



Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore, Inc.  
Constitution and By-Laws  
Preamble

Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore, Inc., hereafter referred to as **RCMB**, was formed in February 1957 by a group of modelers with a common interest in radio control models of all types. The club was incorporated February 21, 1961 at 9:00 a.m. Although **RCMB's** main interest is model aircraft, and they are referred to in the constitution and by-laws, all rules govern the operation of any type of R/C model.

The main purpose of **RCMB** is to promote friendship among modelers and a better understanding of the operation of R/C models. We agree to operate our models in a safe manner and to follow the club's flying and field rules whenever present at any of the club's flying fields.

**RCMB** operates on a fiscal year from April 1 to March 31.

**ARTICLE I Offices**

1. The Board of Directors will propose a slate of nominees for elected offices to the membership at the first meeting of September. 'Nominations can be made from the floor. A ballot will be sent to all members with provisions for a write-in nomination. Ballots must be received for tally no later than October 1. Those elected will take office on the first meeting in October.
2. An officer missing for four consecutive meetings without submitting a letter of intent will be considered as having resigned. In the event of the resignation of any officer, the President will appoint a member to replace him, except as provided in Article I sections 4 and 5.

3. President  
The president presides at club meetings and acts as spokesman for the club at all matters pertaining to it.
4. First Vice-president  
The First Vice-President acts for the President when the latter is unable to serve. If the President resigns, he will serve as President for the balance of the term.
5. Second Vice-president  
The second Vice-president acts for the President and the First Vice-president if they are unable to serve out the balance of their terms.
6. Treasurer  
The treasurer collects all dues and fees for the club. Along with the President, he manages the club's finances and expenditures. The Treasurer will give a complete financial report on the first meeting of every month.
7. Secretary  
The secretary keeps the minutes and records of club meetings. With the President, he handles the club's correspondence.
8. Sergeant at Arms  
The President may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to maintain order at club meetings.
9. Field Captain  
The Field Captain is appointed by the President to maintain established rules of safety and courtesy to others at the field. All members must comply with the "Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code" in order for AMA liability protection to apply. The Field Captain will promote compliance of this safety code to all.
10. Editor  
The Editor is appointed by the President. The Editor's duty is to publish a bimonthly newsletter used to inform the membership of club news and other news related to model aviation.

11. Grounds Keeper \*  
The Grounds Keeper is appointed by the President. The Grounds keeper's duty is to maintain the flying site grounds. These duties include grass cutting, building maintenance and preparations for field events.
12. Web Master \*\*  
The Web Master is appointed by the President. The Web Master's duty is to maintain the RCMB web site and keep it current with club activities and events.
13. Board of Directors  
The Board of Directors consists of all officers (both elected and appointed) as well as the previous year's president.

(\* ) Added February 2006

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## **ARTICLE II Committees**

1. All committees appointed by the President may be removed by the President.
2. Audit Committee  
On the first meeting of the fiscal year, the President will appoint an Audit committee of two members to audit the Treasurer's records for the past year. The Audit committee will give its report to the membership by the meeting in May.
3. Field Committee  
The President may appoint committees, as necessary, to oversee and maintain the club's flying fields.
4. Special Committees  
The President may appoint special committees as needed.

## **ARTICLE III Membership**

1. Membership in **RCMB** is open to any person with an interest in R/C models.
2. Any member whose actions are injurious to the club will be subject to suspension. Suspension or expulsion of a member must be approved by the Board of Directors before being presented to a membership vote, as per ARTICLE VI, section 2.
3. With the exception of Associates, all members must hold a valid AMA license.

4. All members agree to obey the AMA safety code and **RCMB's** field and flying rules.
5. Junior Member  
Junior members are under age 18 or are full time college students under the age of 21. Junior members, who must be sponsored by a senior or regular member, may not hold office in the club, but may have voting privileges.
6. Associate Member  
Associates are non-flying members of the club. Associates are not required to hold an AMA licence and they are not permitted to fly at club fields or any club functions.
7. Regular Member  
Regular members are all fiving members over the age of 18.
8. Family Membership  
Family membership includes the spouse and all of the members children under 18 years of age.
9. Honorary Member  
Honorary membership is limited to those club members becoming military servicemen, who may remain honorary members for the duration of their military active service, also; any former member who has left the club due to relocation or has become disabled and is voted on by the club members to be an "Honorary Member".

#### **ARTICLE IV DUES**

1. **RCMB** annual membership dues are payable as of April 1.
2. New members will pay full dues regardless of when they join.
3. Dues and fees are not refundable.
4. Any member whose dues remain unpaid after April 30 will be considered a former member, will lose all privileges of club membership, and will be removed from the club roster and mailing lists as of May 1.

5. Renewing Members

For renewing members, annual dues are \$50.00 for regular members, \$70.00 for family memberships, \$20.00 for junior members, and \$25.00 for associate members.

6. New Members

New regular and family members will pay a new-member fee of \$50.00 in addition to dues applicable to their membership category. New junior members will pay a new-member fee of \$5.00 in addition to their annual dues.

7. Former Members

Former members choosing to rejoin the club will be considered a new member and must pay the new-member fee of \$50.00 in addition to their regular dues.

**ARTICLE V Meetings**

1. The club will hold a minimum of 12 meetings per year. The minimum monthly meeting shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The balance of the yearly schedule shall be determined by the presiding club president in accordance with both the current constitutional Articles and the planned club events. The schedule shall be published in the Nov/Dec issue of the club newsletter and the club website.
2. Special meetings may be held at any time provided that members are notified three or more days in advance.
3. Meetings for the months of May, June, July, August, and September will be held at Kirk Field on the second Tuesday of the month.

**ARTICLE VI Voting**

1. All voting for constitutional amendments, expulsion of members, and election of officers is by secret ballot.
2. Approval of constitutional amendments is dependent on 60 percent of those members present. Expulsion of members is by 80 percent of those members present. General club business is by simple majority of those present.

## ARTICLE VII Flying and Field Rules

### 1. General Field Rules

- (a) All pilots are required to have a valid AMA license.
- (b) All safety codes must be adhered to at all times.
- (c) Hours of field operation are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (d) Spectators must remain in the spectator area.
- (e) Parents are responsible for the conduct of Their children..
- (f) No stakes or spikes shall be driven into the ground at the field for any purpose.

### 2. Safety and Frequency Control Rules

- (a) Flying behind the runway center line (pilot side) such that it places aircraft over the flight line stations, over the pits, or over the spectator area is prohibited.
- (b) Engine break-in is not to be performed in the pit area.
- (c) Aircraft with running engines shall not be left unattended.
- (d) All transmitters must be impounded upon entering the field.
- (e) The transmitter channel shall be displayed on the antenna or other suitable transmitter location.
- (f) When removing a transmitter from the impound, the proper frequency pin must be attached to the antenna and the pilot's AMA licence placed on the frequency control board in place of the frequency pin. The pin and radio transmitter are to be returned to the impound box immediately after the flight.

### 3. Noise Rules

- (a) All engines must operate at or below a sound pressure level of 95dBA measured at a distance of 9 feet from the model.

### 4. Flying Rules

- (a) Take-offs and flying from the pit or spectator area is prohibited. Pilots must fly from the designated flight line stations only.
- (b) Flight past the orange cones 100 yards south of the runway is prohibited.
- (c) Pilots landing aircraft have the first right of way. In the event of an in flight emergency, that aircraft has the first right of way.
- (d) No more than six aircraft may be in the air at any given time.
- (e) Any pilot with an untested aircraft may request all pilots to refrain from flying While he completes the initial test flight of the aircraft.
- (f) The direction of take-offs, flight, and landings shall be indicated by the Mustang on the flight line and adhered to by all pilots.

5. Enforcement

- (a) All club members are responsible for enforcing the field rules.
- (b) Any club member may request assistance from the County Police for enforcing these rules.
- (c) A copy of these rules must remain on display at the club field.

**ARTICLE VIII Disbandment**

In the event that it becomes necessary to disband the club, all club property will be sold and the proceeds, along with any treasury balance, will be turned over to the Academy of Model Aeronautics to be used for scholarships.

**ARTICLE IX Club Archives**

The President will hold in trust the club archives consisting of all official documents, correspondence and club records, including minutes, treasurer's and other financial records, newsletters and communications to members.

## ARTICLE X Annual Awards Criteria

### Service Award:

Given to the person who has given the most service to the club in the past year. Considerations include:

1. Being the preceding club President.
2. Multiple terms in any office.
3. Chairperson of major event.
4. Extraordinary work at the field.
5. Flying instructor with the most students.
6. Other reasons that are deemed viable.

### Sportsmanship Award:

Given to the person who has been best all around helper in club events or in helping others at the field. Examples include:

1. Assisting in running contests.
2. Helping people with their equipment.
3. Assisting newcomers in getting started in the hobby.
4. Finding lost planes.
5. Chairperson or helper in fund raising events.

### Most Improved Flyer or Flyers:

Given to the person or persons who has improved their flying skills the most in the past year.

### Youth Award:

Given to a young person under the age of 18 who has the most interest in the hobby. Examples include:

1. Building his own plane.
2. Soloing during the past year.

### Senior Endeavor Award:

Given to a senior modeler/flyer who consistently excels in building and flying model airplanes.

### Technical Achievement Award:

Given to the person who has demonstrated the most technical achievement during the year. Examples include:

1. Extraordinary model aircraft.
2. Fine scale aircraft
3. Unique mechanical or electrical device design.

(\* ) The board may provide for awards in addition to those presently shown, but only in accordance with the financial provisions as outlined in article XI.

(\* ) Added February 2006

## **ARTICLE XI Financial Management**

It is intended that management of club funds be managed in accordance with the sections listed below:

Section 1:

That expenditures up to \$150.00 must be approved by the presiding President.

Section 2:

That expenditures exceeding \$150.00, but less than \$400.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the board members present at a scheduled club meeting.

Section 3:

That expenditures in excess of \$400.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the membership present at a scheduled meeting.

Section 4:

That expenditures exceeding \$400.00 in accordance with Section 3 of Article XI, must be advertised in detail at a scheduled meeting, prior to the meeting, at which time it will be voted on.

## **ARTICLE XII**

That budgets be submitted by the chair person or official in charge of substantial cost expenditures predictably incurred during the term year. And that said budgets be approved in accordance with the dollar limits outlined in sections 1 thru 4 of Article XI.

And that said budgets be submitted by the first scheduled meeting in November.

**ARTICLE XIII Constitutional Amendments**

1. Any voting member may propose an amendment to the constitution. Such proposals must be presented in written form to the President at the first meeting of January only. Proposals will be presented to the membership at the first meeting of February, and voted on at the second meeting in February. Constitutional amendments may be made at other times if an emergency exists, as determined by the board of directors.
  
2. The afore going supersedes and replaces all former issues of the constitution.

Amended and approved: Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore, Inc.

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