

BYLAWS OF THE MARYMOOR RADIO CONTROL CLUB (MAR/C) January 11, 2021

ARTICLE I - NAME AND INCORPORATION

1. The registered name of the organization is the Marymoor R/C Club. It is also known as the Marymoor Radio Control Club and as the MAR/C.
2. The Marymoor R/C Club is a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of the State of Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (RCW 24.03).
3. The Marymoor R/C 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 (R/C) aeromodelling.
 - b. To share experience and information about the building and flying of radio-controlled model aircraft.
 - c. To build, improve, and maintain the R/C 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 R/C Club will establish a charitable fund in accordance with IRS publication No. 557 and Revenue Ruling 54-243 (1954-1 CB 92). This charitable fund will be 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 R/C Club has two classes of members designated as:
 - a. Adult members – Those 19 years of age or older as of July 1st of the current membership year.
 - b. Youth members – Those under 19 years of age as of July 1st of the current membership year.
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. AMA Park Pilot membership does not qualify for MAR/C membership.

- b. Members shall pay all required MAR/C dues.
 - c. Members shall comply with the MAR/C bylaws, the MAR/C flying field rules, the King County Parks Department rules, and the AMA Safety Code.
 - d. Members are expected to display good judgment, common sense, and courtesy at the flying field and at 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.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the club president.
2. If any member ceases to have a valid membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the MAR/C shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of AMA membership.
3. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the MAR/C 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 MAR/C Bylaws, the AMA Safety Code, the MAR/C Flying Field Rules, or which is detrimental to the MAR/C, the AMA, or to model aviation. Expulsion from membership shall require the affirmative vote of no less than five (5) members of the Board.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by the affirmative vote of no less than five (5) members of the Board.
5. 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.
6. 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 R/C 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. Candidates for office shall be Adult members in good standing.
3. The Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, shall have ten (10) members, herein referred to as Board Members, or Directors.
4. With the exception of the Youth member, each 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 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.
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 MAR/C.
 - 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 be responsible for the program at regular club meetings and shall preside in the absence of the president.
 - e. The Secretary shall be responsible for all MAR/C 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.
10. The board should 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 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 member in good standing at the time of appointment.
 - f. Youth board member candidates must exhibit qualities of maturity and leadership within the youth community, be willing to accept responsibility for attendance, be willing to represent the interests of and assist the board with tasks relevant to the youth community, and expect to be active at the field during the year of their service.
 - 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 R/C Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board. The Board shall have ten (10) members including the Officers, as specified in Article V.
2. The Board shall have the authority to supervise all affairs of the MAR/C, 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 MAR/C members. Meeting dates will be announced in the newsletter. Minutes of the Board meetings will be available to any MAR/C 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 member in person or by approved means of electronic communication and voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Official decisions shall require the affirmative 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 elected 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 five (5) members of the Board.
7. Any board member may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the MAR/C present at any regular or special meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present. 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 for the proposed removal.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Regular and special meetings of the 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 not for business.
2. At all regular and special meetings of the membership, or any equivalent online ballot, fifteen percent (15%) of all of the members of the MAR/C 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 shall be mailed to 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 MAR/C 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.
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 R/C Club corporation.
4. Registered Agent -- The registered agent of the Marymoor R/C 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 a final 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 the affirmative vote of no less than five (5) members of the Board.

ARTICLE XI - MARYMOOR FLYING FIELD FUND

1. The Marymoor R/C Club shall establish an account to be known as the Marymoor Flying Field Fund. Members and non-members of the MAR/C 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 MAR/C 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 MAR/C 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 existing flight and ground safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or can not 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 turned in to the MAR/C president.
2. The Grievance Form shall provide spaces to record the following information:
 - Club name -- Marymoor R/C Club (MAR/C)
 - 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.
3. Upon receiving a grievance form, the Board of Directors shall use its best judgment in carrying out the following actions:
- a. The grievance form will be reviewed to be sure that the information is complete and that it includes the signature of at least one witness.
 - b. On First Violation:
 - i. The viewpoints of both the complainant and the accused will be considered.
 - ii. The name of the complainant will be disclosed.
 - iii. The Board will give a verbal reprimand to the accused, and this will be recorded in the Board files.
 - c. On Second Violation:
 - i. The name of the complainant will be disclosed.
 - ii. The accused has the right to make a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Board.
 - iii. If the Board so decides, it will suspend the membership privileges of the accused for thirty (30) days.
 - d. On Third Violation:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Said expulsion shall last for one year, or for a term determined by the Board.
 - iii. The expulsion vote shall be taken in accordance with Article IV.
 - iv. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
 - v. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period.
 - vi. 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.

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