

**BYLAWS OF THE  
ATHENS MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB**  
Adopted December 2016 – Revised 08/30/17

**ARTICLE I  
Name, Location and Incorporation**

The name of this organization shall be Athens Model Aircraft Club, hereinafter referred to and designated as AMAC. The principal office of AMAC shall be located in the vicinity of Athens, GA as specified by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II  
Purposes**

The primary purpose of the AMAC is to foster and promote educational and recreational advancement of model aeronautics in the Athens and northeast Georgia area. In addition, the AMAC seeks to provide a fraternal setting for model airplane enthusiasts, enhance camaraderie through regular meetings, frequent communication, and social functions and maintain one or more flying sites for member use.

**ARTICLE III  
Membership**

The membership of this club shall be open to any model aviation enthusiast in the Northeast Georgia area. All members are required to join and maintain concurrent membership in Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). All members must comply with current FAA regulations relating to model aircraft. There are three membership categories:

- 1) Open - Age 18 or older, includes all immediate family members living in the same household;
- 2) Youth - under age 18;
- 3) Associate - Associate members need not be AMA members and have neither voting nor flying privileges, but are encouraged to attend club meetings and social events.

**ARTICLE IV  
Resignation, Termination, Exclusion,  
and Reinstatement of Membership**

Any member that falls six weeks or more in arrears in the payment of dues will be suspended from all club privileges and dropped as a member.

Any member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of all active members. When a motion for the removal of a member is made, the motion must lie over the next meeting to be voted upon and all members must be notified in writing at least two weeks prior such meeting when said vote is taken. All voting upon such matters shall be by secret ballot.

Any officer may resign his appointment at any time. Officers or Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the club present and voting at any regular meeting of the membership. Upon the death, removal, resignation or incapacity of any member of the Board of Directors, the general membership shall elect his successor at the next regular meeting, provided that notice of said election shall be posted on our email DL at least two weeks prior to the same. A Director shall be considered incapacitated if, for any reason, he is unable to carry out the duties of his office and the remaining Directors shall have declared him incapable of service by a two-thirds vote of the Directors voting.



## **ARTICLE V Dues**

The annual dues and membership fees shall be set at the annual meeting of the club each year, and may be amended, raised or lowered, by a two-thirds majority vote at any regular meeting in which notice was given of a proposed change at least two weeks in advance.

All dues and fees shall be payable prior to the January meeting of each year. Any member who has not paid his annual dues by the February meeting shall be automatically suspended, provided, however, that he or she may be reinstated by payment of dues in full, plus \$10, within six months. For new members, or former members rejoining after a full year or more lapse in membership, the first-year dues are prorated according to the following schedule for the quarter of joining:

- 1) Jan. 1 thru Mar. 31 - full dues;
- 2) Apr. 1 thru Jun. 30 - 3/4 dues;
- 3) Jul. 1 thru Sep. 30 - 1/2 dues;
- 4) Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31st - full dues, which will include next year membership dues

## **ARTICLE VI Books, Bank Account and Records**

The membership or the Board of Directors may provide for membership certificates to be issued to the members of the club, and shall take the form as the Board of Directors shall designate.

The seal of the club shall be in such form as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine. In the event that it is inconvenient to use a seal at any time, the signature of the club secretary followed by the word "Seal" enclosed in parenthesis or scroll, shall be deemed the seal of the club. The seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary and affixed by him or his assistant on the certificates of membership and other appropriate papers.

Any expenditure greater than \$200 must be approved by either the membership at a regular meeting or by the Board of Directors. No vote will be required for routine expenses, regardless of amount.

## **ARTICLE VII Meetings**

The regular meetings of AMAC shall be held monthly at such time and place as the Directors shall designate. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of November of each year for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may come before the membership. Notification of the date, time and place of the annual meeting shall be mailed at least two weeks prior to such meeting. A member may vote on the matters by absentee ballot.

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at a place, time and date which shall be fixed by the President and they shall hold such other meetings as may be necessary, from time to time, upon the call of the President or upon written demand of three of the Directors, which said notice shall be in writing and shall be delivered to each Director at least three days prior to the meeting and shall specify the place, time and date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections**

Procedures to be followed for the annual election of AMAC officers are:

- (1) AMAC members nominate officers at the September meeting; President appoints a Nominating Committee who prepares a slate of those nominated from the floor plus any others needed so as to have at least two nominees for each office. Nominees must agree to serve, if elected, before a ballot is prepared.
- (2) Report on nominations and ballot will be communicated using the clubs email DL.
- (3) Voting at the November meeting; mail-in ballots count as a member present.

**ARTICLE IX  
Officers, Responsibilities  
and Term of Office**

The officers of the club shall consist of President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, each of which must be a Director, together with such other officers as may be deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Directors. The term of office shall be two calendar years and all officers shall take office on January 1st of each year.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Directors and members, and shall be the chief executive officer of the club, enforcing all the provisions, objectives and purposes thereof. He shall also have the authority to appoint committees necessary to conduct the business of the corporation. Each such committee shall contain at least one member of the Directors. The charge to each committee will include a request for the time, place and manner of making reports to the membership.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President will have such regular and other duties as the President may request.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of the minute books, financial records, and all official papers of the corporation. He shall keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Directors and the members, and be responsible for safe keeping of funds and securities of the corporation. He shall maintain correct and current financial records of all club transactions and shall be authorized to collect all dues and fees. He shall be authorized to sign all checks and shall perform such other duties as the President shall direct.

The other officers shall perform all duties pertaining to their office and shall maintain correct and current records of their office, reporting to the membership when deemed necessary or requested. They shall perform such other duties, as the President shall direct.

**ARTICLE X  
Board of Directors**

The affairs of the club shall be controlled and administered by a Board of Directors ("the Directors") which shall be composed of four members. Three of the Directors shall be the current officers. President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. The fourth Director shall be the Past President, or in cases of reelection, the next ranking officer going out of office. If all officers are reelected, the fourth Director shall be elected by AMAC members at the January meeting. All Directors will serve a two-year term.

**ARTICLE XI  
Order of Business**

The number of members in good standing in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a specially called meeting for which ten (10) days notice was given is considered a quorum for all voting purposes.

**ARTICLE XII  
Official Publications**

AMAC will main a website and email distribution DL for club member use.

**ARTICLE XIII  
Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at any meeting in which written notice of the amendment was given to all members at least two weeks prior thereto.