

DESERT EAGLES MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING CLUB BYLAWS

RECORD OF REVISIONS

Rev Number	Date	Description of Major Changes	Approved
10	November 2010	Added grounds for termination without unanimous board approval. Increased dues to \$60. Added provision for AMA park pilot program	
11	February 2013	Added record of revisions page; added Attachment 1 to allow email voting for general election; added language requiring candidates for eboard to be members in good standing; removed provision forbidding board members from voting in the election for new board members; removed references to "Trust Fund" (dissolved); changed wording of noise limit to refer to 95 db as the maximum of the average of the four quadrant readings, with no single reading to exceed 98 db., deleted Appendix A (Trust Fund)	
12	March 2015	Added fuller description of the Club purpose in the Preamble, changed Club Management to allow re-election of prior Executive Board members, deleted section allowing reimbursement of dues for Executive Board members, added statement of operation as non-profit entity and associated inurement clause, added clearer description of disbursement of assets upon dissolution of Club, added non-discrimination clause, invoked Sec. 336 of PLAW 112-95, disallowed operation and flying of gas turbine powered aircraft. Added identification of document to footer.	

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I. Preamble

The Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club of Idaho Falls, Idaho is a fellowship chartered under the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Its primary purpose is to promote flying of model aircraft as a recreation and hobby. To do so it intends to provide its membership with satisfactory flying sites in perpetuity. This is to be accomplished, in part, through friendship and tolerance, safe flight operations, sound financial management, harmony with the community, strategic planning, full membership participation, and the involvement of youth.

II. Club Management

1. Executive Board For the purpose of continuity of the Club's purpose, the Club shall be managed by an Executive Board of five members consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Safety Coordinator. Board Members serve a one-year term, unless interrupted by resignation or other factors. Once elected, Executive Board members may volunteer to serve a two or three year term. The terms of office for the five officers shall be twelve months, and consecutive terms may be served. Membership terms are staggered so that at least one Executive Board seat becomes open for election every twelve months. The Executive Board may choose to operate with one missing member for any period of less than one year, or the Executive Board may appoint any Honorary, General, Special or Junior Member eighteen years old or older to fill up to one open seat for up to one year. Should there be two or more open seats on the Executive Board, then the Board must hold an election or appoint members to fill the empty seats.

Partial terms of Executive Board members selected to mitigate interruptions or other factors shall be adjusted to end on the regular twelve-month intervals. A Board Member may be re-elected after expiration of their previous term

Any elected club officer or any officer appointed by the Executive Board may be subject to recall. The recall process is started by any member of the Executive Board or the Electorate requesting a recall vote of the elected or appointed officer in a written note to the Executive Board. The Executive Board then administers a recall vote from the Electorate and the recall is approved by an affirmative vote of more than 50% of the Electorate attending the meeting. The Club meeting consisting of the vote must be announced in the previous Club meeting. A quorum shall consist of the Electorate attending the club meeting.

Members who are AMA Park Pilot Program (vs full) AMA members may vote in club elections and hold club office.

2. Election of Officers The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Safety Coordinator are elected at twelve-month intervals by simple majority vote of the entire Executive Board.

3. Executive Board Meetings The Executive Board shall meet monthly, or more often, unless prevented by extenuating circumstances. Once the yearly planning sessions are completed, Executive Board business may be conducted via email, if a face-to-face meeting is not necessary. A quorum for the board shall be at least three members for all management decisions except selection of the five officers, and changing these By-Laws. The selection of officers requires a majority vote of those Board members who are not candidates for the office of concern. Changes to the By-Laws require the unanimous vote of the entire Executive Board. The Executive Board may solicit the opinions of the General Membership on any topics or issues of concern, should they wish. The Executive Board shall be attentive to any opinions offered by the General Membership that are submitted in writing and signed. Any members are always welcome to attend any Executive Board meetings as non-voting participants.

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4. Executive Board and Other Club Communications The Executive Board, through its decisions, shall govern the Club, and represent it in communicating with other organizations or the community. The Board may, at times, assign to one or more General Members the specific task to communicate with outside persons or organizations on behalf of the Board. However, the Board shall make all commitments of Club resources or commitments for the Club to perform activities.

5. Election of the Executive Board There are two methods of electing Executive Board members. The primary method is through General Election. Candidates shall be members in good standing, with a history of service to the club. Candidate Executive Board Members should notify the Board in writing of their desire for consideration at least two months before the next election. The Executive Board shall inform the General Membership of all candidates for upcoming open Board seats at least one month before the election. The Board shall make available to all candidates the opportunity to present a campaign speech to the General Members or to provide such information in the newsletter. Candidates may pursue office by campaigning by themselves and with the help of supporters.

Executive Board Members are elected by a vote at the November club meeting. Members unable to attend may vote by email. See attached description of the email vote. The Club meeting consisting of the vote must be announced in the previous Club meeting. A quorum shall consist of the Electorate attending the club meeting. The electorate consists of all General Members, Special Members, Junior Members over the age of 18 and Honorary Members, all being in good standing. . Should a simple majority not be achieved when more than two candidates seek an Executive Board opening, then consecutive elections shall be conducted, with the candidate with the lowest vote count being eliminated after each election.

If the number of declared candidates for filling open Executive Board seats does not equal the number of seats plus one, then the Executive Board shall use the secondary method of filling the seats, Appointment. The Executive Board selects willing candidates and appoints them to open Executive Board seats by unanimous vote. If appointments are made prior to the end of a calendar year, then all members of the Executive Board for that year vote. If the appointments are made after the end of a calendar year, then only the Board Members whose terms are still active vote.

6. Service Positions The Executive Board may appoint, or request the Electorate to elect members to positions of service such as Watering Committee Chairman. The Board shall establish the term durations and reappointment or re-election limits for these positions of service. The Board shall strive to assure that all Members in good standing are involved to the broadest extent possible in Club activities and service.

7. Meeting Minutes Written minutes of each Executive Board meeting and General Membership Meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary or delegated by the Secretary to another Executive Board Member. The minutes shall be submitted for approval at the next Executive Board or General Membership meeting, as appropriate. The approved minutes shall be signed by an Executive Board member after approval. A hard copy of these minutes will be kept by the Club Secretary.

8. Position Descriptions The Executive Board shall prepare and approve by unanimous vote written position descriptions for Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Safety Coordinator.

9. Availability of Records Copies or originals of all formal records, correspondence and files of the Club shall be made available to any requesting Club Member or group of Members within one week of request. Any expenses to be incurred shall be reimbursed in advance by the requester.

10. Audits The Executive Board shall have all financial records of the Club audited and a written report issued at least once per calendar year. Normally, the audit will be performed in February for the previous calendar year. Results of financial audits shall be presented to the entire Club Membership.

11. Club Meetings The Membership shall meet monthly, or more often, unless prevented by extenuating circumstances. A member of the Executive Board shall chair the meetings of the General Membership.

12. Discipline Any member may bring to the attention of the Executive Board information about the transgression of these By-Laws. The Executive Board shall review valid observations of non-adherence to these By-Laws. The Board shall decide if they should counsel a Member not in good standing, or consider termination of membership, and take such actions in a timely manner.

13. Interpretation of By-Laws All interpretations of these By-Laws for meaning or intent is the responsibility only of the Executive Board.

14. Expenditure of Club Funds and Disposition of Assets All Club funds are expended as follows: The President may authorize the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for any single purchase of items or services for a single specific purpose or use. Likewise, the Treasurer may authorize up to \$75.00. The Vice-President may authorize expenditures in the absence of the President. Expenditures over \$100.00 and up to \$1000.00, require approval of a quorum of the Executive Board. Expenditures over \$1000.00 require approval of a majority of the Electorate attending a club meeting.

Disposition of Club assets is handled by the Executive Board in a manner similar to expenditures. The club savings and checking accounts shall be at Westmark Federal Credit Union.

The value of a Club asset must be established by a quorum of the Executive Board so that the applicable level of approval for disposition can be determined.

There shall be no disbursement of Club funds to members of the Club other than for reimbursement of materials or services purchased for the Club.

The Club operates as a non-profit entity. As such, no individual or individuals having a personal and private interest in the activities of the Club shall gain any financial benefit from the Club's financial assets or real property.

15. Dissolution of Club By definition, the Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club ceases to exist when membership drops below five members in good standing, or when it is declared defunct by a quorum of the Executive Board and more than 50% of the Electorate, exclusive of Temporary members. The Club meeting consisting of the vote must be announced in the previous Club meeting. A quorum shall consist of the Electorate attending the club meeting. As part of dissolution, any residual financial assets and real property belonging to the Club will be donated to one or more non-profit entities such as the AMA Foundation. No residual financial assets or real property belonging to the Club will be transferred to Club members or other individuals.

16. Discrimination No Club written documents, policies, or practices, including membership requirements, will discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, or religion.

III. Membership

1. Definition and Requirements of the Categories of Membership There shall be five categories of membership: General, Special, Junior, Temporary and Honorary/Life.

Type of Membership	Candidacy	Application and Acceptance	Annual Dues and Term	Initiation Fee
General	Anyone	Regular Application accepted by a quorum of Executive Board.	\$60.00 per year starting 3/1 prorated for first year, if join after Aug club mtng.	None
Special	Spouse of General Member	Regular Application accepted by a quorum of Executive Board.	\$5.00 per year starting 3/1	None.

Junior	Under 18 or full time student under 22	Regular Application accepted by a quorum of Executive Board.	\$5.00 per year starting 3/1	None when joining; none when becoming a General Member.
Temporary	Anyone not a resident of Bonneville County	Regular Application accepted by a quorum of Executive Board.	\$10.00 per month for no more than 3 months per calendar year.	None.
Honorary/Life	Nominated by Executive Board	Regular Application accepted by unanimous vote of Executive Board.	No dues, term stipulated by Executive Board.	None when awarded; none if membership type changes.

Notes for Table:

- 1) **There are no assessments applicable to Honorary Members.**
- 2) **AMA membership is required if a club outdoor flying site is to be used by any type of Member.**
- 3) **The membership year for all types of membership except Temporary Membership begins on March 1 except for new memberships commencing during the membership year. Dues are in arrears after March 31.**
- 4) **Late Fee: Renewing members may be subject to a \$5 late fee for dues received after the May general club meeting.**

Membership in Good Standing Membership is a privilege, not a right. "Membership in Good Standing" is established by a member adhering to the "Preamble" and subsequent sections of these By-Laws, following the rules for any club flying sites, and being current in dues, initiation fee (if any), and assessments. Any membership may be terminated by unanimous affirmative vote by the Executive Board for willful violation of club bylaws or AMA Safety Code. Reinstatement of any member terminated by the Board using Section III requires the unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

Grounds for Termination of Membership Without Unanimous Affirmative Vote of Executive Board

The following acts are considered to be grounds for automatic termination:

1. Dissemination of the gate code to non-members
2. Failure to maintain AMA membership and club membership,
3. Continued operation of a model aircraft that does not meet the club sound requirements (ref, section V.2), whether it has been tested or not,
4. Failure to perform the sound testing of a model, and subsequent operation of that model at the DEMAFC field.

Membership Application A candidate for any type of membership must submit a Membership Application with all required information supplied. If a club outdoor flying site is to be used, the application must include proof of current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Dues and assessments, as applicable, must be paid upon application approval by the Executive Board. Dues are delinquent if more than 30 calendar days (March 31) in arrears and the membership candidate is no longer a "Member in Good Standing" until the dues are paid. Dues are subject to a \$5 late fee (returning members) if received after the May general membership meeting.

AMA Park Pilot Program- A reduced cost AMA membership (Park Pilot Program) is available to those who fly only lightweight "Park Flyer" type models. These models have maximum weight and airspeed restrictions (currently 2 lb and 60 mph. Actual limits may be subject to change, and the current AMA limitations will apply). Power plants are restricted to non Internal Combustion types. In accordance with these and other limitations, the insurance coverage is reduced. The DEMAFC is open to

with these and other limitations, the insurance coverage is reduced. The DEMAFC is open to membership by AMA Park Pilot members. Park Pilot members may use the DEMAFC model field to fly Park Flyer model aircraft only and are subject to the same AMA safety rules, DEMAFC field safety rules, and club bylaws as regular members.

Resignation Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to any member of the Executive Board. Any member in good standing who has resigned may rejoin using the procedures for new members included above in these By-Laws.

Dues, Fees and Assessments The Executive Board shall obtain over 50% concurrence by the Electorate attending a Club meeting for any changes to membership dues and fees, and for any assessments. The Club meeting consisting of the vote must be announced in the previous Club meeting. A quorum shall consist of the Electorate attending the club meeting.

Pro-Rating of Dues For first time members joining after the August club meeting, dues are to be reduced to \$5 per month remaining in the membership year (March-Feb). Dues for juniors and special members (spouses) is \$5, not prorated.

IV. Flying Site Operations

1. AMA Safety Code Field operations and flying of model aircraft shall be governed by the Safety Code of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Section 336 Special Rule for Model Aircraft of Public Law 112-95 – Feb. 14, 2012, and any additional rules dictated by the Executive Board.
2. Noise Limits All Model aircraft (i.e. radio controlled, control line, free flight etc.) operated at any Club flying site shall demonstrate the ability not to exceed a sound limit of 95 decibels (“A” weighted, averaged-see below) at a distance of nine feet from any point on the aircraft with the engine at maximum power, using the fuel, muffler and propeller that will be used for flying. Any change in muffler, fuel or propeller will require re-testing if there is the possibility that such change has increased the noise level of the model. The four readings measured at the front, left, rear and right sides of the aircraft shall be averaged, and the average shall not exceed 95 dbA. No single reading of the four may exceed 98 dbA. Control line aircraft shall have the needle valve adjusted to a “release to fly” setting. Measurement shall be made by any Executive Board or General Club Member using the Club’s sound level meter. All measurements shall be recorded in the Club’s Sound Log.
3. Special Approval Required – Gas Turbine Powered Aircraft Models powered by gas turbine or jet engines shall neither be flown nor operated at the Club’s flying field without direct, written approval from the Executive Board. This restriction does not apply to ducted fans, either electric or fuel. The Club does not presently have water based fire fighting equipment as required by the AMA for operation of gas turbine engines and flight of aircraft powered by such engines.
4. Drugs and Alcohol Club flying sites are alcohol and drug free. No alcohol or drugs may be brought to the sites, or consumed on the sites. No one may operate any aircraft when under the influence of alcohol or any drugs.
5. Spotters When more than two pilots are simultaneously flying radio controlled aircraft, a spotter is recommended to assist the pilots at the pilots’ flying positions. The spotters are to observe and provide information of potentially hazardous situations to the pilot or others present at the flying site. Spotters shall be required at special events.
6. Rules posting Current flying and use rules shall be posted at the Club flying sites.
7. Proof of Membership Club Members shall have current proof of Club and Academy of Model Aeronautics membership available at all times when using Club flying sites.

8. Guests Any Club Member may bring prospective club members to a Club flying site and allow each of them three free visits with full site use per year. Current, valid AMA membership is required of all such prospective Club Members. Compliance with these By-Laws and field use rules is mandatory. Guests must be escorted by a Club Member at all times when using the Club's flying site. Gate codes shall not be given to guests.

V. Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Board

1. The President shall:

- a. Lead and direct, with appropriate delegation, the activities of the Club in accordance with the purposes and By-Laws of the Club;
- b. Act as the spokesperson with outside organizations in the conduct of the various issues relating to Club activities;
- c. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and of the General membership, or appoint a designee.
- d. Authorize emergency or special expenditures not exceeding \$100.00 in any one instance without concurrence of the entire Executive Board; and
- e. Function as an authorized signer of Club checks.
- f. Appoint standing and special committees as he deems necessary.

2. The Vice-President shall:

- a. Act in the capacity of the President should the President be absent or ill, in accordance with the duties and responsibilities cited in Section A, above; and
- b. The Vice-President is not authorized to sign Club checks. Only the President and Treasurer are so authorized.
- c. Responsible for scheduling events and meetings.
- d. Solicit and encourage new memberships, and assemble new member's packets.

3. The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and of the General membership or delegate this duty to another officer and maintain a hard copy of these minutes,
- b. Cause to be completed the official correspondence of the club;
- c. Maintain files of Club correspondence, and other as appropriate;
- d. Not be authorized to sign checks. Only the President and Treasurer shall be so authorized.
- e. Preside at meetings of the Executive Board or of the General membership in the

absence of the President and Vice-President; and

f. Preside at meetings of the Executive Board and of the General membership when requested by the President or Vice-President.

4. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Collect and disburse all monies, and maintain accurate records of all transactions;
- b. Authorize expenditures up to \$75.00 to obtain and maintain necessary operating supplies for the Club's activities;
- c. Function as an authorized signer of Club checks.
- d. Present a report of all transactions to meetings of the Executive board and be prepared, as required, to report at General Membership meetings;
- e. Present an annual financial statement to the Membership within 60 days following the end of the calendar year;
- f. Keep all Club funds in Club checking and savings accounts as approved by the Executive Board;
- g. Issue membership cards or "stickers" for AMA cards as verification of membership;
- h. (Deleted Trust Fund duty)
- i. Maintain files of Club insurance records, leases and permits from federal, state and local governments; and
- j. Preside at meetings of the Executive Board and of the General membership when requested by the President or Vice-President.
- k. Keep a record of all members in good standing.
- l. Submit member list to AMA for purpose of club charter, and maintain the charter records

5. The Club Safety Coordinator:

- a. Support the activities of the Club as directed by the Executive Board;
- b. Assist in the decision making process to further the purposes of the Club; and
- c. Preside at meetings of the Executive Board and of the General membership when requested by the President or Vice-President.
- d. Promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs, AMA chartered clubs will be required to establish the position of Safety Coordinator. This person will act as a communications liaison between the club and the AMA headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related materials. The Club Safety Coordinator must have E-mail

access. The Club Safety Coordinator will follow the recommended duties and activities designated in the Club AMA Charter.

Approval Signatures:

Record document is signed by the following:

Herschel Smartt – President	Date	Elliot Sussman – Vice President	Date
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Tye Tomchak – Treasurer	Date	Steve Henderson – Secretary	Date
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Art Rood – Club Safety Coordinator	Date		
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