

Constitution and By-Laws
Of the
Mahoning County Model Club Inc.
Established by the members Feb. 11, 1973

Amendment XIV – June 29, 2016

Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this club shall be the
MAHONING COUNTY MODEL CLUB INC.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The objective of this club shall be to promote model building and operation. To aid insofar as possible, the national progress of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (hereafter referred to as the AMA) and its activities. To continue the advancement of modeling in all its phases.

Section 2. All enterprises of the Mahoning County Model Club, Inc. shall conform to the Constitution, By-Laws and Field Rules of the Mahoning County Model Club, the policies of the AMA and to local, county, state and federal laws.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. All persons having an interest in the Mahoning County Model Club shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. A current active member shall sponsor any new prospective member. His/her eligibility for membership shall be approved by a majority vote of club members present at the meeting at which the prospective member is presented.

Section 3. Prospective members must have a current AMA membership or apply for an AMA membership, through the club, at the time of acceptance into the club.

Section 4. Membership of returning members (individuals whose membership has lapsed twelve (12) or more consecutive months) must have a current AMA membership and must be approved by 75% of club members present at the meeting at which they apply. This vote of approval shall be by secret ballot.

Section 5. Any person with paid up dues and no monies owed the Mahoning County Model Club, with a current AMA membership and considered in good standing with the AMA and the Mahoning County Model Club shall be considered an active member.

Section 6. Concurrent AMA membership is required at all times of each Mahoning County Model Club member. Failure to maintain Concurrent AMA membership will result in the loss of club membership along with all rights and privileges.

Section 7. All club members are to receive a copy of the current Constitution, By-Laws and Field Rules. Distribution will be by E-MAIL.

Section 8. Membership of the Mahoning County Model Club is unlimited in the number of Junior, Senior and Family members. These categories shall be as defined by the AMA.

Section 9. Any member may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the secretary.

BY-LAWS

Article I – Officers

The officers of the Mahoning County Model Club, Inc. shall be as Follows:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Safety Officer / Officers
- (f) Trustees shall include a, b, c, d and e, as listed above, plus additional personal elected from and by the membership, as required for a total of seven (7) trustees.
The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held concurrently by one person if so desired.

Article II – Duties of the Officers / Trustees

- (a) President – President shall preside over the Club meetings and act as club spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it.
- (b) Vice President – Vice President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve.
- (c) Secretary – Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance roll of all meetings. He/she shall also have charge of all correspondence.
- (d) Treasurer – Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Club, keep a record of monies collected and dispersed by the Club.
- (e) Safety Officer – Safety Officer shall address and correct all Field Rule violations. Report all repeating violations to the full Board of Trustees for Board action.
- (f) Board of Trustees – Board of Trustees shall oversee, act on or maintain the following:
 - 1) All matters of general policy.
 - 2) Disbursement of Club Monies previously approved by the membership.
 - 3) Field rule violations, activities contrary to common safety practices and all forms of unacceptable behavior.
 - 4) Violations should be reported to the Board of Trustees. The trustees and/or membership will decide what actions are to be taken. Any action required will be administered by the Board of Trustees, and may result in the termination of club membership along with all rights and privileges.
 - 5) Maintain an avenue of communication between the trustees and the club members.
 - 6) All other matters not covered by the Constitution, By-Laws or Field Rules.

Article III – Terms of Office

Section 1. All officers serve a one-year term in office beginning on the first day of January following their election.

Section 2. Nominations for office will be accepted at the September and October meetings. The President, under Article IX, will appoint a nominating committee if required.

Section 3. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Article IV – Vacancies

Vacancy of any office will be filled by appointment by the Board of Trustees. Such appointee shall serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings are to be held at least once every two (2) months. The Trustees may call special meetings as required. Notice of meetings to be sent to all club members, by the secretary, at least three days prior to the meeting stating time and place of the meeting. All notices will be by E-MAIL only. Other provisions may be requested.

Section 2. The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this club.

Article VI – Regular Business

Section 1. In order for a meeting to be official and to conduct business, a quorum of at least 30% of the active membership must be in attendance and must include a minimum of two (2) of the following; President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. In lieu of a quorum the Board of Trustees may, but are not required to, take needed action.

Section 2. Motions at a scheduled meeting will be passed by a majority "aye" vote of members present.

Section 3. Motions at a Board of Trustees' meeting will be passed by a majority "aye" vote of the board's personnel.

Article VII – Dues and Fees

Section 1. Annual membership dues to this Club are payable by the first meeting of the new year. Dues not paid by February 1 of the new year will be considered delinquent and his/her membership will be terminated.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be determined by the club membership, with the approval of the Trustees, at the October meeting of each year. The dues schedule to be published on the dues renewal form and then E-MAILED to all club members. The renewal form, properly filled out, must be included with your payment.

Section 3. New member's Dues, paid after September 30 but before the end of the current year, will cover the remainder of the current year plus all of the following year.

Article VIII – Special Funds

The treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution. Funds to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

Article IX – Committees

Special committees shall be appointed, as required, by the President, to serve until their purpose is fulfilled, as determined by the President. Their specific duties determined by the President.

Article X – Maintenance of Facilities

Responsibility for the maintenance and general upkeep of Club facilities is to be shared equally among Club members under direction of the Trustees.

Article XI – Amendments

Section 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution and By-Laws. Proposed amendments are to be presented at a regular monthly meeting in writing, signed by the author and dated.

Section 2. Amendments will be discussed at the next scheduled club meeting following their submission in writing.

Section 3. Voting on an amendment shall take place at the next scheduled club meeting following completion of discussions in section 2 and board of trustee approval.

Section 4. A majority “aye” vote of members present is required for amendment approval.

Section 5. Amendments will take effect on the first day of the following month.

Article XII - Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership may be offered to those members who have shown an above average long-term interest in the support and promotion of the Mahoning County Model Club Inc. “Long-term” being the sum of one’s age and years of club membership equaling 90 years or more. Requires trustee approval in addition to the above.

Article XIII – Dissolution

Should the club be dissolved, all assets remaining after liability settlement will be donated to the AMA’S NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION MUSEUM.

Amendments to the Constitution And By-Laws of the Mahoning County Model Club, Inc.

Amendment XIV (Constitution & By-Laws – All Article). June 29, 2016

All articles of the Constitution and By-Laws have been revised and or rewritten, voted on and adopted at the regular monthly meeting of June 29, 2016, replacing the existing Constitution & By-Laws adopted February 11, 1973.

For Amendments I through XIII, make reference to the Constitution & By-Laws adopted February 11, 1973 and it’s included Amendments.