

# ***Georgia Mountain R/C Club, AMA #1566***

## ***Bylaws - Revised November 15, 2021***

### **Article I: NAME & LOCATION**

- a. **Name:** GEORGIA MOUNTAIN R/C CLUB
- b. **Mailing Address:** 6035 Bark Camp Road, Murrayville, GA, 30564
- c. **Flying Site:** 5731 Fields Rd. Gainesville, GA 30506  
GPS: 34°26'17.90" North by 83°47'12.89" West

### **Article II: PURPOSE**

These bylaws are intended to provide the members of the Georgia Mountain R/C Club with organization and a facility to pursue the sport of model aviation in a safe and peaceful manner.

### **Article III: MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Current Full AMA Membership, TRUST#, FAA registration, if applicable, is required for all flyers.
- b. The official AMA Safety Code applies for all flyers.
- c. Prospective members will be brought into the club by:
  1. Showing proof of current Full AMA membership, TRUST#, and FAA registration if applicable,
  2. Paying current club dues.
- d. Dues:
  1. The annual dues shall be determined by the club officers with the approval of club members as outlined in Article VI.b. Dues are non-refundable except in extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the club officers on a case-by-case basis.
  2. Dues are for a fiscal year due on or before last day of member's anniversary month. Member will be advised by written notice at beginning of anniversary month. If not paid by last day of month, member will forfeit membership.
  3. Current member will pay full dues (\$100) less a 25% discount if paid on or before last day of member's anniversary month, otherwise they will be considered new members. New members joining during the year will pay full dues (\$100). Their anniversary month will be month joined.
- e. Termination: If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her flying privileges in the club shall thereby terminate subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
- f. Dismissal Procedure: A written complaint by any member in good standing may be submitted to a club officer. The club officers will consider the complaint based on current policy (see attachment). If considered viable, it will be presented to the club at the next regular meeting for consideration. If club votes to dismiss member, no refund will be allowed. The vote will be by secret ballot. Accused member, after written notification of not less than 5 days after club vote, may protest in writing or in person at the next regular meeting.

### **Article IV: MEMBER STANDING**

- a. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the club's bylaws, and those of the AMA.
- b. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
  1. **Full Member:** Sixteen (16) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: full member rate plus Full AMA membership.
  2. **Junior Member:** Younger than sixteen (16), has all flying privileges except voting rights. Dues: 1/2 full member plus Junior AMA membership.

3. **Spousal Member:** Has all flying privileges except voting rights, Dues: 1/2 full member plus Full AMA membership.

4. **Lifetime Member:** Any member serving meritoriously for an extended period will be granted a lifetime membership upon nomination by consensus of club officers and approval of club vote as outlined in Article VI.b. At present, Bill Drake is in this group.

## **Article V: OFFICERS**

### **a. Duties:**

1. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesperson in all matters pertaining to club activities and actions.

2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all physical assets the club.

3. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for recording minutes of each club meeting and executing other correspondence.

4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the club bank account, disperse funds for club-approved expenses, and be the club's contact with the AMA.

5. **Editor:** The Editor shall be responsible for maintaining the club roster and mailing list. He/she will also be responsible for publishing the meeting notice and other club mailings.

6. **Safety Coordinator:** The Safety Coordinator shall provide a communications link between AMA and clubs in matters related to safety, act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the club and the members, assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents, and develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA clubs.

7. **Webmaster:** The Webmaster shall maintain the information that appears on the website, place any club recommended information on the site, monitor the monthly payments for the site, and verify that the annual payment for the domain name is paid.

### **b. Terms of Office:**

1. All elected officers shall serve for one year and will be elected by a simple majority vote of members present at the last regular meeting of the year.

2. Nominations of officers and the election may occur in the same meeting.

3. Nominees must have at least 2 years of membership in GAMTNRC.

## **Article VI: MEETINGS**

a. Regular meeting shall be determined by the club officers with approval of club members as outlined in Article VI.b. and published in the club meeting notice and website.

b. At any club meeting a quorum of 7 members will be necessary for voting.

## **Article VII: RECORD KEEPING**

a. The Treasurer and the Editor will jointly maintain the club roster. All monies and info for new members will flow through the Treasurer and he/she will transmit name, address, phone number, AMA number, FAA#, TRUST# and email address if available to Editor who will enter on the official club roster.

b. Dissolution of club: The duration of the club is perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of a meeting quorum. Any monies in the club treasury will be divided among the current members.

## **Article VIII: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS**

a. Proposal: Any member may propose a change to the bylaws and submit it to a club officer.

b. Approval: the proposed change will be reviewed by an ad-hoc bylaws committee and if approved will bring before the club for a vote.

**Article IX: FLIGHT & SAFETY RULES**

1. Flying will be by members and guests only, members being solely responsible by guest qualification.
2. Only pilots and helpers (for which pilot is responsible) are permitted beyond fence. Spectators will remain behind fence.
3. Starting benches are provided for your safety.
4. Flying Hours: Gas and Nitro: 10am to 1 hour before sundown  
Electric: 8am to 9pm, unless organized night fly
5. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are not allowed at the club's facility or any club activity. Further, those participating in any club activity must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. No flying over the pits, parking or spectator areas.
7. All landings must be announced in an audible voice.
8. An aircraft with a "dead" engine always has the right of way over all others under power. Shout "deadstick" as a fair warning to others.
9. Shout a warning to others if you should lose control of your aircraft.
10. Engine runs in the pits are limited to 3 minutes and the prop blast shall be directed away from spectators, pilots and equipment.
11. A muffler that is effective at reducing sound is required on all engines of .10 or larger displacement. The maximum allowable sound shall not exceed 90 db.
12. Perspective members are allowed one visit before joining.
13. Guest-Passes may be purchased in advance from the treasurer at \$20 for a 7 day pass. The guest name, AMA number, and visiting dates shall be recorded on the pass by the treasurer. The sponsoring member must be present with the guest.
14. A log of current members will be maintained at the field.
15. All aircraft flown (guest or member) will carry owner identification per AMA and FAA requirements.
16. Clean up all litter, trash and aircraft parts (broken props/crash debris) prior to leaving the field. Take all trash with you.
17. The only activities allowed at site are limited to R/C aircraft with the exception of turbine powered due to the likelihood of damage to the fabric runway.
18. If any member recognizes activity that appears significantly dangerous or offensive, that member should report his/her concerns to any club officer.
19. The club officers shall meet, and must objectively inquire to determine the facts, and also subjectively evaluate the emotions, motives, credibility, as well as possible intrusiveness upon the neighboring environment. After investigation and review by club officers, if they collectively decide that an infraction of club policy has occurred, a certified letter will be sent to the offending member notifying him/her to suspend the activity. Thereafter, if any member should observe continued disregard of this warning that should be reported to any club officer. Then upon review by the club officers if they verify that there is continuance of unacceptable activity, they shall issue a notice that the offending member's status will be reviewed at the next scheduled club meeting. The offending member is welcome to attend and explain the reason for the infraction. The members present having heard the situation will then vote on accepting/rejecting continued club membership.

## **Addendum: 9-11-21**

### **Policy for Junior Members and Spouses**

#### Definitions:

Minor Children: Children or grandchildren of members in good standing who are under the age of 18.

Responsible Adult: The parent or grandparent of the minor child who is a junior member.

GMTNRC: The Georgia Mountain Radio Control Club (“the Club”).

AMA: The Academy of Model Aeronautics

1. Minor children or grandchildren of members in good standing of GMTNRC may become Junior Members without being placed on a waiting list or taking up a space on the roster when calculating the maximum number of members. They will be assigned to the family unit of the responsible adult. The family unit will be considered to occupy a single slot on the roster of members.
  - a. Junior member dues must be paid annually according to club policies.
  - b. The Junior member must be accompanied and supervised by the responsible adult when flying independently. If the junior member is taking a lesson, the responsible adult may delegate supervision to the instructor.
  - c. The Junior Member must maintain AMA membership.
  - d. Once the Junior Member reaches the age of 18, he or she must be placed on the waiting list for an independent membership and independent place on the roster. However, he or she may remain a Junior Member until an independent adult slot opens at which time he or she must join independently or be withdrawn as a member.
2. Spouses of members in good standing may become members without being placed on a waiting list (if the club is at the maximum number of members) and shall not take up a slot on the roster for the purpose of calculating the maximum number of members. Rather, they will be assigned to the family unit of the member in good standing. Spouses who are cleared to fly may fly without supervision and have all the rights and privileges of any other member in good standing.
  - a. Spouse members must pay full annual adult member dues.
  - b. Spouse members must maintain AMA membership.
3. Grandfather clause: At the time of the approval of this policy (September 11, 2021) all members and their spouses who are also members and their minor children who are members shall be consolidated into a single-family unit for the purpose of calculating membership numbers and maximum slots available. All other provisions of this policy shall apply (including dues and AMA membership, FAA# and TRUST#). This may create open slots that may be filled from the waiting list as appropriate.