

BYLAWS of the HICKMAN COUNTY MODEL AVIATORS

As of 2008

ARTICLE 1: Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this club shall be Hickman County Model Aviators, and will be referred to hereinafter as HCMA. HCMA is an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) affiliated club.

Section 2. The principal office of the HCMA will be located as directed by the officers of HCMA, and is currently coincident with HCMA's AMA contact officer.

Section 3. The principal flying location of HCMA is currently James T. Duncan Field located in Bon Aqua, TN, the GPS coordinates of which are filed with the AMA

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

The purpose of HCMA is "to promote and support all aspects of aeromodeling with a special emphasis on radio control aircraft, and to increase community awareness of said activities through education, demonstration, and community service".

ARTICLE 3: Membership

Section 1. Any individual who expresses an interest in aeromodeling and/or radio control AND possesses a current AMA membership shall be eligible for HCMA membership. The membership shall be divided into the following classes.

a. Open Members. Those who are 17 years of age and older at the time of membership placement.

b. Junior Members. Those who are 16 years of age and under at the time of membership placement. A junior membership will remain valid throughout the dues cycle regardless of when age changes from 16 to 17 within that cycle. At the beginning of the next dues cycle, the junior member will be advanced to an open membership.

Section 2. Upon application for membership by an individual, the current HCMA membership will vote on the acceptance of the applicant. Passage requires a 2/3 majority vote by a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current membership. Upon passage, the new member will have all benefits and responsibilities of a member in his/her class.

Section 3. Any member that proves to be a hazard to the safety of other members and/or guests, who fails to abide by the AMA regulations and the published HCMA field rules, or

threatens HCMA's good standing in the community shall be subject to suspension and/or revocation of flying privileges at James T. Duncan Field. These actions require passage by 2/3 majority vote of a quorum.

Section 4. A member who has suspended or revoked flying privileges may apply for reinstatement of said privileges. This reinstatement also requires passage by 2/3 majority vote of a quorum.

Section 5. If an individual is perceived to be an immediate threat to the safety of others, the HCMA Safety Officer may invoke a temporary suspension of flying privileges effective until the next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time appropriate action will be taken. If the safety officer is not present during the violation, any other 11=A officer may invoke the same suspension.

Section 6. HCMA is an AMA affiliated club, and therefore requires all AMA regulations be followed by its members as well as regulations set forth by HCMA. Any suspension or revocation of privileges at the AMA level will automatically result in suspension of HCMA flying privileges.

ARTICLE 4: Dues

Section 1. The HCMA membership shall set club dues for all classes of HCMA membership. Dues cycles run concurrently with the calendar year, and are due and payable by January 31. Additionally, individuals placing NEW memberships during a dues cycle will have the current cycle's dues prorated to reflect the remaining months in that dues cycle.

Section 2. As of this writing, HCMA dues are as follows:

- a. Open members - \$40 annually
- b. Junior members - \$10 annually

No partial dues payments are normally accepted except in the case of NEW members with prorated dues.

Section 3. The issue of a dues increase shall be addressed at each officer election meeting. This does not require that dues be increased. Instead, it serves as a reminder to keep the dues rate current.

ARTICLE 5: Books and Records

Section 1. HCMA shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of each meeting held by the membership. These records and minutes shall be available to all members in good standing upon request.

Section 2. A record of all members' names, addresses, and AMA numbers shall be kept on file.

Section 3. A copy of the Bylaws and Field Rules shall be kept on file. These records shall be available to all members in good standing upon request.

Section 4. A copy of the HCMA Field Rules shall be posted at or near the frequency control board at James T. Duncan Field.

ARTICLE 6: Meetings

Section 1. HCMA shall conduct monthly meetings to address matters involving the membership. Weather permitting, monthly meetings will be held at James T. Duncan Field and currently are held on the second Tuesday evening of each calendar month. In the case of inclement weather, an alternate location shall be selected.

Section 2. Matters requiring passage by vote at monthly meetings, including officer elections, must pass by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of HCMA shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. In all HCMA documents, the titles of Safety Officer and Field Manager may be used interchangeably.

Section 2. All HCMA officers must hold a current AMA membership.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by nomination and majority vote. Office terms run for 2 calendar years with elections being held and officer changes taking effect at the January meeting.

Section 4. In the event an officer is no longer able to fulfill the duties of the office, an interim officer may be elected by the membership or appointed by the other HCMA officers. The interim officer shall remain in office for the duration of the term or until such time that the original officer can resume his duties.

ARTICLE 8: Amendments

Recommendations for Bylaws changes may be proposed by any member of HCMA. Any such changes must be passed by 2/3 majority vote of the entire membership. Additionally, at least 3 of the 5 HCMA officers must be present and vote in any Bylaws resolution.