

**Preamble**

The purpose of this organization is to promote and engage in all forms of radio control modeling.

**Article I: Name**

The name of the club shall be Country Squire Modelers, Inc. , as chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

**Article II: Offices**

The principal office of the Club shall be located in the City of Norwalk, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut.

**Article III: Members**

**Section 1, Class of Members:** The Club shall consist of five classes of members. The designation of such classes, and the qualifications and rights of the members of such classes, are listed below:

(a) Senior Members: Any person, over the age of 18, accepted into membership by a vote of the Club, is a Senior Member. This member has full voting privileges in the Club.

(b) Junior Members: Any person between the age of 12 and 18 years accepted into membership by a vote of the Club, is a Junior Member. This member has no voting privileges.

(c) Life Members: This membership is reserved for club members who have attained the age of 65 and have been a member for more than 5 years.

(d) Honorary Members: This is reserved for non-members who exemplify the highest ideals in modeling. Honorary ~ membership is obtained through a secret, 2/3 vote of Senior Members present at the meeting following the submission of a signed nominating petition by a Senior Member.

(e) Probation: All persons must remain on probation pending acceptance by the membership to one of the above groups. During this period, there are no voting privileges, but coverage by the Club insurance will be in effect. A vote of acceptance will be taken at the third meeting following the beginning of probation. Attendance at this meeting is required.

Honorary and Life memberships are exempt from annual dues.

**Section 2, Voting Rights:** Voting rights shall be limited to senior members and life members in good standing and each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

**Section 3, Election of Members:** Members shall be elected by the body. An affirmative vote of 90% of the members entitled to a vote at a meeting of the Club shall be required for election.

**Section 4, Termination of Membership:** The Board of Governors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing. The member in question may request a full hearing of the charges against him at a regular meeting of the Country Squire Modelers. When such charges have been presented and duly answered by the accused member, the membership shall decide by majority vote of the members present and voting, as to whether the Board of Governors recommendation of suspension or revocation shall be enforced or nullified, or if a temporary suspension, the duration of this period. The members, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, may terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership or suspend or expel any members who shall be in default in the payment of dues for the period fixed in Article X of these by-laws.

**Section 5, Resignation:** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

**Section 6, Reinstatement:** Upon written request by a former member filed with the Secretary, the Board of Governors, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, may reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Governors may deem appropriate.

**Section 7, Transfer of Membership:** Membership in this Club is not transferable or assignable.

**Section 8, Powers and Duties:** The members shall have the rights and responsibility to:

- (a) Elect the officers and committee Chairmen;
- (b) Remove from office any elected holder of office for good and sufficient cause;
- (c) Hear the reports of the Board of Governors and officers;
- (d) Modify or veto any decision or recommendation of the Board of Governors;
- (e) Approve the purchase, sale or lease of club property, by a membership vote of 90% of the eligible voting members;
- (f) Attend membership meetings;
- (g) Abide by the by-laws and all the rules and regulations promulgated by the Club, the Board of Governors and committees;
- (h) Amend the by-laws.

#### **Article IV: Meetings of Members**

**Section 1, Annual Meetings:** An annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Monday of December in each year for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The election of officers and elective committee Chairmen shall not be conducted unless all members have been appropriately notified of the meeting, its purpose and the candidates up for election. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Connecticut, such meeting shall be held on the following Monday.

**Section 2, Regular Meetings:** A regular meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Monday of each month. If the day fixed for the regular meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Connecticut, such meeting shall be held on the following Monday.

**Section 3, Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, the Board of Governors, or by written request to the President signed by not less than 10 members having voting rights.

**Section 4, Place of Meeting:** The Board of Governors may designate the place for any regular meeting or for any special meeting.

**Section 5, Notice of Meeting:** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered either personally or by mail to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, or by insertion in the local newspapers, not less than 4 days nor more than 10 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or by the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting, or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the purpose of purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

**Section 6, Quorum:** A majority of the 8 board members plus 5 eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Club. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without further notice. The Secretary shall determine if a quorum is present to conduct business.

#### **Article V: Board of Governors**

**Section 1, General Powers:** The control and management of the affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall be composed of the officers and elected committee Chairmen.

**Section 2, Residuary Powers:** The Board of Governors shall have the powers and duties necessary or appropriate for the administration of the affairs of the Club. All powers of the Club, except those specifically granted or reserved to the members by law, or by these by-laws, shall be vested in the Board of Governors.

**Section 3, Tenure:** Each Governor shall hold office from January 1 through December 31 and until his successor shall have been elected or qualified.

**Section 4, Regular Meeting:** A regular meeting of the Board of Governors shall be held on a set day of each month as determined by the current Board of Directors. If the day fixed for the regular meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Connecticut, such meeting shall be held on an alternate date during the current month as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Governors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings of the board without other notice than such resolution.

**Section 5, Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board of Governors ~ may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Governors.

The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the board may fix the place for holding such special meeting of the board as called by them.

**Section 6, Notice of Special Meetings:** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Governors shall be given at least two days prior thereto by written notice or by telephone to each Governor. The business to be transacted at the meeting need not be specified in the notice of such meeting.

**Section 7, Quorum:** A majority of the eligible members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board; but if less than a quorum is present at said meeting, a majority of the Governors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**Section 8, Manner of Acting:** The act of a majority of the Governors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Governors, unless that act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws.

**Section 9, Spending:** The board shall be authorized to spend up to \$500 per purchase without consent or approval from the general membership. Full disclosure of the purchase must be presented to the membership at the meeting immediately following the purchase.

#### **Article VI: Officers**

**Section 1, Officers:** The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, A.M.A. Representative and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. No more than one elective office may be held by the same person.

**Section 2, Election and Term of Office:** The officers of the Club shall be elected annually by the members at the regular annual meeting. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Voting is performed at the December meeting prior to the new year when the newly elected officers assume power. Voting is done in person or by proxy vote, given to all members by e-mail or U.S. Mail.

**Section 3, Removal:** Any officer elected may be removed by the members of the Club at any regular meeting following the meeting at which charges are preferred against such officer. A notice of the impending vote shall be printed in the notice of meeting.

**Section 4, Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Governors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 5, Duties of Officers:**

(a) President: The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Governors. He shall appoint committees as may be necessary or convenient and fix its duties. He may sign any deeds, bonds, or contracts or other instruments which the Board of Governors has authorized to be executed; and in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the Office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors from time to time.

(b) Vice-President: In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President; and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Governors or by the President.

(c) Treasurer: The Club will bond the Treasurer in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Governors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Club, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Club in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Governors and in general, perform all duties incident to the Office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Governors.

Special Funds: The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions from any individuals or institutions. Said funds to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club. The Treasurer is required to maintain records and account for these funds.

(d) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Governors in one or more books provided for that purpose; be custodian of the Club records; and in general, perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Governors.

(e) Membership Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the membership records current and for the mailing of dues notices; and in general, perform all duties incident to the Office of Membership Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Governors.

(f) Past President: The Past President shall act in an advisory A capacity to the Board of Governors and carry a vote on this Board for a period of one year immediately following the completion of his term of office.

(g) A.M.A. Representative: The A.M.A. Representative has two duties:

(1) to draw up and furnish to A.M.A. lists of club members for certification as a Charter A.M.A. club; (2) to receive all correspondence from A.M.A. and inform the membership of news pertaining thereof.

**Article VII: Chairmen of Elected Committees**

**Section 1, Chairmen:** The Club shall have the following committees acting under their elected Chairmen or Secretaries. The members of such committees shall be appointed by the Chairmen with the advice of the President.

- (a) Fixed Wing
- (b) Helicopters
- (c) Jets
- (d) Activities
- (e) Program Committee
- (f) Field & Grounds
- (g) Grievance

**Section 2, Election and Term of Office:** The elected committee Chairmen of the Association shall be elected annually by the members at the regular annual meeting. If the election of the elected committee Chairmen shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each elected committee Chairman shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

**Section 3, Removal:** Any elected committee Chairman may be removed by the members of the Club at any regular meeting following the meeting at which charges are preferred against such elected committee Chairman.

**Section 4, Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Governors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 5, Rules:** Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Governors. All such committee rules shall first be submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval.

**Section 6, Duties of Committees:**

- (a) Fixed Wing: Coordinate all activities and set rules pertaining to fixed wing operations of the Club.
- (b) Helicopters: Coordinate all activities and set rules pertaining to helicopter operations of the Club.
- (c) Jets: Coordinate all activities and set rules pertaining to jet operations of the Club.
- (d) Activities: Plan, coordinate and oversee all activities sponsored by the Club.
- (e) Program: Plan, coordinate and oversee all programs for monthly or special meetings.
- (f) Field & Grounds: Supervise the care and upkeep of Club grounds and property and shall provide ordinary maintenance.
- (g) Grievance: Investigate and pass upon complaints against members and report their findings and action taken to the Board of Governors for its approval. It may summarily suspend the rights and privileges of any member pending the investigation of a complaint against a member.

**Section 7, Committee Reports:** Committee Chairmen shall make periodic reports and recommendations to the Board of Governors and shall report all rules promulgated.

**Section 8, Meeting Attendance:** It shall be the duty of a committee Chairman to have a representative from his committee attend any board meeting that he is not able to attend himself. This representative shall have the power to vote in place of the Chairman at that meeting.

## **Article VIII: Committees**

**Section 1, Special Committees:** The President, with the advice of the Board of Governors, shall appoint such special committees as may from time to time be necessary. The members of said committees shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Club and until their successors are appointed. The President, with the advice of the Board of Governors, may remove any member thereof whenever in the judgment of the President, with the advice of the Board of Governors, the best interest of the Club shall be served by such removal.

**Section 2, Vacancies:** A vacancy in any committee because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by appointment made by the President.

**Section 3, Rules:** Each committee of the Club may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Governors. All such committee rules shall first be submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval.

**Section 4, Nominating Committees:** The President shall, on or before the September meeting of each year, name a committee of five members, who shall present a slate of candidates for the various offices and elective

committee Chairmen at the regular meeting held on the second Monday in November of each year. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

**Article IX: Books and Records**

**Section 1, Records:** The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Governors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Governors, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Club may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**Section 2, Custody of Papers, Reports, and Records:** All papers, correspondence, reports, records, minutes of meetings of the Club read before the Club or submitted to it, shall be lodged with the secretary and become the property of the Club.

**Article X: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

**Section 1, Annual Dues:** The Board of Governors, subject to the approval of the members, may determine from time to time, the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the Club by members of each group.

**Section 2, Payment of Dues:** Dues shall be payable, in advance, on the first day of December of each year.

**Section 3, Notice of Dues:** A notice of dues shall be mailed on or before October 15 of each year.

**Section 4, Default and Termination of Membership:** Any member who shall not have paid his dues by January 1st will be terminated.

**Article XI: Amendments to the By-Laws**

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose if at least 14 days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new by-laws at such meeting. Any amendments adopted to these by-laws must be published by the Secretary in a general notice to all members.

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