



Indianapolis West Side Radio Control Modelers, Inc.

Bylaws

Last Revised July 10, 2014 – Posted July 11, 2014

I. The official name of the club shall be:

THE INDIANAPOLIS WEST SIDE RADIO CONTROL MODELERS, INC.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be:

- a. To promote friendship and fellowship, and,
- b. To advance the state of the art of R/C Model Aircraft operation.

III. Club Meetings

Regular club meetings shall be held monthly. A schedule of meeting dates and times for the next year will be announced at the December meeting and published on the Website. Modifications to the meeting schedule will be announced at a club meeting preceding the affected monthly meeting, if possible, and/or will be published on the Website prior to the affected meeting date. In addition to posting to the Web, a mass e-mail will be sent to club members outlining a change in club meeting date, time, or meeting location.

IV. Governing Body

- a. The governing body of this Club shall be a Board of Directors consisting of six (6) elected members plus the immediate past president. Three (3) members will be elected each December for a term of two years. They will assume their positions in January of the following year.
- b. The officers of this Club, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be elected in January by the Board members. The two (2) Directors not holding office are designated Directors at Large.
- c. If for any reason a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, the position will be appointed by the board of directors. A Board member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only the remainder of the term of the Board member he/she replaces.
- d. The Board of Directors shall conduct all business of the Club.
- e. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for, but not limited to the following:
 1. All field maintenance (needs and costs).
 2. Establishment of flying rules and safety regulations.
 3. Dues and assessments.

4. Miscellaneous collections and disbursements.
5. Annual audit of receipts and disbursements.
6. Annual renewal of Letters of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of Indiana.

V. Officer Duties

- a. The President shall preside at all regularly scheduled Club and Board meetings and shall represent the Club at outside functions and to the general public.
- b. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. He/she shall appoint all chairmen for various working committees.
- c. The Secretary shall be in charge of keeping the minutes of all meetings and maintain correspondence. Additionally, the Secretary shall act as "Member Services Director" and shall maintain the club roster, the club Website, and club membership cards.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all moneys pertaining to the operation of the Club and keep records of same. He/she shall deposit all moneys in a bank account. All funds will be disbursed by a check or checks signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide a balance sheet report to the club every month.

VI. Membership

- a) THE INDIANAPOLIS WEST SIDE R/C MODELERS, INC. is a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Proof of AMA membership is a requirement of Club membership.
- b) There are four (4) types of memberships; general, junior (until the end of the year in which the 18th birthday occurs), family, and honorary.
- c) An honorary member is defined as is a special classification of membership. Its intent is a non-flying, non-voting social membership given only by discretion of the Board.
- d) Family memberships are designed for families with 3 or more members in the immediate family. It is expected that those signing up for family memberships provide names and AMA numbers for all individuals covered under this membership type. Each family member will receive a club membership card for frequency control and identification.
- e) An applicant, upon completion of a membership application, payment of dues and demonstration of proof of AMA membership, will be issued a current year membership card. He/she then becomes a Club member "In Good Standing," and is entitled to the use of the Club facilities, to vote in Club elections, and to partake in all activities with this exception: "To fly radio controlled model aircraft at the Club field, a new member must demonstrate his ability to control/fly his aircraft safely and unassisted."
- f) Dues for the next calendar year are payable after November 1 and must be paid by January 31 to avoid being dropped from the membership roll.

g) The membership of any member may be terminated for any reason deemed justifiably sufficient, factual and/or flagrant. Serious charges of any nature shall be presented to the Board in a business-like manner. The Board will investigate the charges and present their findings to the membership at the next regular Club meeting. A vote will be taken if the charges are deemed sufficient for dismissal from the club. A two-third (2/3) majority of the members present at the meeting is required for decisions.

VII. Member Responsibilities

- a. Election of Board members.
- b. Major field improvements.
- c. Adhering to all R/C Model Aircraft Safety Rules and Regulations and/or Practices advocated by the Club and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

VIII. Club Services

All services performed by club members will be done entirely on a Volunteer basis (no compensation other than the reimbursement of material cost will be given) with the exception of field mowing. Mowing the entire field will result in a \$5 membership credit toward the next calendar year's membership fees. Credit awarded will not exceed the next year's membership fees and balances will not carry over and will reset every calendar year. All club owned equipment stored by club members will be made available to the membership, on request by a Club Officer, within 72 hours.

IX. Amendments to the Bylaws

- a. Any member may submit a written proposal to the Board for evaluation.
- b. The member submitting a Bylaw change proposal shall be invited to attend the Board meeting at which the proposed change is to be discussed.
- c. A Bylaw change proposal evaluated by the Board as having merit for adoption will be published on the Club website. The Bylaw change will be voted upon by members present at the next regular meeting after publication.
- d. Bylaw changes will be decided by two-third (2/3) majority vote of the members attending the meeting.
- e. Absentee ballots will be accepted and counted, only if a published ballot is used, and only if it is received by the Club Secretary prior to the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon. For voting purposes, members submitting absentee ballots will be considered present at the meeting.

X. Secret Ballot Voting

Whenever a vote is taken by secret ballot on any issue at a general meeting of the club, the ballots must be counted by two (2) Club members in good standing.