



AMA CLUB #1733 BYLAWS

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Field Marshall _____

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Nov. 15, 2004	8	Non-voting status	
August 16, 2014	8	Clarify "Junior Member" Add "Sponsor/Mentor" language Add "Junior Adult"	

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	15:	Fremont R/C Flyers – Fremont Flyers RC Model Club This may be more involved, at some point the logo was change. We may have to deal with the IRS and the bank?	
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	16:2di	the Club newsletter email	

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CLUB BYLAWS Fremont R/C Flyers

ARTICLE 1: DUTIES

- Club Officers:** The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Club Officers who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions may be made by a majority at a Club Officer meeting. ~~, or in person, or other forms of communication such as telephone, email, etc.~~ A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Club Officers. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound judgment of the Club Officers.

Elected Officers:

- President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the club. ~~Any correspondence received or sent will be CC or BCC to the Vice-President.~~
- Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all Club assets.

- 4. Secretary:** The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting and send copies to the President and Vice-President, shall present minutes of previous meetings when called upon to do so, and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. Take attendance of the meetings.
- 5. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys disbursed by the Club. Shall prepare an annual budget for approval of the members. Send a monthly report to the President.

Appointed Officers:

- 6. Field Marshall:** The Field Marshall shall be responsible for establishing “mowing crews” and “mowing equipment maintenance crews”. He/She is to ensure that the field is properly maintained and recommend improvements/changes.
- 7. Safety Officer:** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing Safety Rules are enforced. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in the by-laws. Note: The same person who has the position as Field Marshall may also hold the Safety Officer position.
- 8. Contest/Event Committee Chairman:** The Contest/Event Committee Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating and establishing, in conjunction with all the Club’s Contest Directors, a schedule for the next contest/event season. The schedule will be decided by the Contest Directors, and approved by the members.
- 9. Meeting Activity Coordinator(s):** The Meeting Activity Coordinator(s) shall be responsible for coordinating model-related activities, immediately following the business portion of the meeting.

ARTICLE 2: AUDIT

1. The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer’s books

ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF OFFICE

1. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for one (1) year beginning 1 January after the election. Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority of those present at the regular meeting in the month of November. New officers will take office on 1 January. Personnel will be appointed by the elected officers and confirmed by a simple majority vote of those members present during a regular meeting: i.e. Newsletter Editor, Contest Director, etc. Field Marshall, Safety Officer, Contest/Event Committee Chairman
2. Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of October. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer. All known nominations for office will be published in the newsletter emailed out prior to the election.

3. A secret ballot is required for elections, for removal of a Club officer, and for expulsion of a member from the Club unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 4: VACANCIES

1. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers, such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which is predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 5: COMMITTEE

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ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club officers, **the scheduled meetings will be on the Club website. and published in the Club newsletter. An agenda for the meeting is emailed out prior to the meeting.**
2. Club officers may call special meetings with no less than five days prior written notice (regular mail or E-mail) of a special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the written notice
3. At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members present and voting at the meeting.
- 4 Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Club Officers by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the action recommended.
5. The President shall forward copies of the proposal to other club Officers for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Club officer, may have the matter placed ~~up~~ upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.

ARTICLE 7: DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Club officers with the approval of a simple majority vote. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Club officers on a case-by-case basis.
2. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a majority of the members present at the regular monthly meeting, and the members have been given five (5) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.
3. New members who join ~~in~~ after August 1st will pay 50% of the Dues plus Initiation Fee, which will cover their membership until the end of that year.
New members who join from October through December will pay Dues **plus Initiation Fee**, as in paragraph **I 1** above, this will cover the membership dues until the end of the following year.

4. A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active if his/her dues have not been paid by the January 1st. ~~club meeting~~. Any member who allows their membership to lapse beyond March 1~ of any year shall be considered a new member when renewing their membership, **and will have to pay the Initiation Fee. They** will not be given preference over any other applicant should a membership waiting list be in existence.
5. Types of membership and limits on the total number of members shall be determined by the Club officers and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the club meeting. **(capped at 75 members, voted on September 16, 2024 Club Meeting)**

ARTICLE 8: MEMBER STANDING

1. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, and those of the AMA
2. The membership shall be divided into the following categories
 - a. **Full Member:** Is eighteen (18) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate plus **required to have an AMA Membership**
 - b. **Junior Adult Member:** Is 16-18 years old and is not a child of an active Full Member. Has full privileges but no voting rights. Dues: ½ of Full Member rate plus **required to have an AMA membership**. Initiation/ New Member fee waived.
 - c. **Junior Member child of a Full Member:** Is under 19 years old and a family member of an active Full Membership holder. Dues: Junior rate plus **required to have an AMA Membership**. Initiation/ New Member fee waived.
 - d. **Junior Member:** Is younger than sixteen (16) years old, has full flying privileges when accompanied by a "Sponsor/ Mentor" (as listed on the juniors member application) at the flying fields. It is the responsibility of the junior member and the sponsor/ mentor to assure that the junior is supervised by a club member while flying at the field(s). The junior member has no voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate plus **required to have an AMA Membership**. Initiation/ New Member fee waived.
 - e. **Associate Member:** a Non-Flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club, has no voting rights and receives ~~a newsletter. emails.~~
 - f. **Probationary Member:** A new member within the first calendar year of membership. This member is not eligible for elected office; however they may serve the Club in an appointed position. Member has full voting rights at Club meetings. *Initiation ~~fee/~~ New Member ~~fee~~ **Dues** in addition to ~~dues for first year~~ **required to have an AMA membership.**
 - g. **Membership dues:** Per the rate structure, published in the club application.
 - h. **Newsletter delivery:** ~~1st class mail for members without E-mail accounts (one newsletter per family address) and~~ E-mailed electronic copy for those with Email accounts. Also available on the club website: www.fremontflyers.com

ARTICLE 8: MEMBER STANDING (Continued)

3. Flying members will be required to ~~hold and maintain a license issued by~~ **be a member of** the AMA.
4. All first-time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show

proof of membership in the AMA. Non-flying and Associate Members do not require AMA membership.

5. Before joining the Club, new members shall be introduced in person by their sponsor.
6. The membership, by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting, shall approve any application for membership. The applicant will be on probation for one (1) calendar year subsequent to the approval of his/her application for membership. After this probationary period has ended, his/her membership application may again become subject to the approval of the Club. Probationary members are ineligible to hold any elected office in the Club.
7. Any member receiving a safety Grievance as stated in Article 16, who is involved in flying or non-flying violations, or who has key information of a flying or non-flying violation and withholds it from the Club Officers, may at Club Officers discretion be placed on probation for one (1) year regardless of his or her tenure in the Club.
8. Voting Rights: Members who fail to attend at least two monthly meetings per ~~calendar~~ rolling year, Not including the November meeting, will be placed in "Non-Voting" status and will not have rights at the November meeting. The club Secretary will record members present at each meeting.

ARTICLE 9: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities Enforcement of any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Club Officers, become the responsibility of the Club Officers as stated in Article 1, Duties, Section 1 of these Bylaws. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Club Officers and a majority vote of those members present at the next club meeting if in the Club Officers determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

ARTICLE 15: LOGO

1. **The official Club logo shall be: ~~Fremont R/C Flyers~~ — Fremont Flyers RC Model Club This may be more involved, at some point the logo was changed. We may have to deal with the IRS and the bank?**

ARTICLE 16: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. **Purpose:** 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.

2. **Safety officer:** The Safety officer shall use his judgment in carrying out action on the following:
 - a. A grievance form (see page 8) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
 - b. **FIRST VIOLATION**
 - i. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - ii. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - iii. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.
 - c. **SECOND VIOLATION**
 - i. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - ii. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
 - iii. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and ~~an email sent to club members~~
~~a copy published in the Club newsletter.~~
 - d. **THIRD VIOLATION**
 - i. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via ~~the Club newsletter email~~ that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 - ii. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Club Officers).
 - iii. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - iv. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 - v. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
 - e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
 - f. 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.

