

BY-LAWS
OF
FLIGHTMASTERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB, INC.
(Revised January, 2010)

ARTICLE I

- Section 1. **Name:** The name of the corporation is: Flightmasters Model Airplane Club, Inc.
- Section 2. **Location:** The location of Flightmasters Model Airplane Club, Inc. is in Fort Smith, AR. The mailing address of the corporation shall be: Flight masters Model Airplane Club, Inc., P. O. Box 11682, Fort Smith, AR 72917-1682, or any succeeding post office box procured.

ARTICLE II

- Section 1. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December of each year.

ARTICLE III

- Section 1. **Non-Profit Organization:** The club is a non-profit organization and, therefore, no stock of any kind will be offered.

ARTICLE IV

- Section 1. **Objective:** The objective of the club is to promote the hobby of building and flying model aircraft in Fort Smith and the surrounding area. The club will also, as far as is possible, contribute to the same objective on the national level through the Academy of Model Aeronautics and other such organizations.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1. **Membership:** The membership year shall begin on the 1st day of April and end on the 31st day of March. Membership in the club is open to anyone who has interest in the hobby of model aviation in any way. Six types of membership are available and are described in Sections 2 through 7 of this Article.

- Section 2. **Full Membership:** Any adult who lives within a 50-mile radius of the club flying field and who flies model aircraft of any kind and at any time at the club flying field, must subscribe to full membership, except as outlined in Section 4, Guest Membership. Full members shall have full voting rights in all club matters. Each full Member, as a part of their annual membership dues, shall receive a key to the flying field gate. To enroll as a Full Member of the club, a person must first be a current member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- Section 3. **Junior Membership:** Any youth and or teenager who lives within a 50-mile radius of the club flying field, and who flies model aircraft of any type and at any time at the club flying field, and who is a current Junior Member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, is eligible for a Junior Membership. The rights and privileges of a Junior Membership are the same as the Full Membership.
- Section 4. **Guest Membership:** Any adult, youth or teenager who lives outside the 50-mile radius of the club field, and who wants to fly at the field from time-to-time while in the area, may apply for Guest Membership. Guest Members have no voting rights in club matters. To enroll as a guest Member, a person must first be a current member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The Guest Membership, as defined herein, is free, except for the deposit required to obtain a key to the flying field. Guest Membership is also available, on a temporary basis to those persons who live within a 50-mile radius of the club flying field, if they are learning to fly a model aircraft for the first time, but have not yet soloed. The Guest Membership status for this person shall expire on the 30th day following his / her solo flight; after which time the person will be required to subscribe to Full Membership to retain flying rights at the club field. As mentioned above, to enroll as a Full Member of the club, a person must first be a current member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- Section 5. **Family Membership:** Those persons who live within the same household are eligible for Family Membership. In order to qualify for Family Membership, at least one family member must be either a Full Member or a Junior Member and must have paid the dues applicable to either of those memberships. Any and all other family members, who reside in the same household, may enjoy club membership for the fee as stated in Article VI per calendar year. There will be only one key to the field's gate issued for use by the entire family and a Family Membership shall have only one vote for the whole family in all club matters. Each and every member who flies a model of any kind at anytime at the club flying field must be a current member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section 6. **Associate Membership:** Associate Membership is available to those NON-FLYING persons who simply have an interest in model aviation, and who live within a 50-mile radius of the club flying field. This type of membership is reserved for those persons who have either not yet learned to fly or else have stopped flying for a period of time. Associate Members have no voting rights in club matters. If and when a person decides to learn to fly, or resume his/her flying activities, he or she will be required to immediately subscribe to Full Membership. Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is optional for Associate Members.

Section 7. **Honorary Membership:** Honorary Membership is reserved for recognition of long and continued service to the club. An Honorary Lifetime Membership may be bestowed upon those who are presently NON-FLYING members and who have completed no less than 10 years of continuous Full Membership in the Flightmasters Model Airplane Club. The Honorary Lifetime Member shall have full voting rights in all club matters. Honorary Lifetime Membership is free to those who qualify. Current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is optional.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. **Dues & Fees:** The annual membership dues are established by a vote of the membership at a general meeting of the club, provided the general membership has been notified of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting in writing or by electronic means, such as email or website, at least three (3) days in advance of the date of the meeting in which the club dues are to be considered. These membership dues are due and payable on or before April 30th of each year. In the event the dues are not received prior to May 1st, that member will be notified that his/her flying privileges have been terminated and that he/she must turn in their key to a club officer until his/her dues are brought up to date. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed on all members that do not pay their membership dues by May 1st. A field maintenance fee, not to exceed \$20, may be assessed to each flying member if deemed necessary by the club officers. Membership dues for new members that join after September 1st will be reduced to ½ the annual fee, or \$30, whichever is higher. For new members who join during the months of January or February, a full membership payment will entitle them to club membership for the remainder of that membership year and all of the following membership year.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. **Officers:** The officers of the corporation shall be as follows:

- (A) President
- (B) Vice President
- (C) Secretary
- (D) Treasurer
- (E) Safety Officer

- Section 2. **Duties of Officers:** The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
- (A) **President** -- The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the club, and shall preside as chairman of the Board of Directors.
 - (B) **Vice President** -- The vice president shall act for the president when the president is unable to serve.
 - (C) **Secretary** -- The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be responsible for all correspondence of the club.
 - (D) **Treasurer** -- The treasurer shall collect all monies due the club and shall disburse funds as necessary to cover incurred club expenses. The treasurer will keep an accurate record of the money collected and/or expended by the club.
 - (E) **Safety Officer** -- The safety officer shall be an appointed position and shall monitor flight activities with emphasis on safe flying and handling of aircraft.
- Section 3. **Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall be five (5) members of the Flightmasters Model Airplane Club made up of the currently elected officers and the immediate past-president. Should the President be re-elected to the office of President, or be elected to some other office, the Board of Directors shall include those currently elected officers plus the **first** past-President not elected to an office. The currently elected President shall preside as chairman of the Board of Directors. This Board of Directors is also known as the Executive Committee (See Article X).
- Section 4. **Duties of the Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors Shall act on all matters of general policy and business for the club. Unless otherwise voted on and approved by the club membership, any monies spent by the Board of Directors shall be limited to no more than 10% of the current bank balance at the time of the expenditure, or \$100.00, whichever is the greater.
- Section 5. **Term of Office:** The term of office for all officers of the club shall be one (1) year from the date of election. An officer may serve more than one (1) year if re-elected to the same office or to a different office by the membership.
- Section 6. **Election of Officers:** The nomination of officers to serve in the following Fiscal year shall be held during the first meeting in November each year and those nominations will be published on the club's website or emailed as notice to all club members. Election of officers will be held during the December club meeting each year. Any and all current members as outlined in Article V, with the exceptions noted, are eligible to vote on the candidates who were nominated. Prior to the election, any current club member may make other nominations from the floor. The ballots will be counted during the meeting by a committee appointed by the President and made up of at least three (3) people who are not candidates for any office, nor are related to anyone who is a candidate for any office. These ballots will be added with those properly verified absentee ballots, if any, and the results given to the President to be announced.

- Section 7. **Absentee Ballots:** An official ballot may be printed and mailed to current members upon request. In the event any club member shall be unable to attend the December club meeting, he/she may cast an "Absentee Vote" by either mailing or hand carrying the Absentee Ballot to any club officer before the December meeting. All Absentee ballots must be received before the start of the December meeting and be marked and LEGIBLY SIGNED to be valid! Each member is allowed only one vote. The club officers shall give all properly authenticated absentee ballots to the counting committee appointed by the President at the December meeting so they may be counted.
- Section 8. **Vacancy of Office:** A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. Such appointee shall serve until the end of the term of office for which their predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE VIII

- Section 1. **Regular Meetings:** Regular club meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of each month at the club field at 2:00pm. Changes to the time and place may be made by a vote of the attending club members during a club meeting, and will be published on the club's website or emailed to all club members after the change is made. Only those persons who are current members of the Flightmasters Model Airplane Club as defined in Article V with its exclusions, shall have the privilege of active participation and voting in club matters during these meetings. A vote of 50% plus one (1) of the members present at a meeting is required to pass any motion.
- Section 2. **Special Meetings:** A special meeting may be called by the President or the Board of Directors at any time that is convenient to a majority of club members. An announcement of the special meeting shall be published on the club's website or emailed no less than three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting whenever possible. Only those persons who are members of the Flightmasters Model Airplane Club, as defined in Article V, with its exclusions, shall have the privilege of active participation such as contributing ideas, making motions, seconding motions or voting in club matters during these meetings.

ARTICLE IX

- Section 1. **Special Funds:** The treasurer of the club is authorized to receive contributions and/or specially obtained funds from any individual, organization or institution. If the donor did not specify the use of such funds, the Board of Directors shall determine how such funds are to be used. When the donor of such funds specifies the use for which the funds were donated, the Board of Directors and all officers, present or future shall endeavor to fulfill those specifications. All monies voluntarily added to such a special fund will be subject to the same provisions as the original donation.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. **The Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee is the same as the Board of Directors whose duties and responsibilities are contained in Article VII, Sections 3 & 4.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1. **Amendments:** Proposed amendments may be made to these By-Laws at any meeting of the Board of Directors (Executive Committee). These proposed amendments must be voted on at a general meeting of the club membership provided the general membership has been notified of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting, published on the club's website or emailed at least three (3) days in advance of the date of the meeting in which the proposed amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment(s) shall be provided to all members of the Board of Directors and to all members who request a copy of the same. A copy of the current By-Laws will be kept by all officers and will be available to all members.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. **Disbandment:** If, for any reason, the Flightmasters Model Airplane Club is disbanded, all club property will be sold at fair market value by the Board of Directors (Executive Committee). In the event of any Special Funds, those persons who may have been placed as executors of such Special Funds, shall have equal standing with the Board of Directors in the disposition of such Special Funds only. All proceeds from the sale of the property and monies, including checking account, saving account, certificates of deposit, etc., will be donated to a charitable organization in the Fort Smith Area. The Board of Directors and the Special Fund Executors, if any, shall decide which charitable organization is to be the recipient of these monies.