

**BYLAWS OF THE
MARYMOOR RC CLUB (MARC)**
Academy of Model Aeronautics Club Charter 1610
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ARTICLE I - NAME AND INCORPORATION

1. The registered name of the organization is the Marymoor RC Club. It is also known as the Marymoor Radio Control Club and as the MARC.
2. The Marymoor RC Club is a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of the State of Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (RCW 24.03).
3. The Marymoor RC Club is an AMA Chartered Club, Number 1610, under the provisions of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered club program.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. The primary purposes of the Marymoor R/C Club are:
 - a. To promote the interests of its members in the hobby/sport of recreational radio control (RC) aeromodeling.
 - b. To share experience and information about the building and flying of radio-controlled model aircraft.
 - c. To build, improve, and maintain the RC model aircraft flying field at Marymoor Park in cooperation with the King County Parks Department.
 - d. To provide for the safe and orderly operation of the R/C model aircraft flying field at Marymoor Park in cooperation with the King County Parks Department.
 - e. To provide assistance in the proper operation of radio-controlled model aircraft.
2. The Marymoor RC Club established a charitable fund in accordance with IRS publication No. 557 and Revenue Ruling 54-243 (1954-1 CB 92). This charitable fund is solely for the purpose of building and maintaining for public use an area to fly model aircraft in Marymoor Park in King County.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. The Marymoor RC Club member classes and privileges are as follows:
 - a. Adult members – Members that are 19 years of age or older as of July 1st of the current membership year are considered Adult members. Adult members must pay annual membership dues.
 - b. Youth members – Those under 19 years of age as of July 1st of the current membership year. Youth members are not required to pay dues but are required to perform an annual online check in.
 - c. Provisional and Full members (Adult or Youth) – Full members may fly solo (i.e. without an instructor). Provisional members must fly with an

- instructor who is a Full Member. A Provisional Member becomes a Full Member upon passing a proficiency test and a knowledge quiz.
- d. New members or returning members who are in training shall be Provisional Members.
 - e. Lapsed Memberships – Members who have lapsed in their annual membership renewal for THREE (3) years or more, shall be Provisional Members upon their return, and will be required to pass a proficiency test with a qualified “check out” club member.
2. All persons are eligible for membership provided that they meet the following qualifications:
- a. Members shall hold a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership for the entire calendar year. AMA Park Pilot membership does not qualify for MARC membership.
 - b. Members shall pay all required MARC dues.
 - c. Members shall comply with the MARC bylaws, the MARC flying field rules, the King County Parks Department rules, the AMA Safety Code and FAA UAS rules.
 - d. Members are expected to act in a safe manner, exercise good judgment, use common sense, and be courteous at the flying field and club functions.
3. All members 13 years of age and older in good standing (defined as holding current AMA and Club membership, who are not subject to disciplinary proceedings) are eligible to vote in club elections (e.g. for Board members) and decisions that involve club membership.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Any member in good standing may resign their membership by sending a written notice (physical or electronic) to the club president or secretary.
- 2. If the AMA membership of any member ceases to be valid at any time, their membership in the MARC shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon renewal of their AMA membership.
- 3. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the MARC by a vote of the Board of Directors, if in the Board's determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of the MARC Bylaws, the AMA Safety Code, the MARC Flying Field Rules, or which is detrimental to the MARC, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- 4. Expulsion from membership using this method shall require the affirmative vote of no fewer than six (6) members of the Board and shall be used when in the judgment of the Board, the Grievance Process in Article XIII will not resolve a problem quickly enough to prevent damage, including reputation, to MARC, the AMA, or model aviation.

5. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by the affirmative vote of no less than six (6) members of the Board.
6. The Board shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions described in Section 3 of Article IV which do not justify expulsion from membership.
7. The grievance procedure specified in Article XIII provides a mechanism to enforce existing flight and ground safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. This procedure shall be applied and administered by the Board when needed.

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. The voting members of the Marymoor RC Club, as specified in Article III(3), shall elect a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the club. The Board of Directors shall then elect the club Officers from the membership of the Board.
2. MARC Directors shall be Full Adult members (except the Youth Board member – see paragraph 10) and must have been members in good standing for the three consecutive annual membership years prior to their election or appointment. Alternately their eligibility may be established by a minimum of six (6) members of the Board.
3. The Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, shall have nine (9) Adult members, and one (1) optional Youth member, herein referred to as Board Members, or Directors.
4. Each Adult Board member (with the exception of the Youth Board member), shall be elected by the club membership for a term of three (3) years, beginning January 1st following their election.
5. The terms will be staggered so that only one third of the board members (3) are elected each year. Six (6) Board members will carry over from the previous year.
6. In the event that a board member chooses not to continue on the Board, his/her unexpired term shall be filled at the regular November election of Board members by the membership. A vacancy may be temporarily filled by a vote of the Board, as specified in Article VI, until the next election.
7. Each year, the incoming Board of Directors shall elect the Club Officers from the membership of the incoming Board. The Club Officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
8. The Officers shall hold office for one (1) year beginning January 1st of the year for which they are elected.
9. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - a. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the MARC.
 - b. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as its spokesperson.
 - c. He/she shall appoint committees to provide advice and assistance as required.
 - d. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the president.

- e. The Secretary shall be responsible for all MARC records and correspondence and shall keep minutes of all significant decisions made at Board meetings and membership meetings.
 - f. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the treasury and shall provide financial reports as requested by the Board.
 - g. The Safety Officer shall coordinate and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the club. He/she audits club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is safe, and establishes a club emergency action plan.
10. The Board may appoint a Youth Board member to be the tenth member of the Board.
- a. The Youth member of the Board shall be appointed by the Adult Board members through nomination and a majority vote.
 - b. If the child or relative of any Adult Board member(s) is a candidate, those Board members must recuse themselves from the vote.
 - c. The term shall be one year or end when the Board appoints the Youth Board member for the following term, whichever occurs sooner.
 - d. A new Youth Board member should be appointed at the first Board of Directors meeting in the calendar year when new Board members convene for the first time. If no qualified candidate is known at that time, the Board may defer the appointment to any other Board meeting.
 - e. The Youth Board member must be a member in good standing at the time of appointment.
 - f. The primary function of the Youth Board member is to represent the interests of the board to the youth community and likewise, the youth community's interests to the Board. To do so, they must expect to be active at the airfield during the year of their service and must maintain good attendance at board meetings. Youth Board member candidates must exhibit maturity and be recognized as leaders within the youth community. Like all board members, they must model safe flight operations as an example to others, and help to nurture and promote a safety culture.
 - g. A Youth Board member from any previous year may be a candidate.
 - h. The Youth Board member present or accounted for shall count toward a quorum at the Board of Directors meeting.
 - i. The Youth Board member shall have voting privileges.
 - j. If a Youth Board member resigns, the Board may appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the Marymoor RC Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board. The Board shall have nine Adult members including the Officers, and one Youth member, as specified in Article V.

2. The Board shall have the authority to supervise all affairs of the MARC, to establish policies, to prepare a budget, to control expenditures, and to appoint committees.
3. The Board shall hold regular monthly meetings and such special meetings as may be necessary. The Board meetings are open to all MARC members. Meeting dates will be announced in the newsletter or on the website. Minutes of the Board meetings will be available to any MARC member upon request to the Secretary and will be published on the Club web site.
4. All voting at meetings of the Board shall be by each Board member in person or by approved means of electronic communication. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Six (6) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Official decisions shall require a simple majority vote of (no less than four [4]) members of the Board, unless the vote of a greater number is required by these bylaws.
5. Any vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by the vote of the majority of the remaining Board. Such an appointed board member shall serve until the next regular election of board members by the membership.
6. Any Board member may be removed from office for failure to regularly attend the regular and special meetings of the Board. Removal shall require the affirmative vote of no less than six (6) members of the Board (i.e. a super majority).
7. When a Board member is considered for removal from office, notice of the proposed removal must be given to such Board member and to each club member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted upon. Such notice must state the cause of the proposed removal (unless confidential).

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Regular and special meetings of the MARC membership shall be held at a place and time to be determined by the Board. Membership meetings are primarily intended for social and educational activities, and usually not for business.
2. At all regular and special meetings of the membership, or any equivalent online meeting, fifteen percent (15%) of all the members of the MARC eligible to vote, as specified in Article III(3), shall constitute a quorum. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.
3. All matters requiring membership approval shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, or equivalent online ballot, in which a quorum participates.
4. Any member may make a formal request for action by the Board, by submitting a written proposal to the President, who shall put the matter on the agenda for consideration by the Board at the next meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. A nominating committee shall be formed in July for the purpose of recruiting new Board members. This committee shall consist of at least one officer and at least two volunteers or appointees from the general membership.

2. The nominating committee shall present its recommended slate of candidates at the October regular meeting, at which time additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.
3. A ballot shall be prepared listing all of the candidates and including a short statement by or about each candidate. One ballot may be cast by each member in good standing at least two weeks before the November regular meeting.
4. All ballots received by the Secretary shall be counted at the November regular meeting. The Board member candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected for the longest available terms.

ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Fiscal year -- The fiscal year of the MARC shall be from January 1st through December 31st.
2. Dues -- Annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and are subject to approval by a vote of the membership at any regular meeting or online ballot per Article VII.2
3. Execution of Documents -- The President and one other Officer, jointly, are empowered to execute all papers and documents requiring execution in the name of the Marymoor RC Club corporation.
4. Registered Agent -- The registered agent of the Marymoor RC Club corporation shall be the President or the Secretary, as determined by the Board.
5. Policy Resolutions -- The club will maintain a set of Policy Resolutions that define the day-to-day operations of the club. They will provide guidance for the Board on subjects more general than those covered in these bylaws. Policy Resolutions will be generated and approved by the Board and may be modified from time to time to reflect current conditions.
6. Should a Board vote result in a tie, the President, or the Vice President if the President is not present, has the right to cast an additional deciding vote.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given to the members of the Board with the notice of the meeting. Bylaw changes shall require an affirmative vote of no less than six (6) members of the Board.

ARTICLE XI - MARYMOOR FLYING FIELD FUND

1. The Marymoor RC Club shall establish an account to be known as the Marymoor Flying Field Fund. Members and non-members of the MARC shall be solicited and urged to contribute to such fund. All moneys contributed to such fund shall be segregated from the other accounts of the MARC and, upon authorization by the Board of Directors, be used exclusively to develop and maintain a parcel of land in Marymoor Park to be utilized as a public flying field for radio-controlled model aircraft. Separate accounting records and bank accounts shall be kept for

the Marymoor Flying Field Fund. The Fund shall be managed by the MARC Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - ASSETS DEDICATED TO CHARITABLE USE

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II herein.
2. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all debts shall be distributed in such amounts as the Board of Directors of the corporation may determine, or as may be determined by any court of competent jurisdiction, exclusively to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to charitable or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued thereunder, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XIII -- GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce AMA Safety Code and/or MARC 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 Board of Directors for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out by a complainant and submitted to the MARC Safety Officer or President.
2. General
 - a. All steps should be carried out promptly while memories are fresh
 - b. All steps can be carried out without the need to wait for board meetings
 - c. Communication with the complainant or accused should be handled by the Safety Officer or President.
3. The Grievance Form shall provide spaces to record the following information:
 - Club name -- Marymoor RC Club (MARC)
 - Location -- Marymoor Park Model Aircraft Field
 - Date and Time of the safety violation or incident being reported.
 - Name of the member accused of a safety violation or involved in an incident.
 - Complete description of the safety violation or incident.
 - Signature and printed name of the complainant. Date of signature.
 - Signature and printed name of at least one witness. Date of signature.
 - Signature and printed name of additional witnesses. Date of signature.
4. Upon receiving a grievance form, the Board (via the Safety Officer or President) will review the content and confirm that it is complete and signed by at least one witness.
5. Handling violations by Minor club members:

- a. Upon receiving the grievance, a selected Board member will contact the accused violator's parent/guardian.
 - b. The parent/guardian will be notified that the grievance process is being applied.
 - c. The violation and the importance of the rule in question will be explained, and the support of the parent/guardian will be requested.
6. Fact-Finding – The Safety Officer or President will promptly speak separately with both the complainant and the accused (via phone, electronic, or in-person communication).
7. Determining Action – members of the Board will discuss and deliberate in person or electronically (without the complainant or accused present) to consider viewpoints of all parties and establish consensus or, if needed, vote on a decision about the violation.
8. First and Second Violation Response:
 - a. At least one (preferably two or more) Board members will deliver a verbal reprimand to the accused and explain the consequences of violations and subsequent violations.
 - b. The reprimand will be documented in Board meeting minutes, and the name of the complainant may be disclosed and may be documented in Board meeting minutes.
 - c. The accused has the right to submit a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Board and documented in Board meeting minutes.
 - d. If the Board decides on a penalty, it will suspend the membership privileges of the accused for thirty (30) days. The suspension will be documented in Board meeting minutes.
9. On Third Violation:
 - a. At least one (preferably two or more) Board members will deliver a verbal reprimand to the accused.
 - b. The Board will notify the accused in writing that the Board will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting of the Board.
 - c. Said expulsion shall last for one year, or for a term determined by the Board.
 - d. The expulsion vote shall be taken in accordance with Article IV.
 - e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
 - f. The three violations and any resulting punitive actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period.
 - g. Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliatory action against the person filing said grievance, or any other person, or who willfully damages personal or club property, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club.

END OF BYLAWS