

By-Laws of Meroke Radio Control Club, Inc.

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ARTICLE ONE

Organization:

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Meroke Radio Control Club, Inc.
- B. The organization shall have a seal.
- C. The organization may, at its pleasure, by a vote of the membership, change its name.

ARTICLE TWO

1. Purpose

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized.

- A. To promote and encourage model building and operation of radio controlled boats, planes, cars and other models.
- B. To provide guidance and direction in model building and the operation of models and radio equipment.
- C. To aid, insofar as possible, the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and other AMA activities, looking toward the continual advancement of model aviation in all its phases in the United States.

2. Proviso

All local or special enterprises of the Meroke Radio Control Club, Inc. shall conform to the policies of the AMA and abide and conform to the policies, regulations and laws of local and/or municipal governments governing radio controlled activities.

ARTICLE THREE

Membership:

- A. Membership in this organization shall be open

to all persons living in Nassau County or having connections in this county or vicinity, provided they meet qualifications prescribed by this club and by the AMA and hold the following licenses:

1. An AMA license.
2. A Nassau County permit.

B. The membership shall consist of the following classes of members:

1. Open Members: all members over age 18.
2. Junior Members: all members up to age 18.
3. Lifetime Members: all members over age 80.
4. Probationary Members: members awaiting permanent status.

C. A proposed new member must be sponsored by a member of the organization and must attend three (3) meetings within a three (3) month period. Such proposed new member is to be voted upon at the third meeting as a probationary member by a majority vote for a period of three (3) months.

D. A probationary member shall become a permanent member after successful completion of a three (3) month probationary period unless previously notified in writing by the Board of Directors that permanent membership is being denied.

E. Membership is to be limited to that number set by the Board of Directors, but in no event less than 60 members with the provision that all members of one family shall be considered as one member in this regard.

F. Non-resident membership shall not exceed 25% of the total membership.

G. Lifetime Membership: a member in good standing for at least three (3) years, is eligible for Lifetime Membership in the year of his/her eightieth (80th) birthday.

ARTICLE FOUR

1. Annual Meeting:

A. The Annual Membership Meeting of this organization shall be held on the third Thursday of November, each and every year, except if such day be a legal holiday, then, in that event, the Board of Directors shall fix the day, but it shall be not more than two weeks from the date fixed by these By-Laws. The Corresponding Secretary shall cause to be emailed to every member in good standing, published in Smoke Signals, and posted on the official Meroke website, a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting. Any member without access to the Internet shall notify the Membership Chairperson of this circumstance in writing and said notice shall be mailed to his/her address as it appears in the membership roster.

B. Nominations and elections of officers and directors are to be held at this Annual Meeting and the term of office will commence with the first meeting in January.

2. Regular Meetings:

A. Regular meetings of this organization shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month.

3. Special Meetings:

A. Special meetings of this organization may be called by the president when he deems it in the best interest of the organization. In addition, at the request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors or ten (10) members of the organization, the President shall cause a special meeting to be called.

B. Notices of such meeting shall follow the procedure as set forth in Article Four, 1. A.

C. Said notice shall state the reasons that said meeting has been called, the business to transact at said meeting, and by whom called.

D. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at said special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such

meeting.

4. Quorum:

At least three (3) officers and fifteen (15) members constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization; but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than two (2) weeks from the date scheduled by these By-Laws and the Corresponding Secretary shall cause a notice of this scheduled meeting to be sent to all those members who are not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum hereinbefore set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

ARTICLE FIVE

Voting:

A. At all meetings, except for the election of officers and the Directors, all votes shall be voice votes, by members in good standing, except that for election of officers and Directors, ballots shall be provided to members in good standing and there shall not appear any place on said ballot any mark or marking that might tend to indicate the person who cast the said ballot.

B. All officers and Directors shall be elected by a plurality vote.

C. Voting may be done by proxy provided that the proxy be in writing, be signed, and said proxy must authorize an individual to vote in his stead.

D. At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so required, any question may be voted upon by closed ballot.

E. At all votes by ballot, the President shall immediately, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three (3) who shall act as inspectors of election and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing, to the President, the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting. However, the President may dispense with the inspectors of election if a majority of the members at the meeting so decide, in

which case the President and Recording Secretary shall tally the votes and advise the members as to the voting results. No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

ARTICLE SIX

Order Of Business:

- A. Roll call.
- B. Reading the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- C. Reports of officers.
- D. Reports of committees.
- E. Old and unfinished business.
- F. New business.
- G. Program.
- H. Adjournment.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Board Of Directors:

- A. The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) members as follows:
 1. The five (5) current officers.
 2. The last past President.
 3. Three (3) open members. In the event the last past President is a current officer, four (4) open members shall be chosen.
- B. At least one of the Directors shall be a resident of the State of New York and a citizen of the United States.
- C. The three or four open members to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting of this organization and they shall serve for a term of one year, commencing with the first meeting in January.
- D. The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of the organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be convened by the President or three (3) Board members after due notice to all the Directors of such meeting.

E. Five (5) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

F. Each Director shall have one vote, and said voting may not be done by proxy.

G. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meeting as it may, in its discretion, determine to be necessary.

H. Vacancies in said Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the term of office.

I. The President of the organization, by virtue of his office, shall be chairman of the Board of Directors.

J. Any Director may be removed at a special meeting called for this purpose by a majority vote of the total membership, provided the Director being removed is given an opportunity to defend himself. A Director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Officers:

A. The officers of the organization shall be as follows:

1. President:

- a. The President shall preside at all membership meetings.
- b. He shall, by virtue of his office, be Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- c. He shall present, at each Annual Meeting of the organization, an annual report of the work of the organization.
- d. He shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.
- e. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

f. He shall have such powers as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

2. Vice President:

a. The Vice President shall, in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office, become acting President of the organization with all the rights, privileges, and powers as if he had been the duly elected President.

b. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

3. Recording Secretary:

a. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records of the organization in appropriate books.

b. He shall be the official custodian of the records and seal of the organization.

c. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

4. Corresponding Secretary:

a. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to file any certificate required by any statute, federal and state.

b. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

c. He shall present to the membership, at any meetings, any communication addressed to him as Corresponding Secretary of the organization.

d. He shall submit to the Board of Directors any communication which shall be addressed to him as Corresponding Secretary.

e. He shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Corresponding Secretary.

5. Treasurer:

a. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of

all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for said monies or securities of the organization.

b. He shall cause to be deposited in a regular Commercial Bank, all funds of the organization.

c. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

d. He shall render, at least quarterly, a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the meeting in which it is read.

e. He shall exercise all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer.

B. An officer may be removed at a special meeting called for this purpose by a majority vote of the total membership, provided the officer being removed is given an opportunity to defend himself. An officer may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing.

C. Officers shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the Board of Directors.

D. No officer may be elected for more than five (5) consecutive terms for the same position, with the exception of the President, who may not hold office or more than two (2) consecutive terms.

E. Officers are limited to open members.

ARTICLE NINE

Salaries:

A. No officer or director shall, for reason of his office, be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director from receiving compensation from the organization for duties other than as an officer or director.

B. The Board of Directors shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which they, in their discretion, may determine to be necessary in the conduct of the business of the organization.

ARTICLE TEN

Committees:

A. All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the President or Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one (1) year or less if sooner termination by the action of the President or the Board of Directors.

B. The permanent committees shall be:

1. Annual Contest Committee.
2. Club Contest Committee.
3. Field and Safety Committee.
4. Public Relations Committee.
5. Social Committee.
6. Program Committee.

C. Additional special committees, as required, may be named from time to time by the President or Board of Directors.

D. A committee shall be limited to no more than four (4) members.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

1. Initiation Fees:

A. The initiation fee for the open membership shall be Fifty (\$50) Dollars. The payment due and payable upon the member being voted into the organization as a probationary member. Initiation fees paid may be refunded if permanent membership is denied.

B. Junior members will be exempt from any initiation fee.

C. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to waive or reduce the initiation fee or terms of payment of any member upon good cause.

2. Dues:

A. The dues of this organization for Open Members and Open Probationary Members shall be Sixty (\$60) Dollars per annum.

1. New members joining after March, shall have their dues pro-rated at Five Dollars (\$5) per month for the remainder of the year.

2. Dues are due by the first day of the fiscal year (November 1).

B. Junior Members and Junior Probationary Members are to pay Twenty-Four (\$24) Dollars per annum.

C. Dues or assessments may be raised or lowered only upon consent of 50% of the total membership of the organization.

D. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to waive or reduce the dues of any member upon good cause.

E. Lifetime Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

ARTICLE TWELVE

1. Termination of Membership

Removal by Board of Directors:

A. A member who does not attend at least one meeting out of every eight (8) consecutive meetings, unless sufficient cause in writing is shown to and approved by the Board of Directors, may be dropped from the membership rolls by the Board of Directors.

B. If a member fails to pay dues in full by the last meeting in January he/she may be removed from the membership rolls by the Board of Directors.

C. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the first regular meeting in February to determine which members are to be dropped from the membership rolls because they have not fulfilled their obligations as contained in these By-Laws.

Resignation:

D. A member in good standing who desires to resign may, upon written notice to the Board of Directors stating acceptable reasons there of, do so

and later may return, provided there is an opening in the membership. In the event that an opening exists, said member shall be given priority over proposed new members upon an opening of membership. Reinstatement of membership rules shall be applicable for re-entry into the club.

Leave of Absence:

E. Any member requesting a leave of absence may do this by notification in writing to the Corresponding Secretary of said member's intention. The leave of absence shall be authorized for a Six (6) Month period. If at the end of this period an extension is required, a second letter must be submitted. If said member does not return to active participation after Twelve (12) Months, said member may be dropped from the active membership rolls by the Board of Directors. Reinstatement of membership rules shall be applicable for re-entry into the club.

Notification:

F. On or about January 2, the President shall ask the Corresponding Secretary to send a written notice to all members who have not fulfilled their obligations as contained in these By-Laws asking said members to fulfill their obligations or notify the Club of their intentions to resign or ask for a leave of absence. Said members shall be notified that they may be subject to removal from the membership rolls by the Board of Directors.

G. At the first meeting in February, those members whose membership has been terminated by the Board of Directors shall be officially announced and written notice shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to any member removed from the membership rolls by the Board of Directors.

2. Reinstatement:

A. In order for a member who was removed or resigned to be readmitted to the organization, said member will be required to pay his/her full annual dues upon the Board's approval.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Special Funds:

The Treasurer of the organization is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual, Corporation, or situation to be applied to the operating expenses of the organization.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Amendments:

A. These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or added to at a duly called meeting subject to the following provisions:

1. Any proposed amendment must be presented to the membership for consideration.
2. In order to become effective, it must be approved by a majority of the members present at the meeting, but in no event may the majority be less than 40% of the total membership.

B. Upon approval, the Recording Secretary shall cause the new amendment to be incorporated into the By-Laws.