

MT SILVERWOOD RC CLUB

“MSWRCCCLUB”

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

- A) The name of this organization shall be the “Mt. Silverwood R/C Club” and the short title of “MSWR/CCLUB”.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

- A) The purpose of this organization shall be the following:
1. The construction and operation of radio control aircraft by the club members.
 2. The promotion and education in construction and operation of radio controlled models for youth and the general public at large.

ARTICLE III OFFICE AND TERM

- A) The office and term of this organization shall be the following:
1. The address of the organization shall be that of the club secretary’s home address.
 2. The club president shall act as agent for the club in all business affairs.
 3. The term of this organization shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- A) Membership shall be open to any individual with an interest in radio control airplanes.
- B) Membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- C) All members must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (A.M.A).
- D) Membership shall consist of the following two categories:
1. Adult, that being of the A.M.A. open age category. Adult members shall have the following rights and privileges:
 - a. Use of all club facilities.
 - b. Receive club newsletter.
 - c. Copies of all rules and these By-Laws.
 - d. The right to vote and hold office.

- e. The right to attend and speak at all meetings.

2. Youth, that being of the A.M.A. Junior or Senior age categories. Youth members shall have all the same right and privileges, except only one newsletter shall be sent to each address.

- E) Application and acceptance for membership shall involve the following steps:

1. Fill out membership application form(s) and submit it to club Secretary or Membership Chairman.
2. Prove membership in the A.M.A. by either presenting a current membership card or provide an A.M.A. membership number for verification or by submitting a completed A.M.A. membership application along with necessary A.M.A. dues to the club Secretary.
3. Pay club dues for the current membership year.
4. Affirm a willingness to follow all A.M.A. and club rules and regulations as they may be adopted from time to time pursuant to these and the A.M.A. By-Laws.

- F) Termination of membership may be accomplished by the following procedures:

1. Voluntary by failure to submit current years dues.
2. Involuntary by a simple majority vote of the club members for flagrant or repeated violations of the club rules and /or A.M.A. safety code.

- G) Reinstatement of terminated members may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Members who failed to maintain current dues must pay current years dues and show proof of current A.M.A. membership.
2. Persons dropped from membership by a majority vote of the membership will require the same vote to be considered for membership as a new applicant.
3. All other former members seeking reinstatement will be handled as a new applicant and shall e required to complete the application procedure.

ARTICLE V DUES

- A) Annual dues are for the membership year as stated in Article IV section B, and are due and payable immediately upon the start of the new membership year.

- B) There are four categories of dues assessment:

1. A one-time initian fee, which shall be \$25.00 for each new member age 18 or older.
2. Adult membership, which shall be \$25.00 per year.
3. Youth membership, which shall be \$5.00 per year.
4. Family membership, which shall be \$40.00 per year. A family membership may include two adult members and any number of youth members. All members

must reside in the same household and must be of the same family. Only one newsletter will be provided for a family membership.

- C) All dues collected shall be entered upon the books of the club for general use and will not be refundable.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) All members shall be responsible for the conduct and enforcement of club rules and safety procedures for all of their guests and family members while using the club facilities.
- B) All members are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner when operating model aircraft anywhere so as to keep and perpetuate a favorable public image for the club and hobby at large.
- C) Any member that is made aware of any club property being misused or of any violation of club or A.M.A. safety rules shall immediately do what is prudent to halt such actions.
- D) To the best of their ability, every member is expected to support and participate in the activities of business of the club, including but not limited to the following: regular club meetings, contests, organized fun events, fund raisers, membership drives, field work or any other club activity dedicated to the promotion of our radio control hobby.

ARTICLE VII CLUB OFFICERS

- A) The elected officers shall be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Safety Officer

- B) The appointed officers shall be:

1. Junior Liaison
2. Membership Chairman
3. Activities Chairman

a. These appointments shall be made by the executive committee.

- H) Only paid up members in good standing may serve as officers.
- I) The elected and appointed officers terms shall be the same as the clubs year, January 1 through December 31.

- J) Elections shall be held during the meeting in November. Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting and at the November meeting prior to the vote. Voting will be by written secret ballot and counted by the secretary.

- K) An elected officer may be removed from office by a recall election. The vote must carry a simple majority of the clubs entire membership with all members voting either in person or written proxy if unable to attend the election in person. The recall election will be held at the next club meeting following the motion to recall. Voting will be done by written secret ballot counted by two non-officers.

- L) Special elections to fill vacancies will be called by the executive committee and announced in the club newsletter.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) The responsibilities and duties of the President shall be:

1. Chief executive officer.
2. Official club spokesman.
3. Club business representative.
4. Supervise and preside over all club meetings.
5. Appoint committees and their chairs when called for.

- B) The responsibilities and duties of the Vice President shall include:

1. To assume the Presidents responsibilities when the President is absent.
2. To assist the President in all matters.
3. To cast the tie breaking vote.

- C) The responsibilities and duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. To keep an accurate account of all meetings.
2. Record meeting attendance.
3. To assume the clubs mailing address.
4. Produce and mail the club newsletter, in the absence of a newsletter editor position approved by the executive committee.
5. To assume the Treasurers duties when the Treasured is absent.
6. Counting ballots during any regular votes of the membership.
7. Maintain the club roster and mailing list, in the absence of a Membership coordinator position appointed by the executive committee.

- D) The responsibilities and duties of the Treasurer shall include:

1. Having charge of all club monies.

2. Maintain the clubs financial records. All records will be maintained in a way as to be open for review at any time.
 3. Give a report at each club meeting as to the clubs financial assets.
 4. Prepare an annual financial report, to be made available to the membership.
 5. Collect all dues and assessments, and issue payments.
 6. To act as cashier at all fund raising events, or supervise cashier operations at same.
 7. To assume the Secretaries duties when the Secretary is absent.
- E) The responsibilities and duties of the Safety Officer shall include:
1. Maintain a safe atmosphere at club facilities and club functions.
 2. Give a Safety Officers report at each regular club meeting.
 3. To keep abreast of A.M.A. safety regulations and news from its published sources.
 4. To suspend anyone from using club facilities who is in flagrant violation of the A.M.A. safety code of club rules.
 5. Assist in performing model and control system safety inspections at club functions, or at the request of a club member.
- F) The responsibilities and duties of the Junior Liaison Officer shall include:
1. To represent the youth membership of the club and their concerns and ideas at executive and regular club meetings.
- G) The responsibilities and duties of the Membership Chairman shall include:
1. Maintain a current listing of all club members including name, address, phone number, E-mail address (if available) and A.M.A. number.
 2. Procure and issue membership badges to new members as required.
 3. Submit periodic updated club rosters to A.M.A. headquarters as required.
 4. Review all new membership applications prior to being submitted to the Secretary.
- H) The responsibilities and duties of the Newsletter Editor shall include:
1. Gathering of information pertinent to club affairs and producing a newsletter accordingly.
 2. Distribute a copy of the newsletter to each club member or household, either by E-mail of regular mail in a timely manner to arrive no later than Friday of the week before the next scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A) The elected and appointed officers of the club shall make up the executive committee.
- B) The Executive Committee shall have the power to make decisions and take action on matters concerning the operation of the clubs business.

- C) The Executive Committee may meet as often as needed for the good of the order. When at all possible the executive committee meeting will be listed in the club newsletter.
- D) All members are welcome to attend the executive meetings as an observer.

ARTICLE X RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A) The Executive Committee shall have the power to make by resolution, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, the articles of incorporation, the clubs A.M.A. charter and By-laws, nor their By-laws, as they may deem necessary for the safe and appropriate operation of the following:
 1. Club facilities and property.
 2. Club activities, including but not limited to, sanctioned competition, fund raising, radio control demonstrations and displays and public relations events.

ARTICLE XI NEWSLETTER

- A) The club will have a newsletter, which is to be published and distributed prior to each regular club meeting.
- B) The purpose of the newsletter shall be to provide newsworthy information to all club members concerning its business, events, activities and radio control in general.
- C) A membership roster shall be periodically included in the newsletter.
- D) The newsletter shall be produced by the Secretary or by an Executive Committee appointed Newsletter Editor.
- E) The content of the newsletter shall be open to all members in good standing to make submissions for inclusion. All submissions must be forwarded to the editor with reasonable advance so as to be included in the current issue of the newsletter. The Newsletter Editor will deem material appropriate or not.

ARTICLE XII MEETINGS

- A) The club shall have regular meetings, with the time, date and place to be determined by the Executive Committed, and notice of same shall be announced in the club newsletter. Frequency of regular club meetings shall be monthly.
- B) Only current members in good standing are eligible to vote or e nominated for office during the meeting.
- C) A simple majority of the members present is required to pass any motion presented at a regular club meeting, except as noted elsewhere in these By-laws.

D) The general order of business at a regular club meeting shall be:

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Safety Officers report.
5. Introduction of any guests or visitors.
6. Introduction of any new members.
7. Announcements and communications.
8. Committee reports.
9. Old business.
10. New business.
11. Program or special presentation (tech time).
12. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

A) These By-laws of the Mt. Silverwood R/C Club may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the first monthly meeting following the announcement of the proposed change. Voting may be in person at the meeting or by written proxy delivered to the club Secretary prior to the meeting either by mail or in person.