# The Maricopa RC Club ByLaws

(Revised & Approved February 2020)

# **AMA Club # 5269**

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

A. NAME

The Maricopa RC Club (TMRCC)

B. LOCATION

Maricopa Agricultural Center airstrip, Maricopa, AZ 85138

#### **ARTICLE II:**

A. PURPOSE

To further the sport of RC models.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

An AMA membership is required.

B. DUES

Dues are \$45.00/year

C. RESIGNATION

Any member can resign with a written notice to TMRCC.

D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the TMRCC shall thereby terminate.

### E. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities and/or unacceptable behavior.

Any individual may be expelled with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.

#### F. REINSTATEMENT

Takes two-thirds vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

#### B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected annually at a special meeting held during the first week of January. Officers run from January thru December.

#### C. DUTIES

#### President:

The president is the executive officer of the club and precedes at all meetings. He or she is the spokesperson for the club. The president will cast the deciding vote in case of a tied vote.

#### Vice-President:

He or she assists the president in all matters and assumes the duties of the president if for any reason the president is unable to perform those duties. The vice president is responsible for the club meeting schedules and other club events whether scheduled or requested by the club officers or club members.

# Secretary/Treasurer

The secretary/treasurer keeps accurate minutes of all scheduled and called club meetings and records attendance.

He or she maintains an up-to-date membership record of all club members including mailing addresses, AMA membership numbers, and other contact information.

He or she manages all club funds, collects dues when they are payable, and is authorized to pay any and all club obligations from these funds. Appropriate record keeping of all monetary transactions is expected and a treasurer's report is presented at each scheduled club meeting.

If the vice-president is unable to perform his or her duties, the secretary/treasurer assists with or takes over the duties as needed.

# Safety Coordinator:

The safety coordinator promotes and encourages a climate of safety awareness within the club. He or she provides communications between AMA and the club in matters related to safety. A safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public is recommended at least annually. He or she establishes a club

emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents and annually reviews emergency procedures with club members.

He or she will mentor, serve as a role model, educator, and a promoter of safety awareness. He or she will assist in developing club activities from a safety perspective and provide support in running such activities.

#### C. APPOINTED OFFICERS

As needed.

#### D. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies shall be filled by vote of the remaining officers

#### ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

#### A. MEETINGS

Meetings will be held as required. Special Meetings determined by need.

# ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

#### A. Nominations

Nominations from the floor or email are accepted

#### B. Election

Elections will be held at a January scheduled meeting requiring two thirds vote of the members present

#### ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### A. FISCAL YEAR

From the first week of January to the end of December.

# B. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT

- 1. TMRCC and its members agree to comply with all applicable University and Arizona Board of Regents policies and local, state and federal laws, and to obtain any required permits for this agreement.
- 2. TMRCC shall purchase AMA liability insurance to insure our flying site property owner. Name of Insured is as follows:

Arizona Board of Regents, The University of Arizona, State of Arizona

# C. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership.

# ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

- A. PROPOSED
- B. APPROVAL

Requires a 2/3 majority of the club membership.

C. VOTING

Voting via email. Response is to be received within 7 days from date 'proposed changes' sent out to membership.

# ARTICLE XI: 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 Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.

# b. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded.

c. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, if the Safety Committee so decides, 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 records.

#### d. THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club email that the

club will vote on the expulsion of the accused. Said expulsion will last for a one-year period. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration period.

- e. Actions will not be enforced unless they happen within a two year time period.
- f. Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing the grievance will be terminated. To include threats, intimidation, intentional destruction of equipment, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.