

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN MEN Inc.

A Colorado Not For Profit Corporation

Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club Number 177



REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	APPV'D
Original	1/10/1966	Original issue of Governing Bylaws	Don McGhee
A	8/21/1967	Unspecified modification	Don McGhee
B	3/3/2004	Rewritten to accommodate AMA requirements	Club Membership
C	12/12/2009	Added Cover Page 1 with Revisions Table. Revised Article 6 section 2. General Text Grammatical Revisions. Approved at Annual Meeting.	JBM-President
D	12/8/2012	Updated Article 5 to reflect current Club operations. Added a Section 6 under Article 5 to establish the MMM Hall of Fame. Approved at Annual Meeting.	MDS - President

Article 1 - Name

The official name of this organization shall be "The Magnificent Mountain Men Inc., hereinafter referred to as "the Club" and is a not for profit corporation chartered in the State of Colorado. The Club shall have a mailing address of the currently elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Article 2 – Affiliations

The Club shall be a chartered model airplane club under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Academy of model Aeronautics (AMA) and shall be governed in all its operations by the Constitution and Bylaws of the AMA. In addition, the Club shall encourage membership in the National Free Flight Society (NFFS) and/or other Free Flight model airplane organizations that may be applicable and be supportive of their activity.

Article 3 - Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the Club to support and promote the sport of Free Flight Aeromodelling, to foster competition among sportsmen and groups of sportsmen, to provide logistical and other support for Free Flight activities, and to reward outstanding performances. Additionally, the Club shall encourage education and collaborative research, and shall sponsor competitive events to promote the design and flying techniques of the sport.

Article 4 - Membership

Any current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) shall be eligible for membership in the Club. There shall be three classes of membership:

1. Full Membership – entitles the individual to all club privileges.
2. Model Museum Flying club (MMFC-SAM1) Crossover Membership – provides for full membership to the Club for current members of the MMFC-SAM1 Club.
3. Life Membership – entitles an individual to all the Club privileges of Full Membership for life. Life Membership shall only be granted to those individuals who show exceptional dedication and performance to the Club and the sport of Aeromodelling. This special privilege shall only be granted by nomination to the Club Leadership Council for consideration and subsequent approval.

Membership entitles the ability to be a voting member, use of the Club flying field, and receipt of the Club newsletter and a copy of the bylaws.

Article 5 – Officers, Club Leadership Council, Appointed Positions and Permanent Committees

Section 1 - Elected Officers

The officers of the Club shall include a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, shall be elected by the membership to a 12-month term of office starting at the close of the annual business meeting.

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Section 2 – Club Leadership Council

The core Club Leadership Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. At the discretion of the President, the Leadership Council can be expanded to include additional members, such as past club presidents, to help discuss and resolve specific issues.

Section 3 – Qualifications for Elected Position

Any member shall be eligible for an officer position subject to an open nomination and election by a majority vote of members attending the annual business meeting. There is a consecutive term limit of the president and vice president of two years. Upon completion of the President's term of office, the outgoing president shall be maintained at an 'At Large' status indefinitely and may be called upon to participate in Leadership Council issues. Any officer subjected to the term limit provision may run again for that position after a one-year abeyance from that office.

Section 4 – Club Coordinators

The Club also shall maintain, as required, additional Club coordinators to assist the Club leadership in their endeavors. The Club officers shall appoint such additional coordinator positions. The term of office for Club officers and Club coordinators shall be one year with all officers and coordinators eligible for reelection.

Section 5 – Vacancy

In the event of resignation, or any other reason, any elected officer of the Club shall not be capable of fulfilling the duties of their office, the Leadership Council shall have the authority to appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Business Meeting.

Section 6 – Hall of Fame

A Hall of Fame shall be maintained in perpetuity to recognize and honor club members who have demonstrated outstanding flying performance and/or club support at the highest level. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be appointed by the president and the nomination/selection criteria and process will be specified in the Club Policies and Procedures document.

Article 6 - Duties of Elected Officers

Section 1 – Duties of the President

The President shall preside at the business meeting of the Club, shall authorize expenditures of Club funds, and shall promote in every reasonable way the interests of the Club. The President shall represent the Club with Academy of Model Aeronautics and local governmental agencies and shall appoint committees as required to promote the interests and successful completion of related duties of the Club. Such committees shall serve through the duration of the specific need as defined by the Club and may be reappointed at the discretion of the President

Section 2 – Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President to ensure the goals and duties of the President are achieved. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President if for any reason the President is not able to perform his or her duties. The Vice president shall ensure the club's perpetual trophies are available for presentation at their respective MMM championship events as well as perform any additional tasks assigned by the President.

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Section 3 – Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

- The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the current Charter and other official documents of the Club. The Secretary/Treasurer shall take meeting minutes during the annual business meeting and make the minutes available for all Club members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain a current membership roster and maintain the mailing list.
- The Secretary/Treasurer duties shall include maintenance of all Club financial records, collection of dues from all members, and maintenance of the Club bank account. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for safekeeping of all Club funds, including the Club bank account, and provide a written or verbal report of the Club finances at each Club meeting. This officer shall ensure that Club financing obligations are promptly met.

Article 7 – Finances

Necessary expenses of the Club shall be paid from the treasury. Income sources for the Club shall include, but not be limited to dues, contest fees, and donations. No officer or member of the Club shall have authority to incur expenses in the name of the Club, except as specified above. All major expenditure needs must be reviewed and approved during the Annual Planning Meeting or with a quorum consisting of the Leadership Council.

Article 8 - Meetings

The Club shall conduct at least one business meeting per year. This meeting shall constitute a business meeting format to discuss and vote on open issues, election of officers and coordinators, and establish the yearly contest schedule. The members present shall constitute a quorum and their voting decision is final. Notice of the annual business meeting shall be given to each member of the Club at least 30 days in advance of said annual meeting, and it is understood that publication of a notice of the meeting in the Club Newsletter shall constitute adequate notice.

Article 9 - Newsletter

A Club newsletter shall be published a minimum of once per year, preferably at such time as to call attention to Club business and events. The Club newsletter shall be made available for a subscription fee to any person desiring it. The Club newsletter shall be informative as to upcoming activities, past activities, and the sharing of knowledge in support of the sport of Free Flight Aeromodelling.

Article 10 – Contest Directors

It is preferable that a maximum number of Club members be qualified with the AMA as Contest Directors (CD's).

Article 11 – AMA Sanctioned Contests

The club shall sponsor at least one annual regional championship level AMA sanctioned contest and one regional Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) contest per year. The club may sponsor additional contests, record trials and/or fun flies, as approved by the membership Council.

Article 12 – Disciplinary Actions regarding Membership

In the event of any member not acting in the best interest of the Club, its membership, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, or Aeromodelling, said member may be subject to disciplinary action, removal from officer status, or removal from membership.

Section 1 - Cause

Any member who displays blatant behaviors including but not limited to the following shall be considered demonstrating cause for disciplinary action:

- Actions jeopardizing privilege to, access to, or use of the club flying site(s)
- Behaviors subjecting the Club or any of its members to possible legal actions (complicity)
- Flagrant violation of the AMA Safety Code
- Any unlawful acts
- Violent or threatening actions toward any other person or persons.

Section 2 – Immediate Action and/or Procedure for Grievance

This section deals with persons who are Club members and **not** members of MMFC-SAM1. In addition members of MMFC-SAM-1 have access to the Club's flying site(s) and as such these person's actions must be dealt with as described in the bylaws of the MMFC-SAM 1 Club.

- If there is demonstration of aforementioned actions by any member of The Club or any other person in attendance during a Club event, the director of that event, acting in behalf of the Club, shall have the authority to request that person immediately cease the behavior and/or vacate the premises immediately.
- Any person or member of the Club may present to any member of the leadership Council a written protest describing allegations of the event(s) subjecting a Club member for possible action or revocation of membership from the Club or removal from office.
- The Leadership Council must contact the accused member within ten (10) calendar days and obtain from that person a reply to the alleged infraction and/or accusation within thirty (30) calendar days.
- After reviewing both sides of the issue, the Leadership Council may dismiss the charges, decide in favor of disciplinary action, counsel the guilty person, or consider the issue of revocation of membership in the Club to a vote of the Club.

Section 3 –Revocation of Membership, Method, and Enforcement

This section deals with persons who are Club members and **not** members of MMFC-SAM1. Any person whose membership has been revoked will be barred from participation in Club events and entry to the flying site(s) for the period of revocation.

- After satisfying the requirements heretofore described, and the preliminary determination is revocation of membership from the Club, the Club Leadership Council shall advise the Leadership of the MMFC-SAM1 Club.
- The vote prescribing revocation shall also include a period of revocation.

Section 4 – Crossover and MMFC-SAM1 Members

- Persons who are members of **both** The Club and MMFC-SAM1 who have been accused of actions as described in Section 1 above will be referred to a joint meeting of the Leadership Council and the officers of MMFC-SAM1.
- Persons who are **only** members of MMFC-SAM1 who have been accused of actions described in Section 1 may be banned from events sponsored by The Club and the

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Leadership Council will advise the MMFC-SAM1 leadership of the events leading up to the Club's actions so that they may take appropriate action.

- If revocation is warranted based upon the seriousness of the behavior and concurrence is obtained with the MMFC-SAM1 Club, that terminated member shall be banned from entry to the Club flying site(s), and attendance at all Club activities.

Section 5 – Reconsideration for Membership

At the expiration of the revocation period, that revokee shall then be eligible to reapply for membership to the club.

Article 13 - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members attending any annual meeting of the Club, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been supplied to members of the Club at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting date. The Club leadership council may take emergency action to enact temporary amendments as required to deal with special situations. These actions will expire at the next annual meeting.

Article 14 – Club Policies and Procedures

The Club shall maintain a Club Policies and Procedures Document describing the specific details of Club operations and specific policies governing normal Club operation. Typical entries in this document shall be specific responsibilities to the club regarding Contest Directors, specific Club event rules, scoring practices for Club maintained Awards, and/or other responsibilities of appointed positions such as “coordinator.” This document shall be made available to all members for their use. This document shall be easily amended or revised by simple motion and majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting.