

**BY-LAWS  
AIR MASTERS**

Rev 4/24/18

**Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered Club #4983**

1. The name of said club shall be the AIR MASTERS. This organization is a Chartered Club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and is founded exclusively for charitable, educational, and recreational purposes, such purpose will include, but not be limited to, teaching, training, and educating the public in flying and safety aspects of radio controlled miniature aircraft, helicopters, U-Control model aircraft and improving the skills and enjoyment for pleasure and competition.

The members of the AIR MASTERS have the obligation to uphold the By-Laws of this organization. The right to use the AIR MASTERS facilities may be revoked if a member does not comply with the AIR MASTERS, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), or any other applicable government agency whose rules and regulations may affect the flying of model aircraft.

2. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the above paragraph. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Club officers shall consist of the following; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The indicated officers are to be elected by members of the club in good standing and maintain active membership.
4. Club officers for the coming year are to be nominated at the regular monthly meeting held in January. Nominated officers will be voted upon at the February monthly meeting. Elected officers will then be installed at the March meeting and shall serve that office for the current year.
5. The official meetings of this organization shall be held monthly with the time and location set forth by either the president or the secretary. The membership will be notified well in advance as to any change in the meetings.
6. A quorum shall consist of the total number of members present at the meeting and will require two officers in attendance.
7. In order to become an active member in good standing of the AIR MASTERS, all prospective members must complete a membership application and also verification of current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The form must be presented to the Secretary who will file such. The prospective member will receive a copy of these by-laws along with a copy of the field rules. All new members will serve a six-month probationary period.
8. The AIR MASTERS shall have the right to limit membership.

9. Membership for admission must be accompanied by the sum of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) to be paid at the time the application is presented and also verification of current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) to become an active member in good standing.

Members under 19 (nineteen) years of age will be charged \$25.00 (twenty five dollars) and must have current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Honorary Membership: Active or lifetime members may become honorary members by requesting a change in their status to honorary membership by notifying the Club Secretary.

A member of the club may request their spouse to become an honorary club member by notifying the Club Secretary.

Dues for honorary members that have not attained lifetime membership shall be \$25.00 per year.

Honorary membership does not require AMA membership as they will be non-flying, on-voting members of the AIR MASTERS organization.

Once a member in good standing reaches the age of 75 (seventy five) years of age and has been an active member for 10 (ten) consecutive years prior to their birthday, he/she will be awarded a lifetime membership and will not be charged yearly dues. It is still the responsibility of this lifetime member to maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

10. Annual dues must be paid by April 1st. of each year in order to retain flying privileges. A membership identification card will be issued and utilized in order to verify membership.
11. Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is required for active membership in the AIR MASTERS. Members will be covered by a blanket liability insurance policy financed by AIR MASTERS and will only cover each member while at our flying field. Members will also have insurance coverage provided by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
12. There is no time of day restrictions for flying.
13. Helicopter flying will be permitted at the field; however, pilots must show proof of their ability to control their craft and must have an endorsement signed on the back of their membership card by the AIR MASTERS helicopter flight instructor. All pit rules must be adhered to at all times and common and safety sense must prevail at all time.
14. The flying of U-Controlled airplanes will be permitted at the field in the designated area only. All applicable pit rules and safety rules must be adhered to at all times and common and safety sense must prevail at all time.
15. New members and students must be signed-off by established AIR MASTERS instructor before they fly alone.

16. All flights must be restricted to the open field and must not encroach the air space over the pit area, parking lot, and driveway.
17. Flight safety shall be the responsibility of each member and guest. Both are expected to handle his or her equipment in a safe manner. All pilots are to adhere to the posted rules and pit rules. Any violations of the foregoing items are to be halted immediately if brought to your attention. Continued violations could result in possible expulsion from the organization.
18. All transmitters must be placed on the impound shelf and in to off position upon arrival at the field. They must remain there when not in use. This requirement will be YOUR responsibility.
19. Each member will have access to the gate and all building locks. **All locks must be secured by the last member leaving the field.**
20. In order to become a trainee, membership in the organization is mandatory.
21. Work details are not mandated; however, it is requested that all members be able to help with the various projects that are necessary to keep our field in the excellent shape we now enjoy.
22. Guest flyers are welcome; however, it is the responsibility of the host member to insure that the guest is a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) unless the guest is on a trainer box with a current member. Guest are only allowed to fly 3 (three) times per year and can only do so after approval of the AIR MASTERS instructors.
23. No alcohol on the premise will be permitted, nor shall be consumed during or prior to members actively engaged in flying at our field.
24. An Advisory Committee is the organization of a Chairman, Co-chairman (two club members) and seven rank and file members appointed by the current officers to review rule and safety infractions. The committee will serve as an advisory role in assisting the officers in various issues. The committee also has the authority to recommend the termination of a member to the club officers should a serious rule violation arises. Should this situation occur, 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the advisory committee is necessary to terminate a member for violating the organizations rules. The secretary will notify the member of his/her termination by registered mail.
25. These by-laws may be changed or mandated with the discretion of the club officers and a vote of a quorum of the membership, in order to revise these by-laws, it will be necessary to involve (3) three consecutive meetings. The first monthly meeting will consist of the initial motion to change an item in the by-laws seconded and voted upon by the membership. The next monthly meetings will notification that the by-laws will be changed and that the next monthly meeting (3rd month) will involve the actual voting by the membership in attendance. At that point, the by-laws in question will either pass or fail depending upon the vote of the membership in attendance. If passed, the item in question will immediately become incorporated into the by-laws. If the item in question fails, no further action will be necessary.

**26. Airmasters Club Ambassador**

There shall be one individual to represent the club in any and all matters of concern for the well being of the organization. The current club president following the guidelines within this section shall appoint the individual, who shall be known as the Airmasters Club Ambassador.

The intent is to have a single contact point within the organization for issues of special interest as assigned by the club president and/or the club membership by majority vote at any regular club meeting. The individual shall serve in the position until they elect to resign the position, or for due cause upon a majority vote of the membership at a regular monthly club meeting after notice of intent is given to the individual. Upon a vacancy in the position, the current club president shall, after consulting the club membership at a regular monthly club meeting, appoint an individual to fill the position. There shall be a minimum vacancy period of thirty (30) days between the position becoming vacant and appointment of a new Ambassador.

**27. SPENDING CLUB FUNDS**

Club funds shall be dispersed as described in the following paragraphs.

The Club Treasurer shall pay club expenses as approved by motion by the members in good standing, at a regular monthly meeting. Normal, anticipated operating expenses shall be included in an annual budget presented to the membership by the President and Vice President, for approval by the members in good standing, at the regular membership meeting in April of each year.

The budget year shall run from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

The Treasurer may spend up to maximum of \$300/month in club expenses between regular monthly meetings with prior approval of two (2) club officers. An explanation for the expenditures shall be provided to the members at the first meeting immediately following the expenditure. Any other expenditures require a prior approval by the membership.

**28. CLUB PROPERTY DISPOSAL** When an item or items owned by the club are no longer needed, the item(s) shall be disposed of as outlined in the following paragraphs.

At a regular membership meeting, a club officer shall initiate a motion to dispose of any item(s) owned by the club that is to be disposed of.

The motion shall include the reason for disposal and how the item(s) are to be disposed of.

A majority vote by the members in good standing present at the meeting is required for disposal of the item(s).

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These BY-LAWS were presented to the membership and voted upon January 26, 2010.

Article 26 added as approved by the membership February 22, 2011.

Article 3 amended as approved by the membership March 26, 2013 to remove the safety officer from a voted by the membership position.

Articles 3, 7, 9, and 11 amended and approved by the membership March 29, 2016 to create an honorary membership position.

Article 27 & 28 were added as approved by the membership March 27, 2018

*Milt Bridges*

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President

Date: *April 24, 2018*

*Frank Bostwick*

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Date: *April 24, 2016*