

BY-LAWS

of the

Rainbow Aero Modelers Society

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Adopted March 5, 2025

ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Club Name. The name of this club shall be the Rainbow Aero Modelers Society. An acceptable abbreviation shall be the RAMS Club. Official emblems for the club may be adopted if approved by a majority at any regular meeting.

1.2 Club Purposes.

- A. To promote the sport of radio controlled model aircraft construction and flying for the enjoyment and recreation of the members of this club, including the development and furtherance of the sport and the stimulation of interest therein; providing and maintaining flying fields and facilities therefore; and the encouragement of safe practices always, especially the proper and thorough instruction of beginners.
- B. To support the broader aspects of the sport affiliation, as a chartered club, with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, including the requirement that each member individually become AMA members and maintain said membership.
- C. To support the Milwaukee Association of R/C Clubs by becoming and maintaining membership therein and participation in its functions.
- D. To welcome all individuals as members who support the purposes of this club and abide by its by-laws and rules, regardless of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, or place of national origin.

1.3 Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Membership shall be open to any person who supports the purposes of the club; who is and remains an AMA member; and who obeys the rules, regulations and license requirements of any R/C site they may utilize.
- B. Voting. All members shall have voting rights except that a person must be a member on November 1 of the prior year to vote for officers.
- C. Termination of Membership. Membership in this club is terminated when:

(1) The member Dies.

(2) The member is Expelled for violating any of the rules of the club.

The Secretary shall give or mail written notice to any member proposed to be expelled, including therein the reasons therefore. Such member shall have the right to defend their conduct at the meeting wherein the expulsion votes will be taken, including questioning of any accusers. The vote to expel shall be by majority vote of the officers.

D. Reinstatement. A member who has been terminated may reapply for membership by petitioning the officers who may reinstate the member by majority vote.

ARTICLE 2: DUES & OTHER FEES

2.1 Dues year. Dues shall be for the period consisting of a year of 12 months, beginning January 1 and ending the subsequent December 31, payable anytime after January 1, or upon application for membership.

2.2 Amount of Dues. Dues shall be as established by the membership, voting at any regular or special meeting where notice for the meeting places dues on the agenda.

2.3 Membership Card as Dues Receipt. As a receipt for payment of the annual membership dues, and as evidence for all other purposes that a person is a member of this club, the Treasurer shall issue promptly upon payment, a membership card and/or Field License, to each person, or as soon as AMA membership is assured.

ARTICLE 3: MEETINGS

3.1 Monthly Meetings. The club will strive to hold monthly meetings, the first Wednesday evening of each month, at a location convenient for persons residing in southern Milwaukee County. Notice of the location of the meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed no fewer than 5 days prior to the meeting if the location is at other than a regularly established place.

3.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership shall be called by the President, or by any 3 officers who petition the Secretary. No business shall be conducted at any special meeting other than what has been identified in the notice. Proper notice to the membership shall normally consist of mailed or e-mailed notice postmarked at least 5 days before the meeting, but in an emergency telephone notice may be used if approved by a majority of the officers.

3.3 Quorum. Twenty percent of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. In no event shall a quorum consist of fewer than five members for ordinary business nor fewer than nine members for by-laws changes.

3.4 Methods of Voting. All voting shall be by show of hands or by voice, except that, upon the motion of a member which is seconded, the vote shall be by secret written ballot. All elections to office shall be by secret written ballot whenever there is more than one candidate for an office. There shall be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE 4: POSITIONS

4.1 Positions and Duties.

- A. President. The President shall preside over all meetings of the membership; follow through on club matters decided by the membership; appoint committees of one or more persons as the club need arises; dissolve those committees or make new appointments as necessary; execute documents on behalf of the club when authorized to do so; cast the deciding vote in case of a tie; and perform any other duties customary to such an office. The President shall be an elected position. The President shall be reimbursed for yearly field license dues upon successful election at the January club meeting.
- B. Vice President. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters; assume the duties of the President if for any reason the President is not able to perform his or her duties; and perform any other duties customary to such an office. The Vice-President shall be an elected position. The Vice-President shall be reimbursed for yearly field license dues upon successful election at the January club meeting.
- C. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and process applications for membership; keep a roster thereof and publish it at least once a year to the membership; issue club membership cards and field licenses to qualified applicants; take custody of all monies and valuables; give an accounting regularly of club funds; provide a yearly financial statement in writing; and perform all other duties customary to this office. The Treasurer shall be an elected position. The Treasurer shall be reimbursed for yearly field license dues and AMA (Association Of Model Aeronautics) dues upon successful election at the January club meeting.
- D. Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct club correspondence including notices of meetings; keep minutes of all membership meetings; acquire cards and forms for club use; maintain an inventory of club assets; give an accounting regularly of club property; and perform all other duties customary to this office. This position shall be appointed by the elected officers.
- E. Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator shall promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members; improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport; enforce the field rules; log all incidents, obtain the initials of the person named in the incident; and perform all other duties customary to this office. This position shall be appointed by the elected officers.
- F. Associate Safety Coordinator. The Associate Safety Coordinator shall assist the Safety Coordinator in safety matters and enforcement of field rules; and assume the duties of the

Safety Coordinator if for any reason the Safety Coordinator is not able to perform his or her duties. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers and the Safety Coordinator.

- G. Field Manager. The Field Manager shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the field and field equipment. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- H. Primary Milwaukee RC Association Delegate. The Primary Milwaukee RC Association Delegate shall represent the RAMS at meetings of the Association. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- I. Alternate Milwaukee RC Association Delegate. The Alternate Milwaukee RC Association Delegate shall assist the primary delegate. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- J. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall publish the club newsletter including meeting minutes obtained from the Secretary. The newsletter shall be e-mailed whenever possible to reduce expenses. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- K. Librarian. The Librarian shall maintain the club library. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- L. Head Club Instructor. The Head Club Instructor shall train and monitor the Flight Instructor(s); work with and monitor the Check Pilot(s); and may assume the duties of a Flight Instructor or Check Pilot in their absence. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.
- M. Flight Instructor. The Flight Instructor shall introduce new pilots to ground and flight safety practices; provide flight instruction via the dual transmitter (buddy box) system; log instruction given to each student pilot; demonstrate his or her ability to fly and be approved as a good flyer; work with the Head Club Instructor or a current Flight Instructor to be taught the club teaching requirements; work from the club written instructor's hand book; stay current and be cross checked for currency by the Head Club Instructor or other Flight Instructors; meet at least twice a year in a group instructor refresher program created by the club; carry a standard first aid kit; and have emergency phone numbers programmed into their cell phones. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers and the Head Club Instructor. There may be as many Flight Instructor positions as needed.
- N. Check Pilot. The Check Pilot shall inspect large scale aircraft as defined by the AMA before their first flight at the field; ground any large scale aircraft that the Check Pilot deems unfit to fly; and assist pilots with the set up and flight instruction of large scale aircraft. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers and the Head Club Instructor. There may be as many Check Pilot positions as needed.

O. IT Manager. The IT manager shall setup and maintain the club website. This position shall be at the discretion of the officers.

4.2 Officers.

- A. Positions. The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Safety Coordinator.
- B. Term Of Office. The term of office for elected officer positions shall be from February 1 thru the following January 31.
- C. Eligibility. An officer must be at least 18 years of age on the date their term of office or appointment begins. An officer must have been a member on September 1 of the prior year.
- D. Vacancy. An officer position may be declared vacant by a majority of the other officers. The remaining officers will appoint an eligible member to fill the vacant position.

4.3 Multiple Positions. A member may hold only one officer position. Members and officers may hold any number of non-officer positions.

ARTICLE 5: NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

5.1 Nominations. At the regular December meeting each year, nominations shall be made from the floor. A nomination and acceptance shall be sufficient to place a name on the ballot.

5.2 Publication. The names of individuals nominated for office shall be published to the membership prior to the January meeting at which time the election is to take place.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

6.1 Appointment. All committees shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE 7: CLUB RULES

7.1 Field Rules. At any fields for which it is responsible, the club may establish rules of conduct in such items as safety, frequency control, courtesy, etc. These rules shall be adopted as an addendum to these by-laws, and as such be entitled to the same considerations as the by-laws in matters of notice, adoption, amendment and grounds for expulsion for nonobservance.

7.2 Other Rules. The club may adopt other rules, such as order of business at meetings, and by determining whether they are simple rules, or amendments or addendums to these by-laws, establish whether the procedure for adoption or amendment falls within or without the terms extended under Article 8 below.

ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- 8.1 Notice. No by-laws amendment shall be considered unless it has first been noticed to the membership pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.2, said notice giving the general purpose or wording of the amendment.
- 8.2 Adoption – Passage of any proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3rds of those present and voting, providing the quorum of Section 3.3 is present.
- 8.3 Copies to Members. A copy will be furnished to any member upon request.

ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- 9.1 Notice & Quorum. An act to disband this club shall be treated as an amendment to the by-laws in terms of notice to the membership currently on the roster. The quorum for a Meeting to Disband shall be not less than Section 3.3 but if less than such number appears, the meeting may be adjourned to a specific time, at which time the action to disband may proceed by whatever number are present.
- 9.2 Adoption. Passage of a motion to disband shall require the affirmative vote of 2/3rds of those present.
- 9.3 Disposition of Club Assets. Club funds shall be contributed to the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Furniture, fixtures or other equipment shall be sold and the proceeds given to the same said AMA. Items that cannot be sold shall be given to remaining members on a drawing by lot.