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Article I. - Name, Location, and Incorporation

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the BUTLER AIRCRAFT MODELERS SOCIETY INC. and here in after be referred to and designated as the BAMS.

Section 2. The incorporation office of the BAMS shall be located the county of Butler, Pennsylvania.

Section 3. The BAMS is a non-profit corporation organized under laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), a governing body for model aviation in the United States.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to encourage the building and flying of model aircraft, including Radio Control, Control Line be Flight, or any other form of model aviation.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Any individual who indicates an interest in building or flying of model aircraft or in furthering the purposes of the MS, shall be eligible for membership. The membership shall divided in classes as follows:

- Junior Membership** - those who hold a junior AMA license.
- Senior Membership** - those who hold a senior AMA license.
- Open Membership** - those who hold an open AMA license.
- Family Membership** - husbands and wives who hold an open AMA license and sons and daughters who hold a junior or Senior AMA license will constitute a family. A son or daughter eligible for open membership while a Student may continue under the family membership. Associate Members - individuals interested in model Aviation but not flying for whatever reason, need not possess in AMA license.

Flying Membership - Full flying privileges without the membership responsibility described in **Article IV.** Dues will be (4) four times that of an Open Member. Must have the appropriate AMA license and obey all Field Regulations.

recognition of contributions to aviation or the BAMS, upon approval of the membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will determine the eligibility ' of all applicants and has the power to reject any applicant they determine to be unsuitable. The Board can reject the membership renewal of any individual. A unanimous vote of the Board of Directors is needed to reject a new applicant or membership renewal. Upon acceptance for membership, each individual shall agree to accept the Club's by-laws, flying field regulations and pay such dues, initiation fees, or assessments that are in effect. No member shall have the right, title or interest in the BAMS property.

Article IV. - Responsibilities of Membership

Members are responsible for supporting the activities of the BUTLER AIRCRAFT MODELERS SOCIETY and maintaining the flying field and property of the organization. With the only exemption being a physical handicap or disability, which could keep a member from the physical work

Article V. - Resignation, Disciplinary Action, and Reinstatement of Membership

The Board of Directors are responsible for disciplinary action and may accept the resignation of any member. The Board can expel any individual they determine to be in violation of the by-laws, field regulations, or whose actions have disrupted the good order of the organization. A unanimous vote by the Board of Directors is required to expel a member. Expulsion can be appealed to the membership. A 75% majority vote of all members eligible to vote is required to override the decision of the board.

Article VI - Dues

The Board of Directors must submit dues changes to the voting membership for approval from the voting membership for approval by secret ballot. The Board of Directors must obtain approval from the voting membership by secret ballot for any indebtedness. Members must be advised by mail in advance of the meeting at which the dues or indebtedness vote will be taken. The Board of Directors are elected by the open open membership to conduct the business of the Club and must be able to make decisions based on the combined judgement of the four Board members. They can, at any time, poll the members on any issue. The open membership (voting membership) can override a board decision by a 75% majority vote of all members eligible to vote.

Article VII - Books and Records

Section 1. The BAMS shall keep correct and complete books and records of all accounts and shall keep minutes of all proceedings at membership meetings, and formal committee proceedings.

Section 2. The record of the names and address of its members shall be kept at the principle office of the BAMS.

Section 1. The Board of Directors will meet as business requires and report to the membership on all business conducted.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will schedule meeting of general membership for the purpose of communicating organizational business, unity and information concerning model aviation. A minimum of (6) six general meetings will be held yearly.

Section 3. A special meeting can be called by a written petition signed by (10%) ten percent of the total eligible voting membership and presented to the Board of Directors. A minimum (14) fourteen day advance notice of special meetings will be given to the general membership.

Section 4. The voting membership at the meeting shall be the eligible open members in attendance.

Article IX - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. BAMS officers shall be nominated by a voting member to serve a (2) two year term..

Section 2. To be eligible to be a BAMS officer, a nominee must be an Open Member in good standing and have been a Club member for a minimum of (1) one calendar year.

Section 3. The officers will be elected by a secret ballot of the Open Members to serve a term of (2) two years. The President, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected on even numbered years. The Vice President and the Director will be elected on the odd numbered years..

Section 4. Nomination of the officers will be open at a general membership meeting during the Labor Day picnic, in the month of September. Nominations will close at the October meeting and the election be held. Newly elected officers will be installed at the end of the October meeting.

Section 5. Elections and referendum will be conducted by secret ballot at the meeting, or by mail.

Article X - Officers

Section 1. The officers of the BAMS shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director.

Section 2. If, for any reason, an office other than that of President or Vice President becomes vacant, the Board of Directors will appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President will assume the office and a new Vice President will be elected by the membership to complete the remaining term. If, for any reason, the President and the Vice President should leave office, an election will be conducted to fill the unexpired terms. In the absence of the President or Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer becomes the senior officer, followed by the Director.

Section 3 The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the BAMS. The President has the responsibilities and powers listed below:

Preside over Board and general membership meetings.
Conduct meetings in an orderly manner.
Assure the rights and privileges granted to a member are not violated. Supervise and be knowledgeable of all business and affairs of this organization. Affirm that they are conducted in a business like manner in accordance with the by - laws Establish regular communication with the membership. The President has the power to veto any and all actions of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice President is the assistant to the President and be prepared to assume the duties of the President. The Vice President will implement the programs of the Board in the areas of pilot training, enforcement of field regulations, and flying activities, such as demonstrations, etc. The Vice President will nominate Field Marshals to assist In the enforcement of Field Regulations. The Vice President may appoint qualified members to assist with other programs. The Vice President is also responsible for : Certifying instructors and assuring their instructions meet the goals certifying the student.

Will certify all newly instructed pilots and those joining the club with previous experience, Advise the Board in flying matters and upgrading of the certification program.
Coordinate demonstrations at the flying field and work with others to develop demonstrations of different types of aircraft.

Section 5. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining all records called for in Article VII.

Section 6. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the financial records and advising the Board accordingly.

Section 7. The Director at large will represent the membership at the board meetings and assist the other officers with the business of the operating the Club.

Section 8. No member elected or appointed to the BAMS Board (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Director) shall be a member of the Board for more than two consecutive terms or four consecutive years. A member who was on the Board for two terms or four consecutive years may run again or be appointed to the Board after a two year period of not being on the BAMS board.

Article XI - Board of Directors

Section 1. The management of the affairs of the BAMS shall be vested in the governing body, to be known as the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary /Treasurer and a Director,

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to supervise the affairs of the BAMS and to establish policies.

Section 4. The Board of Directors will carry out the following responsibilities:

- a.. Maintain a flying site and plan improvements to the flying sight.
- b. Issue and review **flying site** regulations to assure safe and fun flying for the membership.
- c. Appoint Field Marshals nominated by the Vice President to assist him in the enforcement of Field Regulations.

- d. Establish and maintain a program of pilot certification for all flyers.
- e. Plan an annual calendar of events to include general membership meetings, picnics and flying events.
- f. Appoint an auditor to oversee the counting of ballots and to annually audit the organizational accounts.
- g. Conduct elections and referendum's.
- h.. Appoint a newsletter editor.
- i. Appoint special committees as needed.

Section 5. Decisions of policy shall not be at variance with the stated purposes and objectives of these By-Laws.

Section 6. Any open member in good standing may initiate a formal request for Board action by submitting a petition to the President The petition should include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President will report back to the petitioner with the action by the Board within (60) sixty days.

Section 7. The Board of Directors can override a Presidential veto by unanimous vote of the (3) three other Board Members.

Article XII- Appointees:

Auditor, Chief Pilot, Demonstration pilot, Newsletter Editor and Field Marshals

Section 1. The auditor will audit all accounts yearly and supervise the accounting of the ballots during elections and referendum's.

Section 2. The Newsletter Editor will publish a monthly letter communicating to the membership the activities of the BAMS

Section 3. Field Marshals are responsible for:(a.) Advising the Board concerning Field Regulations.(b.) Enforcing Field Regulations (c.) Investigating safety violations and accidents, (d.) Filing format charges against individuals who disregard Field Regulations after being warned.

Section 4. The Field Marshal has the power to ground the flyer who fails to heed the warnings about safety violations. The grounding will be for the remainder of the day. Continuing to fly after being automatically result in a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Directors. The Marshal has the power to order anyone off the flying site and may call law enforcement for personnel assistance

Article XIII - Pilot Certification

Section 1. A three-level program of pilot certification will be maintained to educate new members and to challenge experienced flyers. The first level will be the Pilot Second Class, second level. Pilot First Class , and the third level, Expert Pilot.

Section 2. The Board of Directors and Chief Pilot will set requirements to meet each level. Safety education will be stressed at all levels.

Section 3. Each flyer will be authorized to wear a set of wings designating his certified level of proficiency. A distinctive set of wings will be established for the Chief Pilot and Demonstration Pilot (Top Gun)

Article XIV - By-Law Amendments or Changes

Changes will be made in the By-Laws by a majority vote of the members voting. Proposed changes will be brought before a general membership meeting for discussion. The proposed changes will be mailed to all members and a vote taken at the following meeting of the general membership.



BY-LAWS

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