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Part 1

Your Board Members and Officers

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30. El Aero Services, 2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City

We will be voting on changes to the Club's bylaws. Most of these changes are straight from the AMA. They have encountered problems in the past and have given suggestions on changing old bylaws. Below, in red, are the changes for your consideration. The two Appendixes will be available for review at the meeting.

ARTICLE TWO - MEMBERSHIP

- A) Membership in the corporation for those that wish to fly their aircraft is limited to persons who are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- B) Non flying persons may join the corporation as associate members. From time to time honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals as voted upon by the membership.
- C) Classes of membership are as follows: : ~~Open — 19 years and over; Junior — 18 years and under; Family — regardless of number or age, pay one family fee.~~ **Adults - 19 years and over; Junior - 18 years and under.** Annual dues shall from time to time be altered by the membership.
- D) Resignation - Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
- D) Termination - If a member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate. Subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
- E) Expulsion - Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership if in the Officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- F) Reinstatement - A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE THREE - DIRECTORS

The elected officers of the corporation shall constitute the Board of Directors. The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Safety Officer and Newsletter Editor. **The elected officers will also constitute the Safety Committee.**

Nomination of Corporation Officers shall take place in October. Nominations for officer positions can be from the floor or by mail. Election of Corporation Officers shall take place in ~~October~~ November, with installation in ~~October~~ December of each calendar year.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING

Each member in good standing shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of two thirds of the members present including proxies, at a regular club meeting. A limited proxy will be allowed only for casting votes on the election of officers, expulsion of member and reinstatement of member. The proxy holder is legally required to cast the vote the way he has been designated by the member. A member may revoke his proxy at any time before the meeting. A proxy form for voting is listed as Appendix A. A proxy form for expulsion or reinstatement is listed as Appendix B.

ARTICLE SIX - MEETINGS

~~Regular membership meetings shall be held quarterly during the months of January, April, July, and October of each year. The day, time and location of meetings during those months will be determined by the Board of Directors. From time to time, special meetings may be called by the President based on occurring events and situations.~~ Regular membership meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Place of meetings is at El Aero Services at 2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City, NV, or any other location as approved by the Board. From time to time, special meetings may be called by the President.

ARTICLE NINE - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- A) A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
- B) FIRST VIOLATION - Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
- C) SECOND VIOLATION - Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
- D) THIRD VIOLATION Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- E) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

F) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

ARTICLE ~~NINE~~ TEN - DISSOLUTION

~~The provision for dissolution of the corporation is set forth in the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada on April 16, 1987. The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. The corporation may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be dedicated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics Mortgage Depletion Fund, Reston, Virginia. In the event that the mortgage has been satisfied, the assets shall be distributed on an equal basis to all United States FAI teams as designated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.~~ **the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation, a local charity.**

Concerns have been voiced about these changes. Most are groundless except one. Obviously, we cannot proceed on a vote this month unless the members approve.

We will also vote on the purchase of an IED, pending other facts that need to be presented. We have several members who are willing to help fund the purchase. I am asking for more donations from other members, and that the Club pick up the remaining balance.

Also on the agenda, Don Morse said he will be out of town next weekend and will not be able to CD the Fun Fly. So, we need a CD for Saturday, and an idea or two of what to do that day. How about something different? Balloon pop or Limbo contest?

Lastly, as of today, I have not heard back from the AMA on the "Agreement" with the airport. So I have no new news yet. Hopefully sometime tomorrow.

I have a "Stress Test" in the morning. If I am not at the meeting tomorrow night, you'll know I did not pass! Carry on without me!



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