of safety issues pertaining to The Club's flying field using the current Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code. The Safety Officer shall be in charge of managing or delegating safety coverage for events held at The Club's flying field and be responsible for the formation of the Instructor Pilot Training Program.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors.
- Section 2 The five club Officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 All Officers have one vote and hold equal power.
- Section 4 The Club President shall serve as chairman of the Board and has the power to call special meetings.

- Section 5 Quorum: A quorum for the purpose of conducting business shall be five members present.
- Section 6 The Board of Directors has the right to allocate up to \$200.00 without general membership approval, a \$200.01 - \$500.00 allocation shall be approved at a general meeting. Over \$500.00 will require a written ballot. The Board of Directors shall have the right to authorize payment of all moneys owed to any government agency.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- Section 1 The Club's regular membership meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month. Summer meetings will be at the flying field on pre-designated days.
- Section 2 Meeting of various committees shall be conducted by the Chairperson at a location determined by the committee.
- Section 3 Quorum: A quorum constitutes all of attending members. Majority rules.
- Section 4 The January meeting shall be considered the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

- Section 1 Committees will be created as The Club sees necessary.
- Section 2 The President shall have the power to appoint all special committees.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING

- Section 1 Voting in general meetings shall be in accordance with Roberts' Rule of Order. A majority of those present will decide the question.
- Section 2 ONE VOTE PER MEMBERSHIP. Only regular members who have paid membership dues and are on the current membership roster shall be entitled to vote. Members who have paid their dues prior to or at the time of the February meeting are to be considered on the roster.
- Section 3 The Officers shall be elected by secret ballot of all voting members. Section 3. Voting for amendments to the By-Laws will be conducted at the regular membership meeting. The amendment(s) will be published in the Newsletter prior to being brought to a vote.
- Section 4 Two-thirds majority of the vote shall be required to change the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - DISPERSEMENT OF ASSESTS

If The Club shall disband for any reason, the assets will be sold and all moneys from the sale of said assets and balances of all bank accounts will be divided equally among all fully paid Regular members. A Family membership, as previously herein defined, shall count as only 1 Regular membership.