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Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers

Of Rochester, MN

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Article I – Name

The Name of this organization shall be the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN has the AMA charter club number 3951.

Article II – Mission

The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN is an incorporated, non-profit organization formed for the purpose set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN is an association of persons interested in activities related to model aviation.

Article III – Club Newsletter

The official club newsletter shall bear the name, “The Marion Eagle”. The newsletter shall be published on or about the 1st of each month. The newsletter shall remain positive and upbeat, in order to promote the hobby of model aviation. The newsletter shall have articles that uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN.

Article IV – Club Logo

Section 1: The official logo of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall be the logo co-designed by Bernie Drier and Pat Brown.

Section 2: The official Logo of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall not be used except by permission of the officers.

Article V – Liaison

The current official liaison between the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN and Harlan Morehart, the owner of the property where the flying field is located, shall be the current elected President.

Article VI – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of all dues paying, active members present for the announced vote.

Article VII – Membership

Section 1: Any person, regardless of age, sex, race or creed shall be considered for membership in the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. All active members must hold concurrent membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Section 2: Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer. Upon completed application for membership, one of the elected officers will verify the accuracy of the information submitted to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. It will then be put to the assembled quorum for a majority vote.

Section 3: Types of memberships in the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall be: Active Membership, Charter Membership, Associate Membership, Family Membership, Junior Membership and Honorary Membership.

A. Charter Membership:

A Charter Member has donated a one-time gift of \$ 1,000.00 to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. A Charter Member must also hold concurrent membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. A Charter Member is also considered an Active Member of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Club Officers are obligated to perform a yearly audit of club financial records and required record reports in order to maintain the good standing of the Corporation. The audit should take place before yearly elections. A report should be made to the general membership on the status of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. It shall be the duty of the Charter Members to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. No new Charter Members will be added to the current Charter Members.

B. Active Membership:

Any person 19 years of age or older as of July 1st shall be considered for Active Membership. Applicants for Active Membership must also apply concurrently for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Individuals 19 years of age or older may hold office, a position on a standing committee and vote on the business affairs of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. It shall be the duty of the Active Member to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN.

C. Family Membership:

Members of the immediate family, (of an Active Member) 19 years of age or older, as of July 1st may be considered for Family Membership. Applicants for Family Membership must also apply concurrently for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. It shall be the duty of the Family Members to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN.

D. Associate Membership:

An Associate Member shall be considered a temporary member, up to a period of four months, due to temporary residence. There will be no initiation fee for the Associate Member. The Associate Member must apply concurrently for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The fee for an Associate Member shall be pro-rated at \$ 10.00 a month. It shall be the duty of the Associate Member to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. An Associate Member shall not have voting privileges or hold office, due to his/her temporary status.

E. Junior Membership:

Any person 19 years of age or under as of July 1st shall be considered for Junior Membership. Applicants for Junior Membership must also apply concurrently for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. It shall be the duty of the Junior Member to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. A person holding a Junior Membership shall not have voting privileges or hold office. Upon reaching the age of 19, the Junior Member will not be required to pay the one time initiation fee. The Junior member will become an Active Member and be responsible for the yearly Active Member dues.

F. Honorary Membership:

Honorary Membership may be granted to any person whose interests, activities or services to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN render him/her eligible as determined by majority vote of the assembled quorum. Honorary Membership shall entail no dues nor require membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. An Honorary Membership does not entitle the bearer to fly model aircraft at the flying field. An Honorary Member shall not have voting privileges or hold office.

G. Termination or Denial of Membership:

Membership in the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN may be terminated or denied for just cause. A termination must have a majority vote of the assembled quorum. A member who has been terminated may request a hearing before the club officers and petition for reinstatement. The request for reinstatement will be decided by a majority of the assembled quorum the following month. Disregard for safety rules, damage to club morale or failure to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN, are examples of grounds for termination of membership. A terminated or denied membership prohibits the individual from participating in any club activities or events or flying at the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN official flying field.

H. Guests:

A guest is defined as a family member or friend of an active member who wishes to fly at the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN flying field. The flying privileges of the guest are temporary, not to exceed one month. The guest must fly in the company of the host active member. The guest must hold a valid AMA card and abide by the Marion R/C Flyers Safety Rules. The guest must adhere to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws during his/her temporary use of the flying field. The guest cannot be a denied or terminated individual.

Article VIII – Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall be elected from the Active Membership and shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Safety Officer. In the event of death, resignation, removal by quorum, or disability of an officer, the vacancy for the remainder of the term shall be filled by a vote of the assembled quorum. If there are no candidates for the vacancy, the Officers may ask for a volunteer until the next election is held. If there are no volunteers, the Officers must take care of the duties in question, until a replacement can be found. The term of the Office shall be one year. Multiple terms are acceptable. All Officers hold equal power. All decisions must be reached by a majority vote. A signed proxy or email, with verbal verification, is acceptable.

Section 2: President:

The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be Chairman of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Officers. The President shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall have one vote.

Section 3: Vice-President:

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice-President shall have one vote.

Section 4: Secretary:

The Secretary shall record in detail the minutes of each meeting. This includes the regularly scheduled club meetings as well as the meetings for the Officers. The Secretary will respond to and initiate all official, incorporation and general correspondence on behalf of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Secretary will have the obligation to maintain the incorporation of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Secretary will maintain a list of the membership. The Secretary shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Secretary shall have one vote.

Section 5: Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive all funds due the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN. The Treasurer will dispense funds countersigned by another officer. The Treasurer shall maintain records sufficient to permit financial control and auditing. The Treasurer will give a monthly financial report to the general membership at the club meetings. The Treasurer shall provide to the Secretary the names of all Active Members. The Treasurer shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Treasurer shall have one vote.

Section 6: Safety Officer:

The Safety Officer shall have oversight of safety issues pertaining to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN flying field. The Safety Officer shall be in charge of managing or delegating safety coverage for events held at the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN flying site. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the formation of the Instructor Pilot Training Program. The Safety Officer shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws. The Safety Officer shall have one vote.

Section 7: Editor:

The Editor of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Club Newsletter shall be an appointed volunteer. The Editor shall be responsible for the publication and mailing/e-mailing of the one or two page monthly newsletter (Se Article III). If the editor is also an Officer, he/she shall have one vote in accordance with the elected position. The Editor shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws through the club newsletter.

Section 8: Program Chairman:

The Program Chairman of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall be an appointed volunteer. It is the responsibility of the Program Chairman to arrange and organize programs for the indoor meetings. If the Program Chairman is also an Officer, he/she shall have one vote in accordance with the elected position. The Program Chairman shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws through the scheduled programs presented to the club.

Section 9: Field Maintenance Supervisor:

The Field Maintenance Supervisor of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall be an appointed volunteer. If the Field Maintenance Supervisor is also an Officer, he/she shall have one vote in accordance with the elected position. The Field Maintenance Supervisor shall uphold and promote adherence to the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 10: Election of Officers:

A candidate for office may put forth his/her own name or be nominated by an active member. Qualifications of an officer shall include active membership in the club and in the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a willingness and ability to serve in the position open. The majority of the members present shall elect officers at the November meeting from the slate of candidates. In case of a tie, a coin toss will determine the winner. Officers shall serve for one year commencing January 1st and may be considered for re-election. Charter Members who are Active Members are eligible to run for a position as an Officer. The President will appoint two neutral volunteers to count the ballots. If there is a discrepancy in the count, the count will be repeated.

Section 1: Field open 8:00 A.M. to dusk.

Section 2: Flying is restricted to club members and their guests provided that they have current AMA or club membership cards posted.

Section 3: All flyers must follow established AMA frequency control procedures.

Section 4: Expansion type mufflers required on .049 cc and larger engines. The noise limit is 100 db for a distance of 9 ft. In addition, any aircraft with a noise level that is objectionable to the general membership or neighbors will be grounded until it is made acceptable. The Safety Officer will make the final determination.

Section 5: All flying within the prescribed field boundaries.

Section 6: Dangerous flying or unruly behavior is not permitted.

Section 7: No spectators allowed beyond this point without escorts. Pilots are responsible for anyone under their escort.

Section 8: Flyers not complying with the AMA and field rules will lose their privilege to fly at this site.

Section 9: The pilot of an RC aircraft shall fly using the assistance of a camera or First Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document # 550.

Section 10: The pilot of an RC aircraft shall fly using the assistance of an autopilot or stabilization system only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #560.

Section 11: Please take your entire trash home with you.

Section 12: Safety comes first. Every flyer and club member shall share responsibility for safety at the flying field. Bring unsafe conditions or actions to the attention of the Safety Officer.

Section 13: Flying is restricted to club members and their guests provided that they both have current AMA membership and any required FCC licenses and adhere to the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code. The guest cannot be a denied or terminated individual.

Section 14: Full-size aircraft have priority for airspace. Whenever you hear or observe a full-sized aircraft, which may be attempting to land, you must land your remote control aircraft immediately. Remain on the ground until you are certain of the full-sized aircraft's intentions.

Section 15: Cars MUST be parked in designated areas only.

Section 16: No consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed before or during participation in any model operation.

Section 17: Aircraft must have owner's identification or AMA number affixed.

Section 18: Spinners or safety nuts are required on all engines.

Section 19: Flyers using gasoline engines must have an operational fire extinguisher on hand in accordance with AMA regulations.

Section 20: Engine break-in and/or full power run-ups are to be performed away from people. The aircraft is to be restrained by your helper or tied down.

Section 21: Normal engine start-up is to be done directly behind the flight line fencing. As an option, you may start your engine in the pit area and either carry the aircraft to the flight line or guide it by hand to the flight line. In all cases, your aircraft is to be pointed away from any place where people are permitted to be. The aircraft is to be restrained by your helper or tied down.

Section 22: Taxiing an aircraft through the pit area is PROHIBITED.

Section 23: Flyers may fly only from the pilot's box. They are to stand on the numbered circles to insure radio isolation. Only pilots, instructors and spotters are permitted to stand in the pilot's box. Spotters are highly recommended. No more than 4 model aircraft are to be in the air at one time.

Section 24: All aircraft take-offs (including hand launches) and landings are to be made ONLY on the active runway into the wind, in the direction of the arrow. There is only one active runway at a time. If more than one person is flying at any one time, all flyers are to fly the same flight pattern.

Section 25: There shall be no flying over the pits, spectator area, or any area where people are permitted to be. Also, there shall be no high speed flying TOWARD any area where people are permitted to be. All flying must be done in front of the active pilot flight line.

Section 26: All aerobatics and high-speed passes are to be done beyond the active runway and the extension of the active runway to the left and right boundaries of the flying field.

Section 27: While flying, let others know, LOUD AND CLEAR, of any potentially hazardous conditions, such as take-off or landing, engine failures, person or plane on runway, etc. Landings have the right-of-way over take-offs. Dead stick landings have the right-of-way over normal landings. After landing your plane, get off the runway as fast as possible.

Section 28: Each flyer is responsible for any damage he/she causes by not following the rules.

Section 29: No flying is permitted while the grass is being mowed.

Section 30: New flyers must successfully complete the Marion R/C Flyers Training Program before flying alone and/or providing instructions to others.

Section 31: It is not mandatory, but it is STRONGLY recommended that you do not fly or start your engine while alone.

Section 32: There are to be no modifications of set safety fencing at the flying field in accordance with AMA standards and guidelines. The safety fencing is to remain in place throughout the year.

Section 33: All new members and guests should be prepared to fly a demonstration flight in front of the safety officer or his/her designee.

Article X – Amendment

There may be certain events that will require more than four aircraft in the air at the same time. The Officers will determine when this exception shall be made.

Article XI – Income

Section 1: Club Dues:

Each club member shall pay annual club dues to the Treasurer at the January meeting for the following calendar year. New members joining in mid-year (after June 1st) shall pay the one time initiation fee as well as the pro-rata share based on the number of months remaining to the end of the year. If dues are not paid by March 1st, a late fee of \$ 10.00 must be paid in addition to the renewal dues for membership. Each November, the Officers shall review the club dues schedule and make recommendations to club members for adjustments. Any change is subject to a vote of the majority of the assembled quorum.

Section 2: Dues Amount:

- A. For Active Membership: Check with Treasurer for the one-time initiation fee**
- B. Active Membership: Check with Treasurer.**
- C. Family Membership: Check with Treasurer.**
- D. Junior Membership: No initiation Fee. Student rate is \$ 1.00 per year.**
- E. Transfer from Junior membership to Active membership. – No initiation fee.**

Section 3: AMA membership is mandatory for ALL club members who fly. Check with AMA on all current applicable fees.

Section 4: All checks for club membership shall be made out to The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN

Section 5: Other Income:

Income realized by virtue of approved organized activities of The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall revert to the treasury.

Article XII – Meetings

Section 1: The Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester, MN shall hold no less than 12 business meetings each fiscal year. The Officers shall determine the time and place for these meetings.

Section 2: The President or another Officer designated, in his/her absence, will assure that all agenda items are presented and discussed appropriately. A majority vote of the assembled quorum shall be necessary for decisions regarding business matters. A majority vote of the assembled quorum shall be needed to determine any issues affecting the general membership.

Section 3: The order of business at a regular club meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order.**
- B. Treasurer's report. (5 minutes)**
- C. Old Business.**
- D. New Business.**
- E. Program. (30 minutes) as coordinated by Program Chairman.**
- F. Adjourn.**

Section 4: The focus of the monthly club meeting shall be learning and sharing information about the modeling hobby. The business section of the monthly club meeting shall last only as long as needed.

Section 5: The club will not use Robert's Rules of Order! A simple Yea or Nay is adequate for the assembled quorum.

Article XIII – Amendments

The following process may amend this Constitution and Bylaws: An Amendment may be recommended by any of the Active Membership. The Officers must agree by a majority on the relevance of the proposed amendment. There will be an announcement made to discuss and vote on the proposed amendment, if the officers deem the proposed amendment is worthy of consideration.

Article XIV – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or disbanding of the Marion R/C Flyers of Rochester the disbursement of all remaining assets will be sent to the AMA.