

Dallas Model Aircraft Association

Academy of Model Aeronautics

Constitution and By Laws

AMA Charter Number 1902

Article I - Organization Name

The name of this organization shall be: Dallas Model Aircraft Association.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be: To promote the sport of building and flying control line model aircraft in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and surrounding vicinity

To support the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), local, city, state and other programs designed to advance the control line phase of model aviation.

To promote and enforce safe flying practices at all times. All activities of this association shall conform to the policies, rules and regulations set forth in the AMA rule book and safety code.

Article III

Section 1: Membership

Membership is open to all persons who share an interest in the sport of control line model aviation. Each and every member who participates in DMAA flying activities must be an AMA or MAAC member.

Section 2: Dues

Membership dues will be determined during the January meeting. Dues not paid by March 1 of the current year shall cause that person to be excluded from voting privileges and receipt of the monthly newsletter until dues are paid. *Current officers and the newsletter editor will receive their membership for free.*

Section 3: Additional Dues

Should any unforeseen expense such as flying field maintenance, safety equipment requirements or other related items arise, additional dues may be required from the membership to meet these obligations. Collection of additional dues will be for a specific purpose and will not become part of the general fund. The reason for and purpose of additional dues will be reviewed by the association officers prior to being presented to the membership. Approval for additional dues requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a formal meeting. Payment of the additional dues will be within thirty days of publication of their approval. Members not meeting

their obligation will be excluded from voting privileges and receipt of the monthly newsletter until dues are paid.

Section 4: Member Conduct

All members shall be encouraged to be active participants in the association and its activities.

As representatives of the association, members shall set an example of good conduct and sportsmanship.

Article IV - Association Officers

The elected association officers shall be:

- President
- Vice president
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Section 1: Election of Officers:

All officers shall be AMA members during their term of office. All members shall be eligible for nomination to any officer position. Candidates for officers shall be nominated during the regularly scheduled October meeting. Ballots listing all of the candidates nominated for each office shall be mailed to all the members with the November newsletter. Completed ballots may be mailed to the association secretary or brought to the November meeting. The President and Vice President will collect and count all ballots at the beginning of the that meeting. Winners will be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. The ballot count will be verified by the Treasurer and secretary prior to the winners being announced by the president. Installation of new officers will take place during the December meeting.

Section 2: Terms of Office:

Terms of office shall be for a period of one year, beginning January 1 of the year following the elections.

Article V - Officer duties

Section 1: President

The president shall be the executive officer of the association and preside at all meetings, shall be the spokesperson for the association and shall have the authority to appoint standing or special committees as deemed necessary.

Section 2: Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters and will assume the duties of the President if for any reason the President is unable to perform those duties. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the Treasurer as Needed.

Section 3: Treasurer

The treasurer shall have charge of all association funds and is authorized to pay any and all association obligations from those funds, shall maintain appropriate records of all monetary transactions of the association, provide a Treasurers report at each scheduled meeting, collect membership dues and maintain an up to date record listing the name, mailing address, telephone number and AMA number of all members.

If, for any reason the Vice President is unable to perform his duties, the Treasurer shall assist or take over those duties.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes and attendance records of all regularly scheduled and called meetings, handle association correspondence and assist with other association functions as directed by the President.

Section 5: Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The duties of the editor shall be to publish and distribute a monthly newsletter to all members, hobby shops and other organizations approved by the association officers. The newsletter format shall include old business, new business and attendance. Miscellaneous items such as guest speakers, construction demo's, show and tell etc. which were part of the monthly meeting should also be included. The editor is expected to exercise good judgment in the selection of material published.

Article VI - Executive Committee

The association officers are designated as the Executive Committee. They are empowered to take emergency action, in the best interest of the association, by a simple majority vote of the committee. They have authority to make decisions concerning disbursement of funds, flying field maintenance, contests and other association related situations that may arise. Normally, decisions concerning these matters will be presented, discussed and voted on during a regularly scheduled meeting. If emergency action is required by the committee, a full report of the circumstances surrounding their actions must be presented to the members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1: Meeting Schedule

A regularly scheduled meeting will be held *each month to discuss* and plan association activities. The December meeting may be held in conjunction with a Christmas party. The location, *date and time* of each meeting will be published in the preceding newsletter. Members will be notified by

the Treasurer or other association officers if the meeting location or time is changed after distribution of the newsletter.

Section 2: Meeting Content

The meeting content will include reading of the minutes, treasurers report, old business and new business. Show and tell, demonstrations or other special functions may be included at meetings.

Article VIII - Association Equipment

Association equipment shall not be used for non-association activities without the prior approval of the membership. A written request must be submitted to the President for presentation to the members during the next regularly scheduled meeting. All such requests must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

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