

ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

West Michigan Smoke Rings

B. LOCATION

Southwest, Michigan

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To further the sport of control line model aviation

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

The AMA membership is the only requirement to be a member of the West Michigan Smoke Rings.

B. DUES

Dues are \$20.00 per year for open members, \$1.00 for youth under 19 years old, and senior citizens, and are to be paid on or before the February meeting.

C. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

E. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

F. REINSTATEMENT

A two -thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. ELECTED OFFICERS

President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected biannually

- Elections will be held in January of odd numbered years with the new officers taking over at the February meeting.

C. DUTIES

The President shall preside at meetings. The VP shall preside in the absence of the president. The Secretary records the minutes. The Treasurer handles club funds.

D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

Safety officer and Web Master

E. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the Club Members at the next meeting.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

- We will have a monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at the flying field weather permitting, and will be held indoors during the off season.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Special Meetings will be announced one week before being held to deal with Special events. (contests, Picnics, ... etc)

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All records are passed on when new officers are elected.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees, Special committees.

- Committees will be created as required.
- Committees will be for a specified purpose, and will end when the task is completed.
- The President will assign committee members as needed.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer positions can be from the floor.

B. ELECTION

Elections are held at the regularly scheduled meeting in January.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. ROBERT'S RULES

- Robert's rules will be followed with the exception of voting will be decided by a majority of members present at the meeting at the time of the vote.

C. FISCAL YEAR

- The fiscal year will go from the 1st of January thru 31st of December.
- Dues will need to be paid on or before the February meeting.

C. NEWSLETTER

D. CLUB LOGO

D. STANDING RULES

All AMA Rules shall be followed.

F. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

A. PROPOSED

A proposal to change these Bylaws can be made at any normal meeting.

B. APPROVAL

Approval of the changes will be made at the next normal meeting by a majority of members present at the meeting.

C. VOTING

Voting will take place at the next normal meeting after the proposal is made. A proposal will be approved by a majority of members present.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Officer for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Club Officers. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer and the rest of the Elected officers shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.

b. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer and this will be recorded in the Club records.

c. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer, and elected Officers. If the Officers so decide, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

d. THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Officer will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club with a two-thirds (2/3) majority, vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

