

**BYLAWS**  
of the  
**Southeastern Wisconsin Area Rotary Modelers**

Adopted March 11, 2009

**ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE, AND MEMBERSHIP**

1.1 Club Name. The name of this club shall be the **Southeastern Wisconsin Area Rotary Modelers**. An acceptable abbreviation shall be SWARM. 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 helicopter construction and flying for the enjoyment and recreation of the members of this club; the development and furtherance of the sport and the stimulation of interest therein; and the encouragement of safe practices always, especially the proper and thorough instruction of beginners.
- B. To support the broader aspects of the sport through affiliation, as a chartered club, with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, including the requirement that each member individually become an AMA member and maintain said membership.
- C. To support the Milwaukee R/C Association by becoming and maintaining membership therein and by participation in its functions.
- D. To welcome all individuals as members who support the purposes of this club and abide by its bylaws 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 July 1 of the previous year to vote for officers.
- C. Termination of Membership. Membership in this club is terminated when:
  - (1) The member Dies.
  - (2) The member Quits.

(3) The member is Expelled for violating any of the rules of the club or the field. The Secretary-Treasurer 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 a meeting of the officers wherein the expulsion vote will be taken, including the questioning of any accusers. The vote to expel shall be by majority vote of the officers.

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

## **ARTICLE 2: DUES**

2.1 Dues Year. Dues shall be for the period beginning January 1 and ending the subsequent December 31.

2.2 Dues Amounts. Amount of dues shall be as established by the membership, voting at any regular meeting. The membership may establish different dues for new members based on when payment is made during the year. A member is considered new if they have not been a member for more than one year. Dues for renewing members shall be the full year amount regardless of when payment is made during the year. The dues amounts will not be an element of the bylaws.

2.3 Dues Refunds. Dues are not refundable for any reason.

## **ARTICLE 3: MEETINGS**

3.1 Monthly Meetings. The club will hold monthly meetings at a location convenient for persons residing in southeastern Wisconsin. Notice of the location of the meeting shall be mailed or notified electronically no fewer than 5 days prior to the meeting if the location is at other than a regularly established place.

Meeting agenda shall be:

- Refreshment check
- Call to order
- Secretary-Treasurer report
- Committee report(s)
- Old business
- New business
- Safety Coordinator report
- Adjourn
- More Refreshments

3.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership shall be called by the President, or by any 3 officers. 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.

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 or absentee 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 need arises; dissolve those committees or make new appointments as necessary; execute documents on behalf of the club when authorized to so do; 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.

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.

C. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and process applications for membership; keep a roster thereof and publish it at least once a year to the membership; conduct club correspondence including notices of meetings; keep minutes of all membership meetings; maintain an inventory of club assets; take custody of all monies and valuables; give an accounting regularly of club funds and property; issue a written receipt for membership dues upon payment or when AMA membership is verified; and perform all other duties customary to this office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be an elected position.

D. 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. The Safety Coordinator shall be an elected position.

E. Field Marshal: The Field Marshal shall assist the Safety Coordinator in safety matters and enforcement of field rules. The Field Marshal shall be an elected position.

### 4.2 Officers.

- A. Positions. The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Safety Coordinator, and Field Marshal.
- 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 a member and at least 18 years of age on the date their term of office begins. An officer must have been a member on July 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 by majority vote.

## **ARTICLE 5: ELECTIONS**

- 5.1 Nominations. At the regular November and December meetings 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.
- 5.3 Date. Elections will take place at the regular January meeting.

## **ARTICLE 6: CLUB RULES**

- 6.1 Expense Reimbursement. Members may be reimbursed for club-related expenses by submitting a reimbursement request for approval. The reimbursement request may be verbal. Requests up to and including \$30 can be approved by the Secretary-Treasurer. Requests up to and including \$100 can be approved by a majority of the officers. All officers will be notified of the expense before approval. Expenses greater than \$100 require formal club approval at a regular meeting. Any request denied by the Secretary-Treasurer or the officers may be brought before the club for approval at a regular meeting. In all cases, it is recommended that approval be obtained before an expense is incurred. Approved requests will be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer from club funds.
- 6.2 Conduct. Members shall conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner. Offensive language and behavior are prohibited.

## **ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- 7.1 Notice. No bylaws amendment shall be considered unless it has first been noticed to the membership at a regular monthly meeting and posted on the swarmheli.com website.

7.2 Adoption. Passage of any proposal shall require the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3rds of those present and voting at the next regular meeting after the proposal was noticed.

7.3 Copies to Members. A copy of the bylaws will be furnished to any member upon request.

## **ARTICLE 8: DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

8.1 Notice and Quorum. An act to disband this club shall be treated as an amendment to the bylaws 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.

8.2 Adoption. Passage of a motion to disband shall require the affirmative vote of 2/3rds of those present.

8.3 Dissolution 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.