

DESERT EAGLES MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING CLUB BY-LAWS

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 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 not be re-elected for at least twelve months after expiration of their previous term, unless that term is a partial term of less than one year. The Executive Board must fill any open positions on the Trust Fund Management Committee within three months of the vacancy occurring.

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.

Board members serving a full year may be reimbursed the club dues for that year. This will be done by having the Treasurer hold the dues of the Board members separate from the rest of the club funds. At the end of the year being served (December) the dues are either returned to the board member or, if re-elected, maintained for the next year. The Board member must complete the full year of service to qualify for having the dues reimbursed.

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. 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.

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. 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. 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. Executive Board Members do not vote as part of the General Members.

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, except the Trust Fund, 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, except the Trust Fund, require approval of a quorum of the Executive Board. Expenditures over \$1000.00, except the Trust Fund, 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.

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.

III. Membership

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

| 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 | 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 shall 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. Refusal to allow 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 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 shall be governed by the Safety Code of the Academy of Model Aeronautics 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) 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. 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. 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.

4. 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.

5. Rules posting Current flying and use rules shall be posted at the Club flying sites.

6. 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.

7. 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. Is a member of the Trust Fund Committee;
- 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:

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| President | Date | Vice President | Date |
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| Treasurer | Date | Secretary | Date |
| _____ | _____ | | |
| Club Safety Coordinator | Date | | |

APPENDIX A – TRUST FUND

1. The trust fund is established to preserve a portion of the capital of the Club and over time increase its inflation-adjusted value. The primary purpose of the Trust Fund is to accumulate capital for the future purchase of a permanent outdoor flying site suitable and legal for radio controlled model aircraft operations. Any other use of any or all of the assets of the Trust Fund must be approved by the unanimous vote of the Executive Board and then by a vote of over 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.
2. Withdrawal of any or all funds from the Trust Fund shall be made by an authorized member of the trust Fund Management Committee upon written direction from the President or Vice-President of the Club. When possible, the withdrawal should be in the form of a check in the name of the individual or business with whom the Club will be spending the withdrawal.
3. Should the Club cease to exist, the mutual fund families holding the funds shall be directed in writing by an authorized member of the Trust Fund Management Committee to issue a check to the Academy of Model Aeronautics for the full amount of the Club's Trust Fund minus any expenses or fees due the mutual fund families. The check shall be submitted to the Academy of Model Aeronautics within two weeks of issue by the Executive Board by Registered Mail and shall be accompanied with instructions for its disposition or use by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
4. The Trust Fund Management Committee shall consist of the Club Treasurer and two General Members, Special Members or Executive Board members selected by a quorum of the Executive Board and approved by 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. The Trust Fund Management Committee members serve terms of five years, and may serve consecutive terms. The Trust Fund management Committee members, other than the Club Treasurer, should be selected based upon their desire to serve on the Trust Fund management Committee and their knowledge of investing through mutual funds. Alternately, the Executive Board may serve as the Trust Fund Management Committee.
5. The following rules and guidelines are to be utilized by the Trust Fund management Committee:
 - a. All Club funds that are invested shall be invested in mutual funds rated "four or five stars" by the Morningstar rating system. Should a mutual fund owned by the Trust Fund fall below these ratings, the mutual fund should be sold within one year of the announcement of the evaluation by Morningstar or Value Line. This rule does not apply to money market funds since they are not rated by Morningstar. In the absence of more active management, the funds may be placed in a CD, certificate of deposit.
 - b. The mutual funds may be bond funds, stock funds, or funds of combinations of both, but mutual funds with more than 25% of their assets in foreign businesses or bonds shall not be purchased.

- c. Diversity of investment should be pursued, but no more than one mutual fund for each \$2500.00 of the Trust Fund should be purchased. Un-invested trust fund cash shall be maintained in a money market fund through the mutual fund families..
 - d. Frequency of the purchase or trading of mutual funds should be minimized, consistent with these rules and guidelines.
 - e. The Trust Fund Management Committee should consider the investment horizon specified in these By-Laws when determining the mutual fund types (cash, stock, bond, or mixed), risk levels and fee structures for the Trust Fund. The investment horizon for this revision of the By-Laws is ten years.
 - f. The Trust Fund shall be invested wholly through large mutual fund families such as Fidelity, Vanguard, or T. Rowe Price..
 - g. Two members of the Trust Fund Management Committee shall be authorized to conduct Trust Fund business with the mutual fund families.
6. Money for investment shall be provided periodically in the form of a check issued to the mutual fund families and authorized by the Club President. All such money shall be approved by the Executive board per the regular By-Laws. Checks shall be deposited by the Trust Fund Management Committee within two weeks.
 7. The Trust Fund Management Committee shall provide a report to the Membership at least twice per year in February and July on the status of the Trust Fund. The report may be made at a meeting of the Membership or through the Club newsletter. The report shall, as a minimum, summarize the mutual funds owned by the Trust Fund, the earnings or losses of the Trust Fund, and all sales, purchases or other transactions conducted on behalf of the Club.
 8. This Appendix A to the By-Laws is approved by the Executive Board and is to be implemented upon selection of the Trust Fund Management Committee and when the first check for investment is provided.;

Approval Signatures:

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| President | Date | Vice President | Date |
| Treasurer | Date | Secretary | Date |
| Club Safety Coordinator | Date | | |

Club Calendar of Events

Note: the calendar is not part of the By-Laws and can be edited and changes at will without ratification of the board or club. It is placed with the By-Laws to remind the Executive Board, and Club of important dates and events.

| Calendar Item | Board should discuss | Month Due |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Non Profit State renewal | December | January |
| County Lease payment | February | March |
| Dues Collection | February | March Meeting (+\$5 after May mtng) |
| Lawn mowing contract renewal | February | April 3 rd week |
| AMA Charter Renewal | March | April |
| Intro Pilot fees | March | April |
| Spring cleanup | March | April 2 nd week |
| Open House | April/May | June 4 th week |
| Board Meetings | | To Be Determined |
| Club meetings | | 1 st Monday of the month unless it falls on holiday then the second Monday. July and Aug. at field. All others at Aero Mark |
| Nomination of officers | September | October |
| Fall cleanup | September | October 2 nd week |
| Elections | October | October |
| December club party | November | December |
| Annual audit of the treasury | January | February to be performed by the member at large and the treasurer. |
| Members only Fun fly | June | July |
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See website: deserteaglesrcclub.com for actual dates

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read the attached copy of the Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club bylaws. In addition, I understand that compliance with these bylaws is required for continued membership in the DEMAFC. Failure to comply is grounds for termination of my membership by action of the executive board.

Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read the attached excerpt of the Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club bylaws. I understand that this excerpt covers only the portion of the bylaws that governs items required of me to maintain status as a member in good standing. In addition, I understand that compliance with these bylaws is required for continued membership in the DEMAFC. Failure to comply is grounds for termination of my membership by action of the executive board.

Signature

Date