

Kansas City Northern Knights Model Airplane Club By Laws

AMA Charter # 1154

Article I – Name

1. Name

The name of this club shall be, The Kansas City Northern Knights Model Airplane Club. For business purposes and other applications Northern Knights MAC may be used.

2. Definitions

The Kansas City Northern Knights Model Airplane Club is a Chartered Club of the AMA and is a non-profit incorporation filed with the State of Missouri. The Club also owns the Internet domain name www.northernknights.com and the Club Internet site is at the said address.

Article II – Purpose

1. Mission

This club shall be a brotherhood of aeromodelers, governed by and for the membership.

2. Vision

To have and maintain an above average flying site where membership can meet to fly radio controlled aircraft and maintain a fellowship with other members and families. Furthermore to plan activities which shall be planned to promote fun and goodwill for its members.

3. Objectives

To enjoy and promote model building and flying in the Greater Kansas City Area. Furthermore to aid the national program of the Academy Of Model Aeronautics towards the advancement of model aviation.

Article III – Membership

1. Qualifications

Any person with an interest in model aviation and holding a current AMA license shall be eligible for membership in this club. Application for membership in this club shall require the submission of applicant's full name, address, zip code, age, telephone number, AMA license number and payment of dues in accordance with Article 3.2.

2. Dues and Assessments

Annual dues for the New Year will be established and voted on at the October regular meeting. A key charge (for entrance gate) may be also be established or changed on an as needed basis. Dues for renewing members will never be prorated regardless of which month they are paid. New members who join between Jan thru July will pay full dues. New members who join from August thru November dues will be appropriately prorated. New members joining in December shall pay full dues for the next year and receive December dues free.

Any member who has not paid his annual dues by Feb 15 shall not be included in the new club rooster and will quit receiving The Newsletter until dues are paid to club Treasurer.

Special assessments may be levied, as funds are needed only with the acceptance and approval of a 2/3 vote of attending membership of meeting. Special assessments are a drastic measure and should be avoided until all other means of raising money is exhausted.

3. Membership status

Regular Membership is for all persons 19 years of age and over. Regular members must pay dues as set above.

Junior Membership is for all persons under 19 years of age. Junior members are not required to pay dues as long as there is an adult in the same family with a Regular Membership.

Honorary Membership is awarded as a gift from the club to any worthy person approved by a 2/3 vote of the membership at a regular club meeting. All memberships are for 1 year at a time with no lifetime or multiple year provisions. (Except for a new member joining in the month of December).

4. Resignation

Any member shall have the right to withdraw their membership from the club at any time. Upon withdrawal they should notify the President or Treasurer of his intentions so their name will be removed from the club roster. No refund shall be issued and the windfall shall be considered a gift to the club.

5. Termination

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.

6. Disciplinary Action

Any infractions of rules or hazardous flying will involve verbal warning from club members or Club Safety Officer. All members are obligated to adhere to and to help enforce safety rules. Remember "common sense" and "cool heads" should always prevail. Continued violations of rules and regulations may be cause for not allowing that person to use the facilities provided.

7. 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, as defined by the Board of Directors. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must first determine such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or rules of AMA which is detrimental to the Club, AMA or model aviation in general.

8. Reinstatement

Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

9. Discretionary Authority

The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

10. Misc.

Each member shall keep on his person whenever flying a model aircraft, a valid AMA license as required by the AMA for personal liability and property damage insurance coverage. Any member of this club shall be free to join as many other model airplane clubs as he/she so desires.

It shall be the duty of all members to make guests or prospective members to the club feel welcome and not leave them to their self.

Guests and Visitors shall always be welcome to fly, provided they have a valid AMA license and follow the established rules of the Club and Flying Field. If these individuals use our facilities more than occasionally he/she will be invited to join our club. If he/she does not join the Club, he/she will have flying privileges to our field suspended.

Article IV – Officers

1. Responsibilities

President: Shall preside at all meetings of this club and shall act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to the club. Due to our incorporation with the state of Missouri, the President may appoint a person to take care of the yearly incorporation renewal.

Vice President /Safety Officer: Shall act for the President when the President is unable to serve. The Vice President shall also be the Safety Officer for the club. He shall organize the area according to the safety rules of the club. His authority shall be recognized by all club members in regulation and enforcing safety rules in the spectator area as well as in the pit and runway area.

Treasurer: Shall collect all monies due and keep a record of all funds received and disbursed by the club. He shall keep track of and renew the club charter with AMA. The treasurer shall be the contact person of the club. He may assist the club President in administering club business. He shall furnish a current roster to each member by April of each year.

Secretary: Shall keep the minutes and attendance roll of all clubs meetings. Each month he will forward a copy to the newsletter editor to be included in the newsletter. He will also keep a library of the newsletter for at least 2 years previous and bring such to all meetings.

2. Directors

The board of directors shall act on all matters of general policy. They shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Immediate past President, and the appointed Incorporation manager.

3. Term of office

Nominations shall be made from the floor by the members present at the October meeting. Anyone wishing to serve shall have the privilege to nominate himself for the office desired. Anyone nominated but unwilling or unable to serve shall withdraw before the nominations cease for said office. There shall be no term limits for any office. There shall be at least two people nominated for said office before nominations can cease.

Elections of Officers shall be held during the November meeting of each year. Each person nominated shall have the privilege to speak, if desired, for one minute before a vote is taken. All elected officers shall serve for one year, effective January 1 through December 31.

4. Vacancies

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors and approved by vote of the membership at the next meeting. Such appointees to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

Article V – Meetings

1. Date

Regular meetings shall be held the second Thursday of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by any three members of the Board of Directors, or by any twenty members of the club. Notice of special meetings shall be announced not less than a week of that meeting, giving the time and place. Notice of regular meeting may be announced as late as the day before, as each member should only need a reminder for this.

If time does not permit to call a special meeting to discuss and reach a decision on a pressing problem or proposal, the membership of the club still has a right to be consulted. Therefore the President, by himself or with the assistance of the Board of Directors shall contact each member personally by phone for a yes or no vote.

2. Business

There must be at least one Officer present to have a valid business meeting. The President shall present all business proposals to the membership at the regular monthly meetings for a vote of acceptance. Any member may bring points of discussion for the President to present.

3. Voting

At regular club meetings, a simple majority is required for the passing of a proposal. At special meetings and Board of Director meetings, a 2/3 majority is required for the passing of a proposal.

Article VI – Committees

1. Special Committees

Special committees shall be appointed by the President to perform special services when needed. These committees shall serve for the full tenure of office of the president that appointed them, unless dissolved sooner.

Article VII – Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Treasury

The Treasurer is authorized to receive all funds for the club, even contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution. An accounting of treasury funds receipted and disbursed for the past month shall be required at monthly meetings and forwarded to Newsletter Editor for printing in next newsletter.

Disbursement of club funds of one hundred dollars (\$100) or less shall not require an approval vote of the membership. A disbursement of more than one hundred dollars (\$100) shall always require at least a 2/3 vote of the attending membership. Only the President or the Treasurer may spend the one hundred-dollar (\$100) or less limit.

2. Use of Club Logo

Is allowed to be used for the promotion of the Club and Model Aviation and is a symbol of our Club, which should not be defaced or abused in any manor.

3. Dissolution of club

The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership and a 100% vote of the Board of Directors. All Club assets shall be sold and the money put into the treasury. All liabilities shall then be paid. Any remaining money shall then be donated to AMA or other non-profit organization, which promotes aviation as seen fit by the Board of Directors.

4. General Safety Rules

- A. All flying shall be in accordance with AMA rules and regulations.
- B. All rules posted at flying field will be adhered to in addition to those contained in this document.
- C. Frequency flags shall be displayed to the transmitter antenna at all times. Nobody shall turn on their transmitter without pinning their frequency on the control board and checking for possible conflicts.
- D. Mufflers shall be mandatory on all engines .15 CI or larger.
- E. Spectators are welcome and encouraged but must stay in the designated spectator area.

Article VIII – Amendment of these Bylaws

Amendments to these by-laws may be presented at any meeting of the club membership. The acceptance of that amendment shall require a 2/3 vote of members present.

Article IX – Grievance Procedure for flight and 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 Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

2. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall consist of the Safety Officer & the Board of Directors.

3. First Violation

- A. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.

- B. Complainants and accused names will be disclosed.
- C. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

1. Second Violation

- A. Complainants and accused names will be disclosed.
- B. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
- C. 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 a copy published in the Club Newsletter.

1. Third Violation

- A. Committee 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.
- B. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Safety Committee.)
- C. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
- D. Voting will be by secret ballot as defined above in this section.
- E. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

1. Misc.

- A. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- B. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance or any member of Safety Committee, 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 Safety Committee.

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Grievance Form

Date _____ Time _____

Complainant _____ Signature _____

Witness: _____ Signature _____

Additional Witnesses:

