

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS Of The LEXINGTON MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB, CORP.



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LEXINGTON MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB, Corp.**

**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of this Club shall be the Lexington Model Airplane Club, Corp., hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

**ARTICLE II
Purpose**

Section 1) Purpose is to educate members and promote model airplane building and flying in Lexington, Kentucky and vicinity, and to aid in the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and other AMA activities, looking toward the continual educational advancement of model aviation in all its phases in the United States and throughout the world.

Through fundraising activities, the Club will raise funds to make substantial contributions to other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c) (3) section of the internal revenue code.

Section 2) All special or local enterprises of the Club shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and to the regulations of that organization governing model aircraft, the safe operation of same, and the conduct of model airplane contest.

**ARTICLE III
Membership**

All persons living in Lexington, Kentucky, or vicinity, and/or having connections thereto, shall be eligible for membership in the Club. A member is required to have a current AMA license to have flying and voting privileges.

Section 1) The rights and interests of all members shall be equal, and no member may have or acquire a greater interest therein than any other member.

Section 2) A member in good standing is one who is current in payment of dues and has a current AMA license.

- (a) Dues not paid by March 1, of the current year automatically revokes membership. The member is dropped from the mailing list and loses all privileges which include voting.

- (b) A member may be dropped at once if he/she notifies any officer, verbally or in writing, that they desire to stop their membership.
- (c) A dropped/disfranchised member must rejoin as a new member. See article X.
- (d) A member may be involuntary disfranchised from the Club by:
 - 1. Membership cancellation by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Club at an official meeting.
 - 2. The board of directors until the next Club meeting at which time the membership will consider the suspension.
 - 3. Violating any rules established by the landlord of the Club flying facility.
- (e) Disfranchised members may only rejoin in person at the next scheduled Club meeting after receiving permission by a two-thirds majority vote at that meeting.
- (f) Dues are not refundable in whole or in part.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

The offices of the Club shall be:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President/PR
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Editor
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Senior Advisor
- (g) Safety Officer
- (h) Training Coordinator

Holders of these seven offices shall constitute a Board of Directors for the Club which shall consider matters of policy at greater length than is possible in general meetings, and shall make policy and program recommendations to the Club. It is permissible for one member to serve in a combined capacity (e.g. Secretary /Editor), should the member seek and subsequently be elected thereto.

ARTICLE V
Duties

- (a) President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesman for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. The president shall present a budget to the Club at the January meeting for their consideration. The Club must have an operating budget in place by the end of the February meeting. The Club Fiscal year and the membership year shall be the calendar year.
- (b) Vice President/PR: The Vice President shall assist the President and shall act in the stead of the President when the President is unable to serve. The Public Relations representative shall contact and keep informed local model shops, contest sponsors and the various news media of Club activities. Also other area contests, events and inform the members.

- (c) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings; The Secretary shall provide the current and the new elect Board Members with current Club bylaws. Also, shall provide a copy of the bylaws to any member upon request.
- (d) Editor: Editor shall edit and publish the Club newsletter. A website, if the Club desires one, shall be under the direction of the Editor.
- (e) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies received and monies disbursed by the Club.
- (f) Senior Advisor: The Senior Advisor shall aid the Club in any manner needed in regard to meeting organization, prize donors, Club meetings, and Club activities of all kinds, and shall counsel the officers and members at all times.
- (g) Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall counsel the Club or individual members on safety at any Club function.
- (h) Training Coordinator: The Training Coordinator shall organize and manage the training program so that new members will become active members. Duties include welcoming new members, assisting with their training needs, explaining airfield safety rules, and helping them become active club members. Be aware of changing technology and changing needs/wants of new members in order to update the program's effectiveness in new member retention.

ARTICLE VI

Term-of Office

Section 1) All officers of the Club shall serve for one year beginning January 1 of the year following the election. In order to facilitate an orderly transition of power, the December board of directors meeting will be attended by both the current board of directors and the newly elected board of directors.

Section 2) Election of officers shall be held annually at the November meeting and a slate of nominations shall be made by a committee appointed beforehand for that purpose, and additional nominations can be made by individuals following the report of the Nominating Committee. Nominations shall be made at the October meeting and nominations shall automatically close at the end of this meeting. Voting shall be via show of hands for all elective and other Club decisions, however, a request by a Club member for a secret ballot shall be honored.

Section 3) Only members in good standing may vote or hold office.

Section 4) All candidates must have been a member in good standing for the 12 previous months before holding office.

ARTICLE VII
Vacancies

A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled immediately by the Vice President. The Vice President shall serve as President until the next general election. The vacant Vice Presidential position shall be filled by a special election at the second Club meeting after the vacancy. Nominations may be made at either or both Club meetings prior to the election.

A vacancy in any office other than the President or Vice President shall be filled by the board of directors by appointing a person of their choice by a majority vote of the board of directors at a meeting. The meeting can be called by any board member after the vacancy occurs. The appointed person shall serve the unexpired term until the next general election.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings

Section 1) Regular meetings shall be held monthly, unless there is a weather emergency, normally on the second Thursday of the month. In case of meeting cancellation due to weather emergencies, the membership will be informed by e-mail, and local TV stations will be contacted to display the cancellation during their programming.

Special meetings of the Club may be held as needed, upon call by the President, or upon call signed by any three members of the Board of Directors, or upon call signed by any ten members of the Club, provided that any such called meeting shall name the time and place of such meeting, and the membership is notified at least three (3) days in advance of the date set.

Section 2) Board of Directors meetings may be held monthly in advance of the regular Club meeting at a time and place designated by the President who shall preside.

A public member shall be chosen by lottery or drawing at a Club meeting to attend the next board meeting. This public member shall participate as a board member for the duration of that meeting. The same public member shall not be chosen more than once in the same calendar year.

Section 3) A regular business meeting shall include the following:

- (a) Meeting call to order
- (b) Minutes of the last regular meeting and the meeting of the Board of Directors read and approved and corrected, if necessary.
- (c) Treasurer's report
- (d) Old business
- (e) New business
- (f) Adjournment of recorded meeting

(Note: A program is not considered part of a business meeting and may be held prior to, following, or separate from a business meeting.)

Section 4) Procedure - Parliamentary procedure may be ignored with the exception of floor motions, nominations and voting.

**ARTICLE IX
Regular Business**

Section 1) Policy Decisions and all official actions of the Club shall be made at regular Club meetings.

The Board of Directors shall make recommendations to the Club on matters of policy and program, but final action must be taken by a vote of the Club.

Section 2) At any Club meeting, a quorum shall be 20 percent (20%) of the membership in good standing present at that meeting.

Section 3) For the purpose of calculating a quorum, a family membership is counted as one member.

**ARTICLE X
Dues and Fees**

Section 1) Annual membership dues shall be paid by January 1st as follows:

<u>Adult member</u>	\$75.00 per year
<u>Senior member</u> (over 65 yr. old by Jan 1 st).....	\$65.00 per year
<u>Youth member</u> (under 19 yrs. old prior to Jan 1 st).....	\$ 1.00 per year
<u>Temporary Member</u>	\$10.00 per month
(Temporary members must live farther than a 50 mile radius of Lexington, KY. Member benefits include access to airfield and flying privileges only, no newsletter or voting privileges.)	
<u>Airfield Gate Key Deposit (optional one time fee)</u>	\$5.00 Deposit
(Key must be returned, if membership lapses or for deposit refund)	

New members who join the club between September 15 and December 31 will have their annual dues payment cover the remaining current year and all the next full calendar year.

Section 2) Bank Accounts - All Club monies shall be entered into a bank checking account or savings account with a local bank, if exceeding fifty (\$50.00). If there is under fifty dollars (\$50.00), the monies shall be entrusted to the Treasurer and so distributed by same whether there is a, checking account or not. All checks shall require either the Treasurer's or the President's signature. The Board of Directors may appoint a person to audit the financial records at any time.

Section 3) Flying Guest - Any club member may host a guest at the flying field three times per year. A person living within a 50 mile radius can fly as a hosted guest three times in their lifetime. Sanctioned flying meets are excluded.

Section 4) Officer Dues - The elected officers, specified in article IV, of the Club may not pay dues during their tenure of office as long as the total membership of the Club for the preceding calendar year exceeded 100 members.

Section 5) Airfield Gate Lock - The airfield gate will be kept securely locked when a current member is not present on the airfield property.

ARTICLE XI Special Funds

The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

ARTICLE XII Committees

There shall be several standing committees of the Club appointed by the President to serve during his term of office. Their duties are to plan and execute Club activities. These committees serve at the pleasure of the president and the president may disband any committee that he/she appoints without reason. These committees may include the following:

- Radio Control Flight Instructors
- Flying Field Maintenance and Improvement Committee
- Club Contest Committee
- Prizes and Awards Committee
- Meeting Program Committee
- Membership Committee

Additional special committees as needed may be named from time to time by the President.

ARTICLE XIII Club Equipment

All persons holding Club equipment of more than nominal value shall give a listing of said equipment to the Club Secretary. The equipment shall remain in the possession of those whom it is assigned and shall remain the responsibility of that member of the Club.

ARTICLE XIV Amendments

Amendments may be made to these By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all directors and to any members who may request same.

ARTICLE XV
Definitions

- (a) Calendar year - The 12 month period starting January 1st and running through December 31st of the same year.
- (b) Year - Same as calendar year.
- (c) Member in good standing - A member that has paid their dues and has a current AMA license.
- (d) Delinquent member - A member who has let their AMA license or dues lapse.
- (e) Flying guest - A person that is visiting from a distance of greater than a 50 mile radius of Lexington, KY or a person that has never been a Club member.
- (f) Sanction Flying Meet - A flying meet that is sanctioned via the AMA or a Club sponsored event where non-Club members are invited.
- (g) Mile - A Statute mile which consist of 5280 feet.
- (h) Public member - A member in good standing that is not an officer of the Club.
- (i) Elected year - Officers serve an elected year which is from November meeting to the November meeting.
- (j) Term - Same as elected year.
- (k) Dropped member - A member who voluntarily stops their membership by not paying dues on time or resigning from the Club.
- (l) Disfranchised member - A member that has their membership suspended involuntarily.

ARTICLE XVI
Dissolution of the Club

In the event of dissolution of the CLUB, once the debts of the organization have been satisfied, the assets of the organization will be divided equally between the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the Aviation Museum of Kentucky.

ARTICLE XVII
END

Notice: The forgoing Articles constitute the By-Laws of the Lexington Model Airplane Club, Corp. as adopted at the time of incorporation in January 10, 2013. The preceding copy of the By-Laws is accurate, complete, and current to the best of our abilities, as of this date, January 10, 2013. These by-laws take effect as of the date of adoption and are not retroactive.

Gayle Yarnell - President
Jim Jackson - Vice President
Mickey Breunig - Secretary
Bob Cooper - Editor
Mike Lambert - Safety Officer
Bob Stewart - Treasurer
Curtis Adams - Senior Advisor

Summary of Amendments to Bylaws

1. April 10, 2014 – The following amendment approved by membership at regular membership meeting

Original Article X, Section 5:

Article X, Section 5) Combination Locks - The airfield gate will be locked with a combination lock. Combination code to the airfield gate lock will be provided to all members when new member stickers are mailed to members. Combinations will be changed annually at the beginning of the calendar year.

Amendment to Bylaws (Revised Section 5):

Article X, Section 5) Airfield Gate Lock - The airfield gate will be kept securely locked when a current member is not present on the airfield property.

2. November 13, 2014 – The following amendment approved by membership at regular membership meeting

Original Article X, Section 1:

Article X, Dues and Fees, Section 1) Annual membership dues for regular members shall be as follows:

	Membership Renewal (Prior to Jan 1 st) or New Member	Dues Payment (After Jan 1 st)
<u>Youth membership</u> (under 19 prior to Jan 1 st)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
<u>Open membership</u>	\$65.00	\$75.00
<u>Senior member</u> (over 65 by Jan 1 st)	\$55.00	\$65.00
<u>Temporary Member</u> - \$10.00 per month (flying privileges only, no newsletter or voting privilege). Temporary members must live farther than a 50 mile radius of Lexington, KY		
<u>Introductory Membership</u> (adults only - 2 yrs. duration)	1st Year dues - FREE 2nd Year dues - \$ 30.00	

A. Prerequisites for Intro membership

Intro membership is provided to give adult applicants, new to RC aviation, a low cost trial membership for two years to learn about and experience RC model aviation in a premier AMA sanctioned Club.

1. Applicant must be inexperienced in flying RC models
2. Applicant must have never been a member of LMAC or any other RC model aviation Club.
3. Applicant must have a current AMA membership as an AMA Park Flyer or AMA Regular member to join the Club.
4. Intro membership application forms will be provided through hobby shops, Club events, Member contact and online at the Club website.

B. Benefits and Limitations:

1. Intro member can experience the first two (2) years of Club membership with very few limitations at a reduced rate. If, the initial first

year membership application is submitted after September 15th, then the first year Intro membership would be extended to cover the following full calendar year (year 1). Then, the subsequent full calendar year (year 2) would be the second year of Intro membership. Year 3 membership would be the regular membership categories outlined above.

2. Intro members are entitled to:

- a. Access to the airfield, events, meetings and communications.
- b. Introductory RC flight training provided to evaluate the hobby of RC model aviation.

(1). Unlimited ground school coaching by Club instructor on use of RC Simulators, aircraft purchase advice, setup and construction.

(2). Limited RC flight training: Up to three (3) instructor-lead flight training/orientation days at the airfield. If desired, the Intro member may elect to continue the RC flight training program to completion by immediately prepaying the Year 2 Intro membership fee.

3. Intro membership limitations:

- a. Not permitted to independently fly model aircraft at LMAC airfield until successfully completing instructor-lead airfield rules checkout, and demonstrating the ability to safely fly RC aircraft solo.
- b. Not permitted to have Club voting rights during the first year.

C. Introductory Membership category to be in effect for a trial period of two years ending Dec 31, 2014 at which time its effectiveness shall be reviewed for reinstatement or allowed to expire.

For first time new members only, dues paid after September 15th will be valid for the entire following calendar year.

Amendment to Bylaws (Revised Article X, Section 1):

Article X, Dues and Fees, Section 1 - Annual membership dues shall be paid by January 1st as follows:

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3. April 9, 2015 – The following amendment was approved by the membership at the regular membership meeting.

Amendment to Bylaws: Article IV – Officers

Add: (h) Training Coordinator

Amendment to Bylaws: Article V – Duties

Add: paragraph (h) as follows:

- (h) Training Coordinator: The Training Coordinator shall organize and manage the training program so that new members will become active members. Duties include welcoming new members, assisting with their training needs, explaining airfield safety rules, and helping them become active club members. Be aware of changing technology and changing needs/wants of new members in order to update the program's effectiveness in new member retention.
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