

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

**SECTION 1.** THE NAME OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE "MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS" (MPCRF). THE MPCRF SHALL ADOPT AS THE OFFICIAL CLUB NICKNAME "SKYHAWKS".

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

**SECTION 1.** THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CLUB IS ORGANIZED ARE: A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF RADIO CONTROLLED MODELERS TO PROMOTE THE BUILDING AND FLYING OF RADIO CONTROLLED MODELS; TO ENCOURAGE, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, THE AIMS AND IDEAS OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA); TO SEEK, OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A SITE FOR THE FLYING OF MODEL AIRCRAFT; TO SECURE APPROPRIATE INSURANCE FOR THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS; TO PURCHASE FOR THE USE OF THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS, MATERIALS AND DEVICES TO BE USED IN MODELING ACTIVITIES; TO SHARE EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION IN THIS FIELD OF AVOCATION AND ENCOURAGE INTEREST OF NON-MEMBERS; TO ORGANIZE AND PROMOTE CONTESTS RELATING TO MODELING AND/OR FLYING PROFICIENCIES; TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE A NEWSLETTER OF ITS ACTIVITIES; TO MAINTAIN A WEBSITE; TO DO ALL ACTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF THE CLUB AND ALL OF ITS LAWFUL ACTIVITIES.

**SECTION 2.** THE CLUB WILL ENDEAVOR TO ALWAYS HAVE A FLYING SITE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ADEQUATE FOR OPERATING FIXED-WING RC AIRCRAFT. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ACCOMMODATING FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT IN THE CLUBS SEEKING OF, OBTAINING, AND MAINTAINING, ANY FLYING SITE. EXCEPT FOR THE OCCASIONAL EVENT OR ACTIVITY THAT MAY TEMPORARILY DISPLACE FIXED-WING OPERATIONS, FIXED-WING OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE RESTRICTED FROM USING THE CLUB'S FLYING SITE. AS LONG AS THE CLUB HAS A FIXED-WING FLYING SITE, NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE CLUB FROM ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE NON-FIXED-WING FLYING SITE. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PREVENTS THE JOINT USE BY NON-FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT OF THE FIXED-WING FLYING SITE. THIS SECTION WILL REMAIN AS A PERMANENT SECTION OF THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION AND CANNOT BE DELETED OR AMENDED BY ANY SUBSEQUENT MEMBERSHIP ACTION EXCEPT WITHIN THE FIRST ONE (1) YEAR AFTER ITS INITIAL ADOPTION.

**SECTION 3.** ALL SPECIAL OR LOCAL ENTERPRISES OF THE MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS SHALL CONFORM TO THE POLICIES OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS AND TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION GOVERNING MODEL AIRCRAFT CONTESTS. DEVIATION SHALL BE BY WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE ACADEMY ONLY.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** ANY PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS, PROVIDED HE OR SHE MEETS QUALIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE

ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, AND, EXCEPT FOR HONORARY MEMBERS, HOLDS AN INDIVIDUAL FLIER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE ACADEMY. ONLY CHARTER, OPEN, FAMILY AND VOLUNTEER MEMBERS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION OR ON ANY CLUB BUSINESS REQUIRING A VOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO SERVE ON ANY STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE. VISITORS WILL BE WELCOME AT ANY MEETING OF THE CLUB, BUT SHALL NOT VOTE IN ANY ELECTION, OR ON ANY PROPOSAL REQUIRING VOTING.

**SECTION 2.** DEFINITIONS OF MEMBERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a.) **CHARTER MEMBER:** ANY CURRENT MEMBER OF THE MURFREESBORO MODELERS SKYHAWKS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 JOINING MPRCF DURING THE TIME OF ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION (BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1993) SHALL PAY FULL ANNUAL DUES NEVER TO EXCEED THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT AS CHARTERED AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES. CHARTER MEMBER STATUS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP IN MPRCF IS MAINTAINED.
- (b.) **OPEN MEMBER:** ANYONE OF ANY AGE, AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES.
- (c.) **FAMILY MEMBER:** ANYONE OF ANY AGE RESIDING IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF A CHARTER OR OPEN MEMBER, AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES.
- (d.) **JUNIOR MEMBER:** ANYONE UNDER AGE EIGHTEEN (18), AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING PRIVILEGES ONLY.
- (e.) **HONORARY MEMBER:** ANYONE VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING PRIVILEGES ONLY, PROVIDED THEY HOLD A CURRENT INDIVIDUAL FLIER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS.
- (f.) **STUDENT MEMBER:** ANYONE WHO IS ENROLLED FULL-TIME IN A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING PRIVILEGES ONLY.
- (g.) **VOLUNTEER MEMBER:** ANYONE VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES.
- (h.) **MILITARY MEMBER:** A FULL-TIME ENLISTED OR COMMISSIONED MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING PRIVILEGES ONLY.
- (i.) **LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBER:** ANYONE WHO IS A FULL-TIME COMMISSIONED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND SHALL HAVE FULL FLYING PRIVILEGES ONLY.

AT ANY TIME A NON-VOTING MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO BE AN OPEN OR FAMILY MEMBER SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE VOTING PRIVILEGES. DUES WILL NOT BE PRORATED IF MEMBERSHIP STATUS IS CHANGED DURING THE

MEMBERSHIP YEAR ALTHOUGH CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR DUES PAID, IF ANY, UNDER ANY OTHER MEMBER CATEGORY.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** OFFICERS OF THE MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS SHALL BE:

- (a.) PRESIDENT
- (b.) VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY
- (c.) TREASURER
- (d.) BOARD MEMBERS (THREE)

**SECTION 2.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND THREE BOARD MEMBERS ALL ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANNUAL ELECTION.

### **ARTICLE II - DUTIES**

**SECTION 1.** THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a.) **PRESIDENT:** THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB AND SHALL ACT AS SPOKESPERSON FOR THE CLUB IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO IT.
- (b.) **VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY:** THE VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, KEEP THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, THE ATTENDANCE ROLE OF SUCH MEETINGS AND ALL PAPERWORK NOT CONCERNING MONEY. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE NEWSLETTER IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH.
- (c.) **TREASURER:** THE TREASURER SHALL COLLECT ALL MONIES DUE AND SHALL KEEP COMPLETE RECORDS OF ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND MONIES DISBURSED BY THE CLUB. THE TREASURER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE OFFICIAL CLUB ROSTER UP TO DATE.
- (d.) **BOARD MEMBERS:** THE THREE ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL ACT WITH THE OTHER OFFICERS ON ALL MATTERS OF GENERAL POLICY AND SHALL ACT ON DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00). ONE BOARD MEMBER SHALL ACT AS DIRECTOR OF FIELD MAINTENANCE, ONE BOARD MEMBER SHALL ACT AS CONTEST/EVENT COORDINATOR, AND ONE BOARD MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS SAFETY COORDINATOR. THE POSITIONS TO BE SERVED SHALL BE IDENTIFIED ON THE ELECTION BALLOT, WITH BOARD MEMBERS RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO THE SPECIFIC POSITION. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION MAY RUN FOR ONLY ONE

BOARD MEMBER POSITION. THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1.) **SAFETY COORDINATOR DUTIES:** THE SAFETY COORDINATOR WILL ACT AS A COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON BETWEEN THE CLUB AND AMA HEADQUARTERS TO ENSURE TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF SAFETY RELATED MATERIAL. THE CLUB SAFETY COORDINATOR MUST HAVE E-MAIL ACCESS. OTHER DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:
  - ACT AS A SAFETY ADVISOR AND RESOURCE MANAGER FOR THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS
  - ASSIST AMA IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS
  - INSPECT OPERATIONAL AREAS FOR PROPER SIGNAGE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS APPLICABLE.
  - CONDUCT SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS DURING CLUB MEETINGS.
  - CONDUCT, AT LEAST ANNUALLY, A SAFETY AUDIT OF CLUB FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND GROUNDS TO ENSURE EVERYTHING IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND SAFE FOR NORMAL USE BY MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.
  - ACT AS A LIAISON WITH THE LOCAL EMS/FIRE DEPARTMENT.
  - ESTABLISH A CLUB EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN TO HANDLE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS.
  - REVIEW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES (FIRE AND RESCUE) WITH CLUB MEMBERS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.
  
- (2.) **FIELD MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR DUTIES:** THE FIELD MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING PERIODIC MAINTENANCE CHECKS AT THE FIELD AND BRINGING THOSE FINDINGS TO THE CLUB OFFICERS TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE ANY ISSUES.
  
- (3.) **CONTEST/EVENT COORDINATOR DUTIES:** THE CONTEST/EVENT COORDINATOR SHALL BE THE POINT PERSON TO ESTABLISH AND COORDINATE SUBCOMMITTEES FOR CLUB EVENTS.

### **ARTICLE III - TERM OF OFFICE**

**SECTION 1.** ALL OFFICERS OF THE MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS SHALL SERVE FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

### **ARTICLE IV - VACANCIES**

**SECTION 1.** VACANCY IN ANY OFFICE SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUCH APPOINTEE TO SERVE UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM FOR WHICH HIS PREDECESSOR WAS ELECTED.

### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS SHALL BE AT A FREQUENCY, TIME AND PLACE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION 2.** BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT A FREQUENCY, TIME AND PLACE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

**SECTION 3.** SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE AT ANY CONVENIENT TIME, UPON CALL SIGN BY ANY THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR UPON CALL SIGN BY ANY TEN CHARTER, OR OPEN MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH CALL SHALL NAME THE TIME AND PLACE OF SUCH MEETING, AND SHALL BE ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE DESIGNATED. NO NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE GIVEN, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE XII SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL NOTIFY ALL MEMBERS BY MAIL OR EMAIL AS TO THESE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETINGS A WEEK IN ADVANCE; HOWEVER, FAILURE OF THE PRESIDENT TO NOTIFY THE MEMBERS IN ADVANCE SHALL NOT NULLIFY ANY PROCEDURES CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS IN ATTENDANCE, AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE VI SECTION 2.

#### **ARTICLE VI - REGULAR BUSINESS**

**SECTION 1.** ALL REGULAR BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND ENTERPRISES CONDUCTED BY THE CLUB SHALL BE DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXCEPT THAT ANY TIME THE PRESIDENT OR THE BOARD MAY CALL A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO DECIDE ON ANY PROBLEM OR BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

**SECTION 2.** AT ANY CLUB MEETING, A QUORUM SHALL BE FIFTEEN (15) PERCENT OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP, WITH A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) MEMBERS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. AT ANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, A QUORUM SHALL BE FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBERS.

#### **ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FEES**

**SECTION 1.** EXCEPT FOR NON-VOTING MEMBER (JUNIOR, HONORARY, STUDENT, MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT) DUES, WHICH CAN BE ADJUSTED ANYTIME BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP EFFECTIVE ON A PROSPECTIVE BASIS ONLY, ADJUSTMENT OF ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT ITS DECEMBER ELECTION MEETING, IF REQUIRED. THESE DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, TO THE TREASURER.

**SECTION 2.** ANY MEMBER DELINQUENT IN DUES BEYOND FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR SHALL FORFEIT ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING FLYING PRIVILEGES, UNTIL DUES ARE PAID. THOSE DUES PAYING MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES BY MARCH 1 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A \$15 REINSTATEMENT FEE IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL DUES. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY GRANT SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

**SECTION 3.** DUES STRUCTURE SHALL BE SET AS OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT NUMBER 1 OF THESE BY-LAWS.

**SECTION 4.** ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL RECEIVE A ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON DUES FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE. THE OFFICERS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM SEVENTY-FIVE (75) PERCENT ATTENDANCE RECORD AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS TO BE ELIGIBLE. THE

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND THE CLUB WEBMASTER WILL RECEIVE A ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT DISCOUNT ON DUES FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE. ONLY ONE (1) DISCOUNT MAY BE APPLIED TO AN INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER IN A GIVEN YEAR. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF FIFTY (50) TOTAL CLUB MEMBERS FOR THE DISCOUNTS TO BE VALID. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR WEBMASTER AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR WILL BE SET BY THE BOARD.

**SECTION 5.** PAST CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED IN GOOD STANDING AND WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE CLUB FOR ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR, AND NEW APPLICANTS, SHALL HAVE THEIR DUES PRO-RATED. THE PRORATED DUES SHALL BE: MEMBERS JOINING BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND JULY 31 PAY 100% OF THE LISTED DUES; MEMBERS JOINING BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND OCTOBER 31 PAY 50% OF THE LISTED DUES; MEMBERS JOINING ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1 PAY 100% OF THE LISTED DUES, HOWEVER, THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE EXTENDED THROUGH THE END OF MPRCF'S SUBSEQUENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OTHER FORMER MEMBERS SEEKING REINSTATEMENT SHALL, UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PAY FULL ANNUAL DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

**SECTION 6.** NO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE LEVIED ON THE MEMBERSHIP AT ANY TIME, EXCEPT BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE, AND THEN ONLY WITH A MAJORITY VOTE OF EIGHTY (80) PERCENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT A REGULAR CLUB MEETING WITH QUORUM ATTENDANCE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE VI SECTION 2.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - SPECIAL FUNDS**

**SECTION 1.** THE TREASURER OF THE CLUB IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OR SPECIALLY OBTAINED FUNDS FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR INSTITUTION, TO BE APPLIED TO THE OPERATION EXPENSES OF THE CLUB.

**SECTION 2.** THE CLUB WILL PERFORM A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN A CALENDAR YEAR. THE FUNDS FROM WHICH WILL BE APPLIED TO THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CLUB. ANY YEAR THAT MPRCF IS A MEMBER OF THE MTRCCA, ASSOCIATION EVENTS WILL COUNT TOWARD FULFILLING THIS REQUIREMENT.

#### **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1.** THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CLUB WHICH SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF HIS TENURE OF OFFICE, AND THEIR DUTIES SHALL BE INDICATED BY THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE  
FIELD SAFETY COMMITTEE  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**SECTION 2.** ADDITIONAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES AS REQUIRED SHALL BE NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT.

## **ARTICLE X - TRANSMITTER OPERATIONS**

**SECTION 1.** ANY MEMBER OPERATING A NON-2.4 GHz TRANSMITTER WITHOUT RESERVING THE PROPER FREQUENCY AS OUTLINED IN THE MPRCF SAFETY AND FLIGHT RULES SHALL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CLUB SAFETY AND FLIGHT RULES.

**SECTION 2.** SHOULD THIS VIOLATION RESULT IN DAMAGE TO ANOTHER MEMBER'S EQUIPMENT; THE VIOLATOR SHALL BE FINANCIALLY LIABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES.

**SECTION 3.** TWO (2) VIOLATIONS OF THIS TYPE SHALL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF ALL FLYING PRIVILEGES FOR THREE (3) MONTHS, WITH NO REFUND OF DUES.

## **ARTICLE XI - RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MPRCF MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

- (a.) VOLUNTARILY, BY RESIGNATION, EITHER VERBAL OR WRITTEN, TO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MEMBERS RESIGNING IN GOOD STANDING ARE ENTITLED TO A PRO-RATA REFUND OF THE PREPAID PORTION OF THE ANNUAL DUES FOR THE YEAR OF RESIGNATION.
- (b.) INVOLUNTARILY, DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FLAGRANT OR CONTINUED VIOLATION OF MPRCF RULES AND REGULATIONS OR OF CLUB PRINCIPLES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE MPRCF OR THE HOBBY.
- (c.) 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.

**SECTION 2.** REINSTATEMENT OF TERMINATED MEMBERS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- (A.) MEMBERS WHO RESIGN IN GOOD STANDING MAY BE REINSTATED UPON PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF A VALID AMA LICENSE AND PAYMENT OF THE DUES.
- (B.) ALL OTHER FORMER MEMBERS SEEKING REINSTATEMENT SHALL MAKE APPLICATION AND, UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PAY FULL ANNUAL DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5.
- (C.) 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.

**SECTION 3.** THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAFETY RULES THAT ARE RELATED TO FLYING ACTIVITIES. ANY OTHER UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BY AN

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OR MEMBERS, AS DEFINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS STATED IN ARTICLE II, DUTIES, SECTION 1 OF THESE BYLAWS. 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.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

### **ARTICLE XII - ELECTION**

**SECTION 1.** THE ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ANNUALLY AT THE DECEMBER CLUB MEETING.

**SECTION 2.** THE NOMINATIONS SHALL BE MADE BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR THAT PURPOSE, OR BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AT THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

**SECTION 3.** ALL NOMINATIONS WILL END AT THE CLOSE OF THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING.

**SECTION 4.** ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE UNTIL THE DECEMBER CLUB MEETING.

### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.** AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THESE BY-LAWS, EXCEPT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH CANNOT BE MODIFIED EXCEPT WITHIN THE FIRST ONE (1) YEAR AFTER ITS INITIAL ADOPTION, AT ANY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP, PROVIDED THE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN WRITING AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS IN ADVANCE THAT AN AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO MAY REQUEST SAME. AMENDMENTS MAY BE PASSED AT ANY CLUB MEETING BY EIGHTY (80) PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT WITH QUORUM ATTENDANCE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE VI SECTION 2. MAIL-IN BALLOTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING. THOSE BALLOTS, RETURNED BY MAIL OR EMAIL BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING, WILL BE COUNTED AS IF THOSE PERSONS WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

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AMENDED: MARCH 2, 2017; INCLUDES ADOPTION OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH CANNOT BE DELETED OR AMENDED AFTER MARCH 2, 2018

#### **ARTICLE XIV - DISSOLUTION**

**SECTION 1.** THE CORPORATION MAY BE DISSOLVED WITH THE APPROVAL OF A TWO-THIRDS (2/3)-MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

**SECTION 2.** UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, THE BOARD SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION, DISPOSE OF ALL THE ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION IN SUCH MANNER, TO THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, INC., OR TO SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS OR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, OR TO SUCH OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED UPON LOCAL CHARITY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF EIGHTY (80) PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE FINAL CLUB MEETING PRECEDING DISBANDMENT, AS THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE. ANY OF SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (OR SIMILAR COURT) OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS CORPORATION IS THEN LOCATED, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES AND TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS, AS SAID COURT SHALL DETERMINE, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

#### **ARTICLE XV - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)**

##### **SECTION 1.** *PURPOSE*

THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE PROVIDES A MECHANISM TO ENFORCE EXISTING SAFETY RULES BY PROVIDING A PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM WHEN NEEDED. ALTHOUGH MOST COMPLAINTS CAN BE RESOLVED INFORMALLY, IF A COMPLAINT IS SERIOUS OR CANNOT BE RESOLVED INFORMALLY, THE MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION BY MEANS OF A GRIEVANCE FORM TO BE FILLED OUT AND TURNED INTO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. AT LEAST ONE WITNESS IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THE GRIEVANCE FORM.

##### **SECTION 2.** *SAFETY COMMITTEE*

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE SHALL USE ITS JUDGMENT IN CARRYING OUT ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A GRIEVANCE FORM (SEE ATTACHMENT NUMBER 2) WILL BE FILLED OUT AND TURNED INTO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. AT LEAST ONE WITNESS IS REQUIRED.

(B) FIRST VIOLATION

- A. VIEWPOINTS OF BOTH COMPLAINANTS AND ACCUSED WILL BE CONSIDERED.
- B. COMPLAINANT'S NAME WILL BE DISCLOSED.
- C. A VERBAL REPRIMAND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ACCUSED BY THE SAFETY COMMITTEE, AND THIS WILL BE RECORDED IN THE COMMITTEE FILES.

(C) SECOND VIOLATION

- A. COMPLAINANT'S NAME WILL BE DISCLOSED.
- B. THE ACCUSED HAS THE RIGHT TO A WRITTEN REBUTTAL, TO BE REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE.
- C. IF THE COMMITTEE SO DECIDES, THE FLYING PRIVILEGES OF THE ACCUSED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS SHALL BE ISSUED AND A COPY PUBLISHED IN THE CLUB NEWSLETTER.

(D) THIRD VIOLATION

- A. COMMITTEE WILL NOTIFY THE ACCUSED AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN WRITING THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL VOTE ON THE EXPULSION OF THE ACCUSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- B. SAID EXPULSION WILL LAST FOR A ONE-YEAR MINIMUM. (LONGER IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS).
- C. A MEMBER MAY BE EXPELLED FROM THE CLUB ONLY UPON A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- D. VOTING WILL BE BY SECRET BALLOT AT A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.
- E. THE EXPELLED MEMBER MAY REAPPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXPULSION TIME PERIOD.

(E) THE THREE ACTIONS WILL NOT BE ENFORCED UNLESS THEY ARE ACCUMULATED WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME.

(F) ANY MEMBER RECEIVING A GRIEVANCE, WHO DIRECTS ANY RETALIATION ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON FILING SAID GRIEVANCE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB. THIS IS TO INCLUDE THREATS, INTIMIDATION, PHYSICAL HARM, INTENTIONAL EQUIPMENT DAMAGE, OR ANY OTHER ACTION DEEMED TO BE RETALIATORY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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ATTACHMENT NUMBER 1**

**ANNUAL DUES STRUCTURE**

CHARTER MEMBER_____	\$45.00
OPEN MEMBER_____	\$45.00
FAMILY MEMBER_____	\$22.50
JUNIOR MEMBER_____	\$5.00
HONORARY MEMBER_____	\$0.00
STUDENT MEMBER_____	\$10.00
VOLUNTEER MEMBER_____	\$0.00
MILITARY MEMBER_____	\$10.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBER_____	\$10.00

CHARTER MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.

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ATTACHMENT NUMBER 2

**MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS CLUB GRIEVANCE FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Violation:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Witnesses (not required):

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