

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

Ratified on April 9, 2011

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 on February 21, 1961, at 9:00 a.m. 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 the club's flying field. 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 meeting in 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 at the meeting in October.

2. An officer who misses 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 on 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, the First Vice-President will serve as President for the balance of the term.

5. Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President acts for the President and 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 at each monthly meeting.

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 Sergeant-at-Arms maintains order at club meetings.

9. Field Captain

The Field Captain maintains 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'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's duty is to maintain the flying site grounds. These duties include grass cutting, building maintenance and preparation for field events.

12. Web Master

The Web Master's duty is to maintain the RCMB web site and keep it current with club activities and events.

13. Rec. Council Representative

The Rec. Council Representative represents RCMB at the 7th District Recreation Council Meetings in Baltimore County, Maryland.

#### 14. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of all elected officers as well as the previous year's president. All shall have equal votes on all matters with the exception of the President who only votes in case of a tied vote.

#### 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.

#### 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 license and they are not permitted to fly at the club field or any club functions.

7. Regular Member Regular members are all flying members over the age of 18. They are entitled to all rights and privileges of club membership.

8. Family Membership Family membership includes the spouse and all of the member's children under 18 years of age.

9. Lifetime Member

Anyone wishing to become a Lifetime Member may do so by paying a one time fee of \$500.00. This fee is not combinable with any previously paid amount.

10. 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. It may also be 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 Regular, Family or Junior Members whose renewal dues remain unpaid after April 30th will be considered delinquent. The member will lose all rights and privileges of club membership. If renewal dues are not paid by April 30<sup>th</sup> but are paid before June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year due, a Late Payment Fee of \$10.00 will be charged. The member not paying renewal dues by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be considered a new member and must pay an initiation fee of \$50.00 in addition to his annual dues.

#### 5. Renewal 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. Members who joined RCMB between November 1 of the previous year and April 1 of the current year will pay 1/2 year's dues for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

#### 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. Former junior members must pay \$5.00 in addition to their regular dues.

### ARTICLE V Meetings

1. The club will hold a minimum of 11 meetings per year. The monthly meeting shall be during the second week 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 web site.

2. Meetings for the months of May, June, July, August, and September will be held at Kirk Field on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings for October, November, January, February, March and April will be held at Kirk Field on the second Saturday of the month. There will be no meeting in December.

3. Special meetings may be held at any time provided that members are notified three or more days in advance.

## 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 a simple majority of those present.

## ARTICLE VII Kirk Field Flying and Field Rules

Flying and Field Rules must be adhered to as stated in the RCMB document titled "Kirk Field Flying and Field Rules".

## 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

### 1. Recipients:

These awards may be given each year at the "Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet". Article X in its entirety, with the criteria for each award listed, will be placed in the last newsletter published prior to September 1st. Members may submit the names of worthy candidates for any of the awards to any member of the Board of Directors prior to the last day of September. The Board of Directors will make the final selection of the Award recipients.

2. Service Award:

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

- Being the preceding club President;
- Multiple terms in any office;
- Chairperson of major event;
- Extraordinary work at the field;
- Flying instructor with the most students;
- Other reasons that are deemed viable.

3. Sportsmanship Award:

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

- Assisting in running contests;
- Helping people with their equipment;
- Assisting newcomers in getting started in the hobby;
- Finding lost planes;
- Chairperson or helper in fund raising events.

4. Most Improved Flyer or Flyers:

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

5. 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.

6. Senior Endeavor Award:

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

7. 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.

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 advertised in detail a minimum of two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting and be approved by a majority vote of the membership present at that scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XII Budgets

Budgets must be submitted by the chair person or official in charge of substantial cost expenditures predictably incurred during the term year. These budgets must be approved in accordance with the dollar limits outlined in Sections 1 through 4 of Article XI. Those budgets must be submitted by the meeting in November and voted on at the meeting in January.

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 meeting in January. Proposals will be presented to the membership at the meeting in February and voted on at the meeting in March. In advance of the February meeting, the President must present to the membership all agenda items that will be discussed at that meeting. This notification may be made by e-mail or by written mailed notice if the member does not have e-mail. Constitutional amendments may be made at other times if an emergency exists, as determined by the Board of Directors.

2. This version of the constitution replaces all former issues of the constitution. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the organization.

Amended and approved: Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore, Inc. on April 9, 2011.