

OWATONNA R/C MODELERS BY LAWS

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Article I Name and Purposes

1. The Club shall be known as the “**Owatonna R/C Modelers**” as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.
2. The purposes of the Club shall be to promote and participate in activities involving and relating to radio controlled aircraft, watercraft and motor vehicle models.
3. The Flying Field shall be known as the “Robert & Corinne Reul Memorial Flying Field”

Article II Office and Term

1. The address of the registered office and the name of the resident agent shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.
2. Dissolution of the Club – The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

Article III Membership

1. Membership in this Club shall be open to all, upon application and payment of dues, who show a genuine interest in radio control model airplanes; who are of good moral character; and who are members in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (*AMA*).
2. Types of Membership:
 - a. A Family Membership is a membership which includes an adult member as having all rights and club privileges and any immediate family members who shall also enjoy all the rights of the general adult membership except voting.
 - b. A General Adult membership is entitled to all club rights and privileges.
 - c. A Student Membership is entitled to all club rights and privileges except voting if under the age of 16 years, Student membership applies to anyone 18 years and younger, or a full time student over 18.
3. The Secretary shall furnish every new member, upon being accepted the website link to the Club's By-laws and any rules and regulations, which may have been adopted.
4. Requirements of all Members:
 - a. Each member shall be responsible for conduct and policing of any area where they fly, so as to keep and perpetuate a good Club Image.
 - b. Any member seeing Club property being misused shall immediately do their utmost to halt such action.
 - c. Each member should render upon request any advice or assistance needed, to any modeler, whether they be a member of the Club or not.
 - d. To the best of their ability, every member is expected to support club activities and to participate in the administration of club functions such as contests, static displays or any other activity dedicated to the promotion of radio controlled model aircraft.

5. During the month of November the Secretary shall provide by mail to each member an appropriate statement of dues (due on January 1st following) together with such appropriate forms to be completed and returned by the member, as a condition of membership, which will report his or her AMA and frequency number(s) or any other pertinent information required for continued membership.
6. Resignation – Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
7. Termination – If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
8. Expulsion – This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of the Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
9. Reinstatement – A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

Article IV Dues

1. The amount of due or penalty for late payment shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and affirmed by a majority of the membership present and voting at any regular meeting.
2. Any member more than thirty days delinquent in paying his or her dues shall be removed from membership. A member removed for non-payment of dues can make re-application for membership only with the full payment of the current year's dues.
3. All dues collected shall be entered upon the books of the Club for general use and are not refundable unless the member is removed by the membership, in which case the unused pro rata amount shall be refunded.

Article V Meetings

1. Annual - The annual meeting of the Club's membership shall be held in the month of January each year on the day to coincide with the regular monthly meeting. The Club's officials elected at the previous regular monthly meeting are automatically installed and will conduct this meeting.
2. Regular - There shall be regular monthly meeting of the membership at a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. Regular meetings may be omitted as determined by the Board of Directors providing not more than five consecutive months pass with out holding regular meeting.
3. Special - A special meeting of the membership shall be called by the Board of Director at anytime ten (10) or more members in good standing request such meeting. Notification must be made in writing by mail to all members.
4. Board - The Board of Directors shall meet before each annual meeting at a time and place determined by the presiding President.
5. Quorum - Ten percent (10%) of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. A majority of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of this Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

Article VII Election of Officials

1. Nominations for all offices will be held annually at the November meeting. Election of Club officials shall be conducted annually at the last regular monthly meeting held in December.
2. Nominations for the office of Vice President may be designated by the nominee for President as his running mate, and if such designation has been made, all ballots cast at any election for such candidate for President shall automatically be cast for his designated Vice Presidential nominee.
3. Only members, in good standing, are eligible for nomination, or to hold elected office.
4. Nominees must make known their intention to accept or decline the nomination at the time the nomination is made.
5. Election ballot counts must be made known to the membership when the new officers are announced at the December meeting.

Article VIII Powers and Officials of the Club

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, the powers of this Club shall be exercised and its business, affairs and property managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the following elected officials:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Immediate Past President
Safety Officer

2. The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the membership to hold office for a period of one year. The President may succeed himself providing the immediate past President remains as a member of the Board of Directors.
3. Any two of the elected offices, except that of President and Vice President may be held by the same person, but no person shall execute, acknowledge, or verify any instrument in more than one capacity
4. Vacancies in the elected officials may be filled by a majority of the remaining Board of Directors and any person so elected shall hold office until his successor is elected by the membership at the next general election.
5. The Board of Directors may designate a Safety Officer, a Newsletter Editor, a Chief Flight Instructor and such other officials as it may deem necessary for the transaction of activities of the Club, each of whom shall have such authority, shall perform such duties and shall hold Office for such term as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.
6. Any elected official may be removed by the membership whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Club will be served thereby at any annual or regular monthly meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting.
7. No indebtedness may be incurred by the officers in excess of the amount in the treasury.

Article IX Duties

1. **President** - The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Club and shall have general supervision of its affairs and shall be subject to the control of the Board. He shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and shall carry out the policies established by the Board of Directors. He shall act as the official Club spokesman; appoint Committees (including the Nominations Committee) and may sit on any and all Committees so appointed.
2. **Vice President** - The Vice President shall perform and discharge the duties of the President in case of his absence or inability to act. He shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or President shall prescribe.
3. **Secretary** - The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings, or cause same to be done, where notice may be required. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of all such meetings; conduct club correspondence and shall perform the duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such other duties as the Board of Directors or President shall prescribe. He shall maintain a record of club membership and member applications, and members' AMA status.
4. **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Club and should render an accurate account of the financial condition of the Club at the annual meeting of the membership. He shall collect all dues, assessments and amount owing to the Club and deposit same to a bank account in the Club's name. He shall discharge all financial obligations of the Club as approved by the Board of Directors or Club membership
5. **Safety Officer** – To promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs.

Article X Committees

1. The Board of Directors, by resolution, may create such special or standing committees, as they deem advisable.
2. The President shall appoint a Field Committee which shall be aware of the Club's field needs for flying; to take charge of all invitations to review prospective sites; and to make recommendations for the improvement of our flying facilities. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors.
3. The President may appoint such other special or standing committees, as he deems advisable.

Article XI Checks and Funds

1. **Checks, etc.** - All checks issued in the name of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer for the Club and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.
2. **Funds** - All funds and properties shall stand in the name of the Club. The funds of the Club shall be disbursed only as authorized by the Board of Directors, except in the instance of expenditures in excess of \$100.00, which shall be authorized only by the membership.
3. **Deposits** - All monies belonging to the Club shall be deposited to the credit of the Club in such depositories as shall be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article XII Rules and Regulations

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, by resolution, such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, nor with the Articles of Incorporation, nor these By-laws, as they may deem necessary for the safe and orderly conduct of the following activities:
 - a. Flying Field
 - b. Pilot and Instructors Qualifications
 - c. Training Aircraft
 - d. Competition, Demonstrations, Shows and Contests
 - e. Any other activity designed to carry out the objectives of the Club.

Article XIII Amendments

1. These By-laws may be amended or repealed at any annual or regular monthly meeting of the membership by a majority vote of all members of the Club, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at the meeting, which ever is lesser; providing that the proposed amendment or repeal has been either published at least once in membership at a prior regular meeting.

Article XIV Grievance Procedure

Flight and Safety Rules - The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Officer for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Safety Officer / Board of Directors shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

1. A grievance form will be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.
2. First Violation - Viewpoints of both complainant and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
3. Second Violation - Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer / Board of Directors. If the Directors so decide, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
4. Third Violation - Safety Officer / Board of Directors will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a period of one year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
5. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
6. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

