

**BY-LAWS  
of the  
WESTERVILLE MODEL AERONAUTICS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this association will be **Westerville Model Aeronautics Association** (*aka WMAA , Association, or Club*).

**ARTICLE II  
MISSION**

The purpose of this Association, as a non-profit corporation, is to promote and develop radio control aeromodeling as a hobby and recreational activity in the State of Ohio.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any individuals who demonstrate a genuine interest in radio control aeromodeling.

Section 2. **Active Voting Membership** shall require the following:

- a) Paid annual dues for the Association's current calendar year.
- b) Shall have a current year AMA card (*aka Academy of Model Aeronautics*) covering radio controlled aircraft operations.

Section 3. **Dues**

- a) Dues rates will be established by vote at the annual meeting of the Association. Dues must be paid in full by the beginning of the calendar year as defined in Article V, Section 4. Membership dues and initiation fees are non-refundable.
- b) New members joining the Association prior to the end of the calendar year and after September 30 will be considered a member for the current and subsequent calendar year.
- c) An initiation fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed all new members joining the Association.
- d) Annual dues paid after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$5.00 late charge.

Section 4. **Resignation**

- a) Any member in good standing may resign their membership by giving written notice to the Club.

**Termination**

- a) If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, they may continue as a **non-flying** WMAA member by paying the WMAA annual dues if they so desire, **otherwise** their membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

### Expulsion

- a) This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership, if it is determined such individual willfully committed any act or omission which is a violation of these By-Laws, or the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

### Reinstatement

- a) A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the Club.

## **ARTICLE IV** **OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The **Officers of the Association** shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.
- Section 2. At the regular September meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three active Association members whose duty will be the to nominate candidates for the five offices which will be filled at the Annual Meeting in October. Additional nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting will be allowed.
- Section 3. Officers for the forthcoming new Association Year (beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>) will be elected by either written or oral vote at the **Annual Meeting** (October 1st). Terms of office will be one year, or until successors are elected. Terms of office will begin on the first day of the Association Year.

## **ARTICLE V** **MEETINGS**

- Section 1. The regular monthly meeting of the Association will be the second Monday of each month or as otherwise determined by the Association at a time and place as agreed by the membership.
- Section 2. The first regular meeting date in October will be known as the '**Annual Meeting**' and shall be for the purpose of electing officers for the forthcoming Association Year.
- Section 3. When conducting routine club business fifteen (15%) of the paid voting membership including e-mailed and proxy votes must be in favor by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of any resolution except for the by-law amendments covered by Article IX, Section 2.
- All written or e-mailed proxy votes must be received by the Secretary no less than 48 hours prior to a scheduled meeting.
- Section 4. The **Association Year** shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1. The **Executive Board** will be composed of five (5) members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. The current President will act as Board Chairman. In a situation where the President cannot fulfill a term on the Board, the position will be filled in order by the preceding year's Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Safety Officer.
- Section 2. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall generally supervise the affairs of the Association between regular meetings. It will resolve all problems relating to member status and discipline. All decisions and actions taken by the Board will be reported to the Association at the first regular meeting following said actions or decisions.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. At the beginning of the Association Year (January 1<sup>st</sup>) a '**Liaison Committee**' and '**Field Committee**' will be appointed by the respective President and Safety Officer.
- a) The 'Liaison Chairman' (President) or appointee(s) will be responsible for maintaining a close relationship between the Association and the flying field landlord to guarantee nothing will occur which in any way would jeopardize the Association's use of the field.
  - b) The 'Field Chairman' (Safety Officer) or appointee(s) will be responsible for the maintenance, administration of club 'Field Rules' and assuring that all members and users using the flying field have adequate insurance coverage, i.e., a current AMA (aka **Academy of Model Aeronautics**) membership card.
  - c) These chairmen may recruit as many members as required to assist in fulfilling their responsibilities.
- Section 2. Additional committees required to conduct Association business and social activities will be organized as necessary by the Executive Board. The duration of these committees' existence will be defined at the time of their organization.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order' shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

- Section 1. The Association Secretary will have the responsibility of informing all active members in writing of any proposed by-law amendments and the content of said amendments. The notification will be made with enough time allowed to review the proposed amendments at two regular Association meeting preceding the selected meeting at which the amendment vote is scheduled.

Section 2. These By-Laws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the paid active membership. Active members may vote on amendments by being present at the selected meeting, by written proxy vote submitted to the Executive Board prior to the voting at the selected meeting, or by sending an electronically transmitted (e-mail) proxy.

Section 3. **Dissolution of Club**

- a) The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the membership.

**ARTICLE X**  
**OFFICIAL FIELD RULES**

Section 1. The operation of radio controlled devices is limited to club members, their guests, prospective members, and any individual possessing a current AMA membership card. All flyers must comply with **current WMAA and AMA** (aka **Academy of Model Aeronautics**) **Guidelines**.

Section 2. Current field rules will be posted at the flying field and on the WMAA web site:  
<http://www.wmaa-wags.org>

Section 3. **Grievance Procedure (Flight and Safety Rules)**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules. 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 Officer or another member of the Executive Board for consideration by means of a Grievance Form, which is to be completed and returned to an Executive Board member or the Safety Officer. At least one (1) witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

- a) **First Violation** - Viewpoints of both Complainants, whose names will be disclosed, and Accused will be considered by the Executive Board. If warranted in the opinion of the Executive Board, a verbal reprimand will be given to the Accused and recorded in the Club records.
- b) **Second Violation** - Complainants names will be disclosed. Accused has the right to present a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Executive Board. If the complaint is valid in the opinion of the Executive Board, a written reprimand will be issued and flying privileges of the Accused may be suspended for 30 days. The written reprimand will then be published in the Club newsletter.
- c) **Third Violation** - The Accused will be notified in writing by the Executive Board, and the Club members via the Club newsletter, that the Club will vote on expulsion by secret ballot of the Accused at the next Club meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the membership at the meeting will be cause for expulsion for a period of one year at which time the member may reapply for membership.
- d) The three actions described will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two year time period.
- e) 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 Club Officers.

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**Westerville Model Aeronautics Association Grievance Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM

Nature of Violation:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Witnesses (not required) \_\_\_\_\_

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