

BY-LAWS
OF KENNEBEC VALLEY MODEL AVIATORS, INC.
As Adopted May 3, 2006 – Revised November 13, 2024

I. NAME

- A. The name of the corporation shall be; Kennebec Valley Model Aviators, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as KVMA), a duly authorized Maine nonprofit corporation.

II. PURPOSE

- A. The objectives of this club shall be to promote model building and flying in Central Maine and the general area, to aid in so far as possible the national programs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as AMA) and related activities, looking toward the continual advancement of model aviation in all its phases in the United States, and to maintain a flying site for the membership.
- B. All contests conducted by KVMA shall conform to the policies of AMA and to the regulations of that organization, governing model aircraft contests.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS; ANNUAL MEETING

- A. The KVMA shall elect annually at the December meeting from its members officers who shall act to represent the club and to expedite club activities. These officers shall hold the positions of:
1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Contest Officer
 6. Safety Officer
 7. Newsletter Editor

IV. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Members of this organization shall meet the following qualifications:
1. Agree to abide by the decisions of the club as a body.
 2. No person under the age of 12 shall be admitted as an active member unless supervised by an adult member.
 3. Members must also be members in good standing of AMA except for non-flying Life and Honorary members.
 4. Members may be expelled from the club only by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a club meeting. This vote will be by secret ballot. Reasonable advance notice of said meeting will be given in the newsletter preceding this meeting or by mailed notice to the membership.

V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. President
1. It shall be the primary duty of the president to preside at all club activities.
 2. The president shall, at all times ascertain that beneficial and instructive decorum is maintained.
 3. The President shall also appoint such committees and assistants as he may deem advisable.
- B. Vice President
1. The Primary duty of the Vice President shall be act on the president's behalf in the event of the absence of the president.
 2. He/she shall, in such capacity, assume all powers of the president.

C. Secretary

1. It shall be the primary duty of the secretary to provide accurate and concise minutes of all meetings which are held by the club. These minutes shall be available to the membership or an officer upon reasonable request, and they shall be published in the newsletter immediately following the meeting to which the minutes pertain.
2. It shall be the duty of the secretary to prepare and mail all KVMA correspondence, unless such correspondence is prepared and mailed by another officer in the performance of his/her duties.
3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to make sufficient advance notice of all club activities and meetings. This obligation will be fulfilled by either publishing such notice in the club newsletter mailed prior to the meeting or by sending notice by ordinary first class mail to the members if such course of action is determined to be appropriate by the president.

D. Treasurer

1. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to maintain a bank account for all monies which are entrusted to him by the club.
2. The treasurer shall maintain an accurate and detailed records of all income and expenses of the club.
3. The treasurer will publish in the club newsletter an accounting of the income and expenditures of the club, both for the current month and for the year to date. The treasurer may add such other information to his/her report which he/she deems advisable and proper to keep the membership fully informed of the financial status of KVMA.
4. The treasurer will make his books and records available to any officer or member of the club on reasonable demand.
5. Collection of dues and accounting for same shall be the responsibility of the treasurer.
6. All payments from the club treasury shall have the approval of the officers of the club or a vote of the majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the club.

E. Contest Director

1. It shall be the duty of the contest director to plan, organize, and schedule all flying events held at KVMA field.
2. It shall be the duty of the contest director to make sure that these events are being run fairly and with recognized or established rules for the contest being available through official publications of AMA, and that adequate notice be given to contest participants either at or prior to the contest.

F. Safety Officer

1. It shall be the duty of the safety officer to enforce all AMA and KVMA flying rules.
2. It shall be the duty of the safety officer to notify a member of this club of any violation of safety rules.
3. It shall be the duty of the safety officer to notify the officers of this club of any members that are continuously violating safety rules.
4. It shall be the duty of the safety officer to enforce the use of the frequency pins and to make sure that said pins are returned to their proper spot by the individual using same.

G. Newsletter Editor

1. The newsletter editor shall create and publish the newsletter.
2. The treasurer will reimburse the newsletter editor for his ordinary and necessary expenses in accomplishing this function.
3. The newsletter will be mailed to the membership as far as possible in advance of a club meeting.
4. In the event that the newsletter editor receives material from a member that the newsletter editor considers inappropriate for publication in the KVMA newsletter, he/she will refer the matter to the president for a decision by the president in consultation with the secretary and the treasurer. Material that is patently offensive to reasonable persons will not be published by the newsletter editor.
5. The newsletter editor may receive and publish commercial advertisements from commercial concerns and individuals selling or purchasing radio control models and equipment. commercial advertising rates shall be determined by the membership from time to time. Such payment shall be to the treasurer of KVMA.
6. The newsletter is a private publication intended to inform the membership of KVMA and interested others of KVMA activities and the like. Thus, there is no requirement that the editor publish anything from any person who is not a member of KVMA, and the newsletter editor in his/her sole discretion may refuse to publish material submitted by a person not a member of KVMA.

VI. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Safety Officer and Secretary shall comprise the Board of Directors, and they shall serve as directors for the period they hold office as officers.
- B. The Board of Directors may meet as they deem necessary.
- C. The President shall be the Chair of the Board.
- D. The Board may act on any issue for the benefit of KVMA at times when a meeting of the membership cannot reasonably be called. To the extent possible, the Board will defer to a vote of the members.
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VII. **ORDER OF THE MEETINGS**

The business meetings of the club shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order to the extent practicable.

VIII. **PAYMENT OF DUES**

- A. Dues for members shall be posted in the newsletter monthly and will be reviewed yearly by the Officers at the October meeting to be voted on at the November meeting for the coming year and then voted on by members per Article X. Since the club runs on a calendar year, the dues year shall be from January 1 through and until December 31. Members may be kept on the membership list for a brief period at the beginning of the new year at the discretion of the membership to allow a reasonable time to pay dues.
- B. A vote at a previous meeting was taken to add members that are still actively flying at the age of 80 and have been a current member for 5 years prior to turning 80 will become honorary members with authorization to fly at the field, but must be current members of the AMA. The rule applies to people that have turned 80 and the honorary dues start the following Jan 1.
- C. Members that do not meet the above criteria can be honorary members but will not be authorized to fly until they meet the 5 year dues and age criteria ,without paying Senior dues.

- D. If for some reason the membership level drops below a level that will not support the clubs fiscal responsibilities, this rule will be rescinded by a vote of the club members.
- E. Current dues are listed in the latest newsletter: (November 2024) – Adult \$75, Senior \$70 (65 and older), Family (same household) \$95, Youth (16 and under) Free

IX. DATES OF MEETINGS

- A. There shall be a meeting held the first Wednesday of each month except in the event of conflict with a holiday.
- B. Should such a meeting conflict with any national or state holiday, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify all members of the club of an alternate meeting date.

X. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- A. Amendments to the by-laws shall be by majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the club.
- B. A duly called meeting of the club is a meeting announced in the club newsletter or a meeting that members were notified of by announcements sent to them by first class mail.
- C. Notice of a proposed by-law change together with the text of the proposed by-law shall be published in the newsletter issued immediately prior to such meeting.

XI. NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

- A. Publication in the clubs newsletter, mailed or e-mailed to all members, shall be considered sufficient notice in all matters requiring notice in this by-law.

XII. DISSOLUTION

- A. The club may be dissolved at any time by 2/3 vote of the membership.
- B. In the event that dissolution of the club is voted, funds in the treasury will be used to satisfy all outstanding debts and obligations.
- C. If a balance then remains in the treasury, this amount will be donated to a suitable charity or other entity authorized by law to receive such finds.

XIII. CONSECUTIVE TERMS FOR OFFICERS

- A. Officers may serve as many terms as they want in the same office.