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Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines by-laws as "a rule adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of it's officers."

The by-laws cannot include every item of concern. Some of these items can be dealt with on an as-needed basis in the regular meetings. If the club membership believes an item should be included in the by-laws then this should be accomplished according to the rules as stated in the by-laws.

Pahrump Valley Model Aviators (PVMA) By-Laws

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The Pahrump Valley Model Aviators (PVMA) a Non-Profit Nevada club has be formed under the laws of the State of Nevada to encourage and promote the hobby of radio controlled (R/C) model flying, construction, and competitive activities, to provide en environment of fellowship and the advancement in the knowledge and skills of all phases of R/C flying.

ARTICLE 2: DUTIES

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall be the executive officer of the club. He shall appoint standing and special committees as he deems necessary. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters and shall assure the duties of the President if for any reason the President is not able to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for the club meeting schedules and other club scheduled events which may be necessary or requested by the club officers or members.

3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all regular scheduled and called club meetings and record meeting attendance. He shall maintain an up-to-date membership record of all members including their name, mailing address, AMA membership number, telephone number and e-mail address. If the Vice President for any reason is unable to perform his duties the Secretary shall assist or take over the duties of the Vice President as needed.

4. TREASURER

the Treasurer shall have charge of all club funds. He shall collect dues when they are due and is authorized to pay any and all club obligations from these funds. He shall keep appropriate records of all club monetary transactions and shall provide a Treasurer's Reports at each scheduled club meeting.

5. SAFETY COORDINATOR

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 members. The Safety Coordinators will act as a communications liaison between the club

and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material.
The Safety Coordinator must have e-mail access.

6. EDITOR OF WEB SITE

The Editor of the Pahrump Valley model Aviator Web Site shall be responsible for the content of all items presented for publication to the Web Site. Also those items that he finds questionable shall be referred to the Board of Directors for final disposition. The Board shall have final say over all Web Site matters. The position of Editor will be appointed by the Board of Directors January 1st of each year, and Editor is not required to be member of the Board.

ARTICLE 3: QUORUM

1. At a meeting of the membership, the presence, in person or by proxy of twenty five (25) percent of the voting membership shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. No meeting shall be considered official without a quorum present.

ARTICLE 4: AUDIT

1. The President or his appointee will make periodic audit of the Treasurer's books.

ARTICLE 5: TERMS OF OFFICE

1. All elected officers shall serve for one (1) year. Term of office shall be from January 1st thru December 31st of the calendar year. Officers are to be elected by a quorum of twenty-five (25%) of the membership present at the regular meeting in the month of December
2. Nomination of Club Officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of November. 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 by e-mail or newsletter 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 6: VACANCIES

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 his predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES

The committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President and may be approved by the single majority vote of the members present at a meeting (if a vote is requested). Committees will serve during the President's one year in office.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club Officers and published by e-mail or newsletter.
2. Club Officers may call special meetings with no less than five (5) days prior written notice 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 fifty percent (50%) of the members present voting at the meeting.
4. Any member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Club by submitting a request to the President. The President may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next meeting.

ARTICLE 9: 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. Dues are to be paid no later than the last day in January of the coming year.
2. New members will be required to pay a one-time initiation fee, plus the regular yearly membership dues.(02/13/16)
3. New members that join after October 15th will receive membership for the remainder of the current year and the entire year following.(02/13/16)
4. A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active and will lose all membership privileges if their dues have not been paid as provided in Article 9 number 1.(02/13/16)
5. Types of membership and limits on the total number of members shall be determined by the Club Officers and approved by a vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting.
6. As provided for in the 02/13/16 minutes, the current dues will be \$40.00 per year for regular members and \$20.00 per year for Junior members. Juniors pay no initiation fees. The one-time Initiation Fee for New Members will be \$50.00. Effective February 15, 2016.(02/13/16)
7. Should a member let their membership lapse, for any reason, they will not be subject to the initiation fee, again, should they rejoin the Club. It will be the responsibility of the member to prove he/she was once a member of the Club (such as an old membership card). Although, the Club Secretary can review old records. But, it is not the Secretary's job to prove his/her previous membership. (02/13/16)

ARTICLE 10: MEMBER STANDING

1. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's By-Laws, and those of the "Academy of Model Aeronautics" (AMA). No discrimination will be tolerated due to sex, race, creed, color, etc.
2. Membership shall be divided into the following categories:
 - a. Full Member: Is sixteen (16) years old, has full privileges and voting rights.
Dues: Full Member rate plus AMA membership.
 - b. Junior Member: Is younger than sixteen (16) years old, has full privileges and voting rights.
Dues: Junior Member rate (1/2 of full membership) plus AMA membership.
3. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. All first time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking renewal, must show proof of membership in the AMA.
4. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** All persons who support PVMA Club and are non-fliers shall be eligible for Associate Membership. They do not have to hold AMA membership to belong, and are exempt from club dues. They may attend regular

and special meetings, but will have NO VOTING PRIVILEGES. A majority vote of the regular membership is needed for acceptance as an associate member.

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ARTICLE 11: 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. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Club Officers and/or members become the responsibility of the members as stated in Article 1, Number 1, of the By-Laws. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a majority vote of the members if, in the members determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Article of By-Laws, or the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by majority vote of the members.
5. The Club Officers shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts of omissions which do not justify expulsion from membership.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments may be made to the By-Laws at any general meeting of the club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance those amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by a quorum of twenty five percent (25%) of the membership at the regular meeting.

ARTICLE 13: SPECIAL FUNDS

1. The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.
2. The President will have discretionary spending of up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100) without requiring Club approval.

ARTICLE 14: DURATION

1. The duration of the Pahrump Valley Model Aviators Club (PVMA) shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 15: DISSOLUTION

1. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Officers shall, after paying or making

provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club in accordance with a majority vote of the members.

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 Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

2. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following.
- b. A grievance will be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.

3. FIRST VIOLATION

- a. Viewpoints of both complaints and accused will be considered.
- b. Complainant's name 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 File.

4. SECOND VIOLATION

- a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
- b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Safety Committee.
- c. If the Committee so decided, the membership 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.

5. THIRD VIOLATION

- a. The 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 one (1) year minimum.
- c. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
- d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
- e. The expelled member may re-apply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- f. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- g. 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, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

Adopted by the officers and members of the Pahrump Valley Model Aviators Club (PVMA) this _____ day of _____, 2010

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer