

## **Article 1**

### **CLUB NAME**

#### **Section 1.**

**A. This club will be known as the 'Yuma Aeromodelers as used hereafter "Club" shall mean Yuma Aeromodelers.**

**B. All references hereafter to "AMA" shall mean AMA or MAAC.**

## **Article II**

### **Purpose and Goals**

#### **Section 1.**

**This Club is a non-profit organization, established to provide interest and enjoyment to members and the community from the hobby of building and operating models according to the by-laws of the constitution.**

#### **Section 2.**

**A. To promote the study of building and flying of model aircraft.**

**B. To provide a flying site for club members and guests.**

**C. To provide safe modeling and flying habits.**

## **Article III**

### **Member Definition**

#### **Section 1.**

**There shall be three types of memberships defined as follows:**

**A. Senior member shall be a dues paying member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The senior member shall be 18 years of age or older.**

**B. Junior members shall be under the age of 18 years of age. Junior members Are required to be members in good standing of the AMA. Junior members shall have no voting rights.**

**C. Associate member is not required to be a member of the AMA, but is required to pay the same dues as a Senior member. Associate member shall have no flying or voting rights.**

**Section 2.**

**Any member who fails to provide proof of AMA membership shall be automatically reclassified as an associate member. If the said member is an elected officer, he shall forfeit that office and be replaced by an alternate member to be appointed by the Executive Council (this is a requirement of the AMA Charter).**

**Section 3.**

**No membership shall be denied because of or due to race, color, religion, or national origin.**

**Article 1V**

**Government**

**Section 1.**

**The Club shall be governed by the Executive Council (herein known as the "Council")**

**Section 2.**

**The Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.**

**Section 3.**

**The voting members shall elect officers for a one-year term of office.**

**Section 4.**

**Officers shall be current members of the AMA.**

**Section 5.**

**Term of office for elected officers shall begin January 1st and end December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Section 6.**

**Elections shall be held during the December monthly meeting of the membership with nominations being accepted at the prior meeting.**

**Section 7.**

**A member of the council who ceases to hold current membership status in the Club shall automatically cease to be a member of the Council. Another member in good standing may at the discretion of the Council, replace any member of the Council who fails to attend three consecutive meetings.**

## **Article V**

### **Executive Council**

#### **Section 1.**

**Consistent with these by-laws, the Executive Council shall:**

**A. Make recommendations for the transaction of Club business and the authorization of expenditures for capital improvements. Make recommendations for the formation of and amendments to rules and regulations for the use of Club facilities and property. It may appoint and remove such clerks, agents, servants, and or employees as it deems necessary and may fix their duties and compensations.**

**B. Transact all Club business as directed by the membership.**

**C. Fix, impose, and collect penalties for violations of these by-laws and other rules of the Club.**

**D. Fill any vacancy in the Council. Such person chosen to fill said vacancy shall serve, subject to the approval of a majority of members present at the next regular Club meeting, until replaced or re-elected at the next December elections.**

#### **Section 2.**

**The Council may hold meetings as deemed necessary.**

#### **Section 3.**

**A majority of the Council members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.**

#### **Section 4.**

**Any member of the Council may be removed from office by a majority vote of members present at a special meeting of the membership called for this purpose.**

#### **Section 5.**

**In the event that a condition should arise which would place Article II in Jeopardy, thereby requiring prompt action be taken, the Council shall be empowered to act for the good of the Club without prior discussion or approval from the membership in general.**

## **Article VI**

### **Meeting**

#### **Section 1.**

**The regularly scheduled meeting in December shall be considered the Annual Club Meeting for the purpose of electing Council members and any other annual business.**

#### **Section 2.**

**Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Council when deemed appropriate.**

#### **Section 3.**

**Notice of special meetings shall be given by mail to the members at least ten (10) days prior thereto. Such notice shall state the purpose said meeting is called and no other business shall be transacted.**

#### **Section 4.**

**Each Senior member present at any meeting is allowed one (1) vote.**

#### **Section 5.**

**When, according to the by-laws, written notice is required to members, the mailing of such notices to the last known address of members shall constitute notice. If a winter address is provided, said address will be used in the months of April through September.**

## **Article VII**

### **Officers**

#### **Section 1.**

**A. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall be elected by the membership at the annual Club meeting.**

**B. Nominations shall be accepted at both the November meeting and the annual meeting in December.**

**C. In the event that more than one nomination is received and a clear majority is not established by voice vote, a roll call vote will be required to determine a winner.**

#### **Section 2.**

**The President shall preside at the regular meetings of the membership and at the meetings of the Council. He shall be the administrative officer of the Club. He shall appoint, subject to conformation by the Council, all standing committees, special committees, designating the chairman thereof. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees.**

#### **Section 3.**

**The Vice President, in absence of the president shall act in his stead. He shall under the direction of the President, attend to the business and financial Operations of the Club and shall be the chairman of the Finance committee. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees.**

#### **Section 4.**

**The Secretary shall send out all notices of the Club and of the Council. Keep the minutes of meetings and attend to the correspondence pertaining to his office. He shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as may be asked of him by the Council. He shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees.**

#### **Section 5.**

**The Treasurer shall attend to keeping the accounts of the Club, collecting revenues, and paying it's bills as approved by the council. He shall deposit funds of the Club in such depository as may be authorized by the Council. He shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as may be asked of him by the Council. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committee.**

### **Article VIII**

#### **Dues and Support**

##### **Section 1.**

**A. The Club shall be financially supported by payment of yearly dues and such activities and assessments as the membership shall deem advisable and desirable.**

**B. Annual dues shall be established only at the annual meeting. Proposed changes in annual dues will be presented no later than thirty days prior by mail to all members and will include a ballot to allow those unable to attend to vote by proxy.**

**C. Donation to the Club of \$1000.00 or more by any member shall earn said member the designation of "LIFETIME MEMBER", thereby eliminating the requirement of paying the annual dues. Members so designated will still be required to maintain their membership in AMA.**

**D. All fees shall be payable in United States legal tender.**

## **Section 2.**

**At no time shall the Club be allowed to go into debt.**

## **Article IX**

### **Grievance Board**

#### **Section 1.**

##### **Formation of Grievance Board.**

**A. A minimum of two Club officers and one Senior member of the Club shall constitute a board that will handle grievances and disciplinary actions. The board shall be appointed by the President of the Club. If any senior member objects to the appointments a vote on the members of the board will be taken before the Club membership.**

#### **Section 2.**

##### **Powers of Grievance Board.**

**A. The member under question shall be notified five (5) working days in advance of said meeting of Grievance Board and shall be asked to present his case in writing to the Board. It will be the responsibility of the member under question, to mail or deliver his written response to a Club officer. The member in question shall NOT attend the Board meeting unless the member is granted permission by said Board.**

**B. Any action by the Board that could result in forfeiture of membership shall be taken to vote before the Club membership. If the Club Membership votes to revoke a**

**membership, no monies shall be refunded. A two thirds (2/3) vote of members present shall be required.**

**C. The Board is granted the power of suspending a members flying privileges at the Club field for a set period of time not exceeding thirty one days. This penalty shall NOT require a vote by the membership.**

**D. The Board has the right to impose a monetary fine, not exceeding \$25.00. This fine shall not require a vote by the membership.**

### **Section 3.**

#### **Warnings.**

**A. The purpose of an official warning is to serve notice to the offending Member that he or she is subject to punitive actions as defined in Article X Section 1 of the Club by-laws.**

**B. A warning shall consist of verbal or written warning of cease and desist for any action or actions that violate Club and/or AMA rules and regulations. Only a Club Officer shall make official warnings. The said Club Officer has the discretion of making a warning official or unofficial.**

**C. The number of official warnings required, before action by the Grievance Board, shall be determined by the severity of the actions committed by the member in question. The Club President and/or the Club safety officer shall make this determination.**

## **Article X**

### **Pilot Qualifications**

#### **Section 1.**

**All pilots are required to be familiar with and adhere to Club Safety rules and regulations.**

#### **Section 2.**

**The President may appoint and/or terminate, up to three (3) Chief instructor Pilots.**

**A: Chief instructor pilots may appoint up to two (2) assistant Instructors.**

**B: Duties of all instructors are defined in the Club Training Manual.**

## **Article XI**

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Section 1.**

**A. Each person who serves on the Council shall be indemnified by the Club against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he is made a party by reason of his being or having been a member of the Council or Officer of the Club except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties.**

**B. The right of indemnification provided herein shall inure to each Council member and Officer referred to in "A", whether or not he is such council member or officer at the time such cost or expenses are imposed or incurred, and in the event of his death shall extend to his legal representatives.**

#### **Section 2.**

**Roberts Rules of Order are hereby adopted except as expressly amended by these by-laws.**

#### **Section 3.**

**There shall be NO alcoholic beverages allowed on Club controlled Property.**

#### **Section 4.**

**A. Senior members only will be granted the privileges of having guests that shall be allowed to fly three days for each individual guest in a calendar year. All guest fliers are required to hold a current AMA or MAAC membership.**

**B. A Senior member may petition the Club President to increase this number of days. The Club President has the power to grant or deny said petition.**

**C. The above (number of days) restriction does not apply to guests who are invited to fly at Club sponsored and or AMA sanctioned events.**

#### **Section 5.**

**There shall be a noise limit of 100 decibels measured over a distance of 15 feet, while said engine is running at full power, imposed on all aircraft engines operated at the Club field.**



## **Article XII**

### **Amendments**

#### **Section 1.**

**Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be presented at a regular meeting of the Club, posted for all to see on the field bulletin board, notice given by mail to all members in good standing, then voted on at the next regular meeting A two-thirds majority vote of active members present at said meeting shall be required for these amendments to pass.**