

# ByLaws



# Rim Country Flyers Bylaws

## DEFINITIONS

The word **shall** means the related statement is mandatory under these bylaws.

The word **may** means the related statement is open to discussion and can be amended without amending these bylaws.

The word **club** means Rim Country Flyers.

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## ARTICLE I

### Purpose

The purpose of RIM COUNTRY FLYERS is to foster and promote all phases of the sport of model aviation.

## ARTICLE II

### Safety

All safety rules of the club as well as those of the Academy of Model Aeronautics shall be adhered to by the members and their guests.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics upon application and payment of membership assessments and dues. Junior membership shall be those under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application or payment of dues. All others shall be regular members.

Section 2. A copy of the bylaws and rules and regulations not contained therein, that have been adopted by the Club, shall be available for perusal by any prospective members. A copy of the bylaws and other rules and regulations shall be given to any member on request.

## ARTICLE IV

### Membership Fees and Dues

Section 1. A first year assessment shall be made on all new members.

Section 2. The first year assessment for Regular Members will be twenty-five (25) dollars. The first year assessment for Junior Members will be twelve (12) dollars and fifty (50) cents. The first year assessment is in addition to any annual dues.

Section 3. (Amendment of October 14, 2023. Effective January 1, 2024) The annual dues for a Regular Member shall be one-hundred (\$100) dollars. The annual dues for a Junior Member and Non-Flying Members shall be eighteen (\$18) dollars.

Section 4. Dues shall be payable annually on the first day of January.

Section 5. Dues shall be prorated by month for new members joining the club after the month of March.

Section 6. The annual dues for new Regular Members joining after the month of March shall be prorated as follows: Apr. \$90, May. \$80, Jun. \$70, Jul. \$60, Aug. \$50, Sep. \$40, Oct. \$30, Nov. \$20, Dec. \$10. The annual dues for Junior and Non-Flying Members joining after May shall be ten (\$10) dollars.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section 1. The business of the Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the elective officers; the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. The President may appoint an Executive Committee consisting of the Board of Directors, Newsletter Editor, Safety Officer, Field Marshall and any other officials deemed necessary.

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### ARTICLE V Officers (cont'd)

- Section 3. The President may appoint other Boards and Committees with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. The terms of appointed Officials, Boards and committees shall expire with the term of the President who appoints them.

## ARTICLE VI

### Duties of the Officers

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all regular meetings. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees. In the case of a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
- Section 2. During the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
- Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record the minutes of all meetings. During the absence of the regularly elected Secretary/Treasurer, the minutes of any meeting may be recorded by a member appointed by the Presiding Officer.
- The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a current roster of all members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare and file all reports that may be required to maintain the status of the club with the State of Arizona and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of all Club funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements. The Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit all funds in the name of, and to the credit of, the Club. The Secretary/Treasurer shall disburse such funds as are authorized by the club, and shall render to the Club, whenever required, an accounting of all transactions and the financial condition of the Club.
- The Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized to disburse funds for necessary and incidental club expenses, in amounts less than fifty (50) dollars, without prior Club approval. Club expenses exceeding fifty (\$50) dollars but less than four-hundred (\$400) dollars may be authorized by an Email ballot of all club members with two-thirds (2/3) of respondents voting affirmative. Club expenses exceeding four-hundred (\$400) dollars must be authorized by ballot during a Club meeting.
- The President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall both have authority to sign checks drawn on the bank account maintained by the Club.

## ARTICLE VII

### Books and Accounts

- Section 1. The Club's fiscal year shall extend from the first day of January to the last day of December.
- Section 2. The books and accounts of the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer as of the last day of December shall be audited as directed by the board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Elections

- Section 1. Nomination and election of officers shall be made at the regular meeting in October.
- Section 2. Nomination for any officer may be made from the floor at the meeting when the elections are held.
- Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot if any position has more than one nominee. If the Presiding Officer calls for a show of hands to indicate for the slate of officers nominated and unanimous consent is indicated, he may direct the Secretary/Treasurer to record a unanimous ballot.
- Section 4. All offices shall be for a one (1) year term. The terms shall begin on the first day of January. Any Officer may be elected to consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Meetings**

- Section 1. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held.
- Section 2. Business meetings shall be held during the first month of each quarter for the purpose of conducting such business as may properly come before the club. Members shall be notified of the time and place of the meetings at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.
- Section 3. At all regular business meetings of the Club, a quorum shall be present to conduct any business. A quorum shall consist of at least two officers and four regular members.
- Section 4. Voting rights shall be restricted to members in good standing. Any motion involving expense shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting. All other motions shall require a simple majority of the members voting.
- Section 5. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at times and places selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Rules**

- Section 1. A motion is a formal proposal, by a member, that the club take a specific action. A motion may be made by any member at any regular business meeting. Each motion shall require a second by another member who is present. The motion shall be open for discussion. The Presiding Officer shall call for a vote after the discussion. Voting may be by show of hands, voice, or secret ballot as specified by the Presiding Officer. An affirmative vote consists of a simple majority, or of a two-thirds (2/3) majority as specified herein. The Presiding Officer must also report the opposing votes. The acceptance of the reading of the minutes, Officer or Committee reports and adjournments shall not require a motion unless there is a disagreement, at which time a motion may be required. Any situation that may arise outside these rules, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 2. The usual topics at a regular meeting shall be as follows:
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| 1. Call to order                                  | 6. Announcements                    |
| 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting | 7. Old business                     |
| 3. Treasurers report                              | 8. New business                     |
| 4. Introduction of new members and visitors       | 9. Adjournments                     |
| 5. Committee reports                              | 10. Program, new aircraft, briefing |

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Amendments**

- Section 1. These Bylaw may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members voting, with a quorum present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member. Publication by Email shall be considered sufficient notice.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Suspension of membership**

- Section 1. Any member may be dropped from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues.
- Section 2. Any member whose activities are deemed hostile or injurious to the purpose of the Club, or who repeatedly violates the bylaws or established rules, may be removed from office, suspended or expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Any member removed from membership under Section 2 above may request a reinstatement hearing before the Board of Directors, or if desired, before the full membership of the club. Reinstatement shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, or of the members voting if a regular membership meeting has been requested.
- Section 4. In all cases voting shall be by a secret ballot and shall exclude the person requesting reinstatement.