

Mississippi Valley Soaring Association

Constitution & By-Laws

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CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

This club shall be known as the Mississippi Valley Soaring Association (MVSA) and shall be a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this club is to promote the sport of radio controlled model sailplanes.

Article 111 – Membership

Membership in the Mississippi Valley Soaring Association shall be granted to any interested individual or family provided that they have a current and valid membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Article IV – Officers

The Officers of this club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and an Equipment Manager.

Article V - Meetings and Quorums

1. Regular meetings shall be held every month on the date and time that the membership has designated.
2. The annual meeting shall be the last regular meeting held in December.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President or on the application of seven (7) club members.
4. A quorum shall consist of not less than ten (10) percent of the current membership.
5. Electronic Meetings – At the request of the President or seven (7) members, business of the club may be conducted by electronic communication (e-mail) during periods of urgency or between regular meetings. Proposed business will be discussed by e-communication for a period of one week, followed by a poll period of one week. Any proposed business must receive the participation of a quorum of the membership during both the discussion and poll periods in order for the proposal to be adopted. Proposals may be adopted when approved by a simple majority (51%) during the poll period when a quorum has participated. Amendments to the Club Constitution and Bylaws may NOT be made in this manner.

Article VI – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the club by a simple majority (51%) of the members present and when the conditions of a quorum are met.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Duties of Officers

1. It shall be the duty of the **President** to preside at all meetings of the club and to perform all such duties that pertain to the office. In addition, the President shall arrange for the scheduling of the regular monthly meetings.

2. The **Vice President** shall be responsible for all club contest organization and shall be responsible for the editing and publishing of the club web site. Authorized expenses related in publishing the web site shall be reimbursed to the Webmaster from club funds.

3. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall keep the minutes of all club proceedings and record the same for future reference or use. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also receive and be responsible for the safekeeping of all club funds, the disbursement and receipt of those funds for purposes as set forth by the President and by a simple majority vote of the club members present at any club meeting when the conditions of a quorum are met. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also be responsible for monthly and annual reports of the status of the club funds and handle other duties as required.

In the event that the President is absent or is otherwise disabled and cannot continue the duties of the office, the Secretary/Treasurer shall perform all the duties of the President.

4. The **Equipment Manager** shall be responsible for the proper maintenance, care and storage of all club equipment. Authorized expenses related to the maintenance of club equipment shall be reimbursed to the Equipment Manager from club funds.

Article II - Election of Officers

1. All officers shall be elected at the November club meeting and shall assume the responsibilities of the office effective December 1st of that year.

2. Club members are not limited as to the number of years of service as a Club Officer.

3. Should an officer resign during the club year; the President shall appoint a club member to assume the vacant office for the remainder of the term.

Article III – Membership

1. Membership applications will be accepted from any person interested in model sailplanes. Membership in the club will require a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and payment of the current club dues.
2. Flying at the club field is limited to those members who are paid up on both AMA and club dues. Invited guests may also fly at the club field in accordance with field rules.
3. Access to the Yahoo Groups bulletin board is a members-only benefit.
4. Members whose dues are not paid as of March 1, will lose all member benefits.
5. On a 3/4 vote of the total membership, a member may be suspended for a period of time, decided by the membership, for disorderly conduct or gross misdemeanor.

Article IV – Dues

1. The annual club dues shall be \$40.00 for an individual membership and \$45.00 for a family membership (family members at the same mailing address).
2. Any new members paying dues between August 1st and December 1st shall only pay half of the annual dues.
3. When a new member pays one-half of the club dues within three (3) months of the end of the calendar year, the dues shall be credited towards the next calendar year as well.

Article V - Special Assessments

The club is authorized to make special assessments, not to exceed \$20.00 per member per year, to be applied towards securing and maintaining a flying field. Any such assessment must be approved by a simple (51%) vote of the members present at the meeting, when a quorum is present.

Article VI – Committees

The President shall be empowered to appoint committees as he deems necessary at any time, or on the simple majority vote (51%) of members present at the meeting, when a quorum is present.

Article VII- Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the club by a simple majority (51%) of the members present at the meeting, when a quorum is present.

Article VIII- Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws of this club.

Article IX - Safety Director

A Safety Director shall be appointed by the President who shall be responsible for safety aspects of the club.

Article X - Flying Field Rules

The latest copy of the Flying Field Rules, as published on the club web site, are incorporated herein by reference.