

**BYLAWS OF THE
ATHENS MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB**

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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.

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, 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 have a FAA UAS aircraft license and comply with all FAA regulations relating to model aircraft. There are three membership categories:

- 1) Open - Age 18 or older, includes all immediate family members;
- 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. Dues are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer not later than the February monthly meeting of that membership year.

Any member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of all paid 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 at that meeting and by email ballots sent to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting.

Any Club Officer may resign his appointment at any time. Club Officers may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the club present and/or voting by email at any regular meeting of the membership. There will be at least two weeks' written notice to the paid members prior to the vote.

Upon the death, removal, resignation or incapacity of any Club Officer, 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 (Distribution List) at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Paid members who cannot attend the meeting can vote by email to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting. A Club Officer shall be considered incapacitated if, for any reason, he is unable to carry out the duties of his office and the remaining Club Officers shall have declared him incapable of service by a two-thirds vote of the Club Officers voting.

ARTICLE V

Dues

The annual dues and membership fees shall be set at the November meeting of the club each year, and may be amended, raised or lowered, by a two-thirds majority vote at any regular meeting (including email votes prior to the 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 February meeting of each year. Any member who has not paid his annual dues by the February meeting shall be automatically suspended. However, he or she may be reinstated by payment of dues in full, plus \$10, by the July monthly meeting. 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. 1st - full dues, which will include next year membership dues

ARTICLE VI

Books, Bank Account and Records

The Secretary/Treasurer will provide for membership identification cards to be issued to the paid members of the club, and shall take the form as the Club Officers shall designate.

Any expenditure greater than \$200 must be approved by either the membership at a regular meeting or by the Club Officers. No vote will be required for expenses (such as for field maintenance or mower maintenance/repair) under \$200.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

The regular meetings of AMAC shall be held monthly at such time and place as the Club Officers 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 emailed to the membership at least two weeks prior to such meeting. A member may vote on the matters by absentee ballot.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections

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

- (1) AMAC members nominate officers at the September meeting. Nominations will be accepted by email prior to the September meeting for those members who are unable to attend. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare a slate of those nominated. Nominees must agree to serve, if elected, before a ballot is prepared.
- (2) A report on nominations and ballot will be communicated to all paid members using the clubs email DL.
- (3) Voting will be at the November meeting; mail-in ballots count as a member present.

ARTICLE IX Responsibilities of Club Officers and Term of Office

The Club Officers shall consist of President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, together with such other officers as may be deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Club Officers. The term of office shall be two calendar years and all Club Officers shall take office on the next January 1st after election.

The President shall preside at all meetings, 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 club. Each such committee shall contain at least one Club Officer. 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 club. He shall keep accurate minutes of the meetings, and be responsible for safe keeping of funds and securities of the club. 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 Club Officers, if they come into existence, 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

Official Publications

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

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

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