



OREGON MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON BYLAWS

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These By-Laws supersede prior Bylaws and Constitution .



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I NAME AND LOCATION

- A The OREGON MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON #1 (official registered name) was incorporated in the State of Oregon on April 12, 1982, Registry #160001-19, as a Domestic Nonprofit Type: Mutual Benefit of Members
- B The name of this organization shall be known as OREGON MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON and hereafter abbreviated as OMAS. OMAS registration number is 1667 with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- C The club is located on the Lewis Family Farm, approximately 2 miles West-South-West of Banks, Oregon. Nearest house address: 46100 NW Strohmayer Rd., Forest Grove, Oregon 97116.
- D GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 45.5987, Longitude: -123.156
- E The mailing address is: P.O. Box 646, North Plains, Oregon 97113. The email address is: omasrc@yahoo.com
- F The current web site address is: www.omas-rc.com

II GOALS

- A To maintain an assembly of persons interested in the promotion and encouragement of operating radio-controlled models in accordance with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- B To assist its members in the construction, set up, and operational techniques of radio-controlled models.
- C To promote SAFETY in all aspects of the hobby in compliance with Paragraph XI.
- D To provide a forum where members can exchange views and ideas concerning radio-controlled models.
- E To further the sport of model aviation in the community



III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A Membership

- 1 Membership in OMAS shall be open to anyone interested in the hobby of radio-controlled models and who meets the requirements for membership.
- 2 All applicants and members must be a current registered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- 3 All applicants must be able to pay the current dues as set forth in Exhibit A – Dues Schedule.
- 4 Categories of membership are:
 - a) Full Member: any individual age 19 or older as of January 1st of the membership year.
 - b) Direct Family Member: any individual, sibling or spouse, of a Full Member may operate RC models at OMAS with a current AMA membership.
5. Membership applications will be accepted at any regular meeting, at the field by an officer, as well as mail or e-mail. Applications will become effective immediately upon receipt of written application, payment of dues and initiation fees, and proof of current AMA membership.

B Dues

- 1 Dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year. Dues are non-refundable except under extraordinary circumstances to be determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
- 2 A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active if dues have not been paid by February 28th. Any member who allows their membership to lapse beyond the February 28th of any year shall be assessed an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until all dues and penalties are paid. Those who have not paid their dues as of March 31st will be dropped from the club roster.



3 No special assessments shall be levied upon the membership unless it is initiated by the Board and approved by a vote of two thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular monthly meeting. The members must be given a thirty (30) day prior notice by e-mail or mail along with an explanation of the assessment.

4 Members joining after November 1st will have their dues and/or membership applied to the next calendar year.

5 Dues Schedule - See Exhibit A.

C Use of Dues and Fees

1 Membership dues are distributed into the Operating Fund (checking account) and the Field Maintenance Fund (savings account).

2 Membership dues are allocated to the Operating Fund which is used to pay operating expenses such as field lease costs, office expenses, minor field maintenance, equipment repair, event costs and other miscellaneous expenses. Excess membership dues may be transferred to the savings account and vice versa.

D Resignation

1 Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the club.

E Termination

1 If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA or drops his/her membership in the AMA, membership in OMAS shall there by automatically terminate subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility

F Expulsion

1 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.

2. Any individual may be expelled from membership in OMAS if, in the Board's determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these OMAS by-laws, the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to OMAS, the AMA, or to RC models.



G Reinstatement

1 Any member who has been expelled from membership, may be reinstated to membership by written application and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board.

IV OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A **PRESIDENT** – The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Board and shall act as spokesperson in all matters pertaining to the club including overseeing and/or acting on club action items.

B **VICE-PRESIDENT** – The Vice President shall fill in for the President in his absence. He shall maintain an accurate record of all club assets and historical records.

C **SECRETARY** – The Secretary shall record minutes of each general membership meeting and each Board meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to club activities. The Secretary will also be the contact person with the AMA in case of questions, problems or situations.

D **TREASURER** – The Treasurer shall collect all monies from dues and keep a written record of all funds received and all funds spent. An accounting of all transactions shall be presented to the membership at the monthly meeting.

E **DIRECTORS** – There shall be three (3) Directors of the Board filling most of the responsibilities as listed below necessary for the club's operations. The newly elected Board shall decide on how these responsibilities are distributed among both the officers, directors and committees.

1. **Events** – Manages the annual Air Show and other events of the club.
2. **Field** – Maintains the field and recommends improvements and changes to the facilities.
3. **Training** – Manages workshops to train novice flyers and advance the learning curve of skills for all members.
4. **Safety** – Enforces all AMA and club safety regulations and encourages membership reporting to him of incidences.
5. **Membership** – Manages the club roster, membership dues and outreach to attract new members.



6. Information – Manages the club website, newsletters, brochures and publicity to the members and general public of OMAS events.

F PAST PRESIDENT – The past president is ex-officio to provide guidance on how successful activities of the club were conducted in the past. This position is not a voting Board member and is at the option of the elected Board and at the option of the past president.

V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A Each paid member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Proxy votes will be accepted in writing only. The President will vote only as a tie breaker.
- B The membership shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Directors. Nominations will be entered at the Annual General Membership Meeting. Nominations can be from the meeting floor, or by mail but must be received by a Board member 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- C Elections will be held at a February annual banquet or the February Annual General Membership Meeting if the banquet cannot be held.
- D A written ballot is required for the election or removal of a club officer unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present.
- E Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers. This appointee will serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected and will take office immediately.
- F Officers are elected to a term of one (1) year.
- G New Officers will take office 30 days after the election of the new board.

VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A The elected club officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. This will include; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Directors.
- B The Board shall direct the affairs of the club and day-to-day business. It shall be empowered to authorize expenditures of up to \$1,000.00 in an emergency without further approval of the club membership if a majority of attending (minimum 3) Board members agree upon the expenditure.



- C Annual audit of the books and club property shall be done in November of each year by the Board, or at its discretion.
- D Board meetings may be called at any time by the President or his delegate from the Board.
- E A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and can make changes and decisions for the good of the club without a 7-member Board or majority vote of the attending Board members (minimum 3 Board members).

VII MEETINGS

- A Regular general membership monthly meetings shall be held each month, date/time set by the current Board. Some months may be cancelled or deferred due to weather. The Board shall meet a minimum of 9 times per year on days/times determined by mutual agreement of the Board.
- B The Board may call special meetings at any time. All members will be notified by e-mail or phone at least 48 hours in advance.
- C See Article VI, paragraph E

VIII COMMITTEES

- A. Committees of OMAS shall be appointed by the Board and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting. Committees may serve throughout the President's current term. Committees may also be formed ad-hoc to complete a designated task.

IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A Official meetings of OMAS, will be run under Roberts Rules of Order.
- B The fiscal year of OMAS will coincide with the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.
- C The duration of OMAS shall be perpetual.
- D Dissolution of OMAS may take place with the approval of two thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the club in good standing. That vote is to be by e-mail or mail. Distribution of club assets are to be determined by majority of the Board and two thirds (2/3) majority vote of all participating members, in accordance with current laws of the state of Oregon.



X AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- A Amendments to the By-Laws may be initiated at any general meeting of the OMAS membership provided that the members shall have been notified by mail or phone at least five (5) days in advance of the regular monthly meeting to consider the amendments. The proposed amendments shall be a part of the notification.
- B Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.

XI SAFETY

- A All activities under the sponsorship of OMAS shall be in accordance with AMA rules and regulations. The current AMA Safety Code shall be that of the club in addition to the club field rules and any local rules and regulations. The current AMA Safety Code is found via AMA Web Site: www.modelaircraft.org/safety. The Club Field Rules are included as Exhibit D.
- B The Safety Officer, or an instructor that has been appointed, shall be responsible for the enforcement of the safety rules. All members are responsible to report safety infractions to the Safety Officer.
- C The Safety Officer and Board members shall formulate a list of field rules to ensure safe operating conditions at the club site.
- D Rules may be added, deleted or changed by the Safety Officer, upon Board approval, as the need arises and members notified.

XII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A See Exhibit B



EXHIBIT A Dues Schedule

Current yearly dues \$85.00

A. Use of the OMAS field requires an AMA current year Membership

1. Members must have the current year AMA card with a current OMAS Membership sticker in possession before handling any RC model on the ground, water, or air.

B. Yearly OMAS Dues

1. Full OMAS Membership

Any individual age 19 or older as of January 1st of the Membership year, holding a current year AMA Membership, and paid the current years dues.

2. Direct Family Membership

Any individual, sibling or spouse, of a Full OMAS Member may operate RC models at OMAS with a current year AMA Membership.

3. Partial Year, Full Membership

Any individual age 19 or older as of January 1st of the Membership year, holding a current year AMA Membership, and paid the current years dues.
See Article III, Paragraph B, Line 4.



EXHIBIT B Grievance Procedure

1. 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 Board for its consideration by means of a 'Grievance Form,' see Exhibit C.
2. The Board shall use its judgment in carrying out action according to the following recommended procedure:
 - a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Field Marshall/Safety Officer or other Board member. At least one witness is required to sign the form.
 - b. First violation will result in a verbal reprimand given by the Safety committee and will be recorded in the Safety committee files. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - c. Second violation can result with the flying privileges of the accused being suspended for up to thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the club newsletter. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Board.
 - d. Third violation can result in the member's expulsion for at least one year or longer if deemed necessary by the Board. Three violations must occur within a two (2) year period.
3. 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 Board.



EXHIBIT C
Grievance Form

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):



Exhibit D OMAS Club Field Rules

- OMAS is an AMA sanctioned site. You are to comply with all AMA safety flying rules (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/safety>), and these OMAS field rules:
- Range check your transmitter.
- Do not start reciprocating engines before 9am (electric motors are exempt).
- Flying is allowed from 9:00am to 1 hour after sunset.
- Mufflers are required on all reciprocating engines larger than .06 cubic inch displacement.
- Make sure bystanders are not in the prop arc when doing run-ups.
- No run-ups are allowed in the pit area except on club check-out stands or grass safe areas.
- You may stand near the runway for takeoffs and landings. Stay clear of the runway by 15 ft. when flying and behind the pilot safety fence.
- You must announce your intention to land, takeoff or any other runway activity including grass takeoffs and landings.
- A pilot who announces "Dead Stick" has priority.
- Grass takeoffs and landings west of the paved runway must be north of the flag pole.
- Taxiway takeoffs are prohibited. Hand launches must be within 25 ft. of the runway and in the general direction of the prevailing air traffic pattern.
- Aircraft will not be flown west of the runway south of a point 100 ft. north of the benches or the mid-point of the runway. Grass takeoffs and landings are the exception. Combat flying must be done east and north of the runway.
- Do not fly closer than 50 ft. to the dryer shed when personnel are working in the area.
- Do not fly directly over any living quarters on the Lewis Farm property.
- A guest RC model operator must have a current AMA membership and be accompanied by their OMAS host.
- Under the AMA Introductory Pilot Program, a non-AMA person may receive lessons during a 60-consecutive-day period under the direction of a designated AMA Instructor.
- All non-RC operators (visitors, family and pets) must stay on the west side of the benches and 50 ft. back from the runway approach over the lake. Children and leashed pets must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- The use of the recovery boat is restricted to OMAS members and a life preserver (PFD- Personal Flotation Device) must be worn.
- The last member to leave the field should make sure the boathouse, tool shed, clubhouse, and toilets are properly secured.
- RC ground models shall ONLY be operated south of the Club House or driveway.
- HAVE FUN!