

Bylaws of the
ATLANTIC SOCIETY RADIO CONTROL MODELLERS

Effective January 29, 1992

Revised November 24, 2011

WHEREAS The following individuals; Donald Blackburn James Grandy
Bernard LeRoux Claude MacLachlan
James Turner Al Eastman,

have come together to form a club to be known as The Atlantic Society Radio Control Modellers, hereinafter to be referred to as the 'Club'. These persons will be the Chartered Members of the Club.

These Bylaws were known as "The Constitution" until changed by resolution on November 17, 2009.

1. Club Purpose To promote and foster radio-controlled modeling on a non-professional and non-commercial basis with flying safety the primary guide for all activities. The emphasis in all Club activities shall be on flying for fun and not for competition, and may include static competition and displays. In other words, the Club will promote and foster the non-competitive "Sunday Flyer" idea. However, this does not place any restriction on any club member whose ambition is flying in competition.

2. Affiliation The Club will be affiliated with the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada hereinafter referred to as M.A.A.C. and will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by M.A.A.C. The Club will pursue annual Chartered Membership in M.A.A.C. and require all Club members to be paid-up members of M.A.A.C. All insurances for Club operation will be purchased from M.A.A.C. and/or such underwriter that will cover the Club's operations. The Club will not affiliate with or join with any other model organization.

3. Executive (A) The day to day administration of the Club will be handled by the Executive. The Executive will consist of: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors; one of whom may be the Past President. The Executive will follow and enforce the Club Bylaws, and the General Rules and Regulations. No member of the Executive will take unilateral action.
(Rev Nov 2007, Nov 2009)

(B) Members of the Executive may be re-elected and serve no more than four (4) consecutive years on the Executive and no more than two (2) years in any Executive position other than Past President who has served two years as a director at large, unless no one else is available.

(C) No person may hold more than one position as a Club official, unless no one else is available for the position(s).

(D) All Club business, changes to Bylaws, and the General Rules and Regulations must be done by a motion, properly seconded, and voted on by the Membership. (Rev Nov 2009)

(E) The first act of the new Executive each year will be to pass on to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies all information necessary to keep our charter secure.

4. Executive Duties (A) The President shall be recognized as the head of the Club, chair all meetings and be responsible for the orderly and businesslike manner in which these meetings will be conducted. The President will guide and direct any and all committees to ensure their respective obligations are carried out. The President will, with the Treasurer, countersign all cheques and upon approval, sign all minutes of the meetings. The President will stimulate the members to their full capacity and at all times enhance Radio Control Modeling.

(B) The Vice President shall assist the President. In the advent that the President is unable or unwilling to carry out the duties as outlined in Article 4(A), the Vice President shall assume those duties. (Added Nov 2007)

(C) The Secretary will keep detailed and accurate records of all Club activities, minutes of meetings and administration relating to the Club. The Secretary will keep the President informed of all Club correspondence.. The Secretary will, at the annual meeting, submit a summary of the Club activities during the year, for the information of members, in writing to the membership. (Rev Nov '07)

(D) The Treasurer will keep accurate and detailed records of all Club financial matters. The Treasurer shall receive and pay monies for and by the Club and countersign all cheques with the President. At the annual meeting, the Treasurer will submit an accurate and detailed report of the Club's financial status plus an estimated budget for the coming year. (Rev Nov 2007)

(E) The immediate Past President shall ensure that the Secretary for the current year complies with 3(E) above. (Rev Nov 2007)

5. Alcoholic Beverages No drinking of any alcoholic beverages of any kind will be permitted at the flying site. Club members and/or guests may be asked to cease their flying activities, if in the opinion of other member or members present, they have been consuming alcoholic beverages at the flying site or their personal actions at the flying site show they are under the influence of alcohol.

6. Dues and Fees All dues and fees will be determined from time to time by the Membership. Dues shall be waived for Life Members. The period of membership shall be from April 1 to March 31. The Executive may reduce the dues for members who join after August 31 in which the annual dues be divided by 12, then multiplied by the number of months remaining to March 31, and then rounded up to the next ten dollar increment. (Rev Nov 17'10)

7. Authorized Debts Debts incurred by the Club shall be the responsibility of the Members on the basis of equal shares. In the case of disbanding, all funds remaining in the Treasury after payment of all bills shall be donated to a charity at the choice of the Membership. It is preferred that the charity be one of direct benefit to children.

8. Meetings **(A)** The Club will meet at least two (2) times per year. One of these meetings is to be the annual meeting. Other meetings may be called from time to time as required in promotion of the Club and its activities. Meeting notices to be dated two (2) weeks in advance of meeting in order to have a legal meeting. (Revised Nov 18 '08)

(B) The order of business for the annual meeting shall be; 1. Opening by the President. 2. Reading of the previous minutes. 3. Business from previous minutes. 4. Treasurer's report. 5. Secretary's report. 6. Reports of all committees. 7. Review by the President. 8. Election of Club officers. 9. New business. 10. Adjournment. (Revised Nov 18 '08)

(C) (Deleted Nov 18 '08)

9. Guests Guest modelers may be invited to the flying site. All guests must be paid up M.A.A.C. or AMA members. Local modelers have three (3) opportunities to enjoy the facilities of AS/RCM. then, at the discretion of the Executive, they will be asked to join under the current Fees and Dues Schedule or they will no longer be allowed to fly at the site. (Revised January 2007)

10. New Members A new member is admitted at the discretion of three (3) members of the Executive and then the new member is informed. Dues are effective from the time the new member is accepted in the Club, and it is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to advise the Club Secretary and Treasurer in order to have Club and M.A.A.C. membership forms completed and dues collected. New members are then under a 12-month probationary period.

11. Club Membership Limitations ASRCM has a membership limitation of 50 members. This will ensure all members have ample flying time at the field. This number may be increased at the discretion of the Executive. (Revised January 2007)

12. Expulsion of Members A membership may be cancelled because of actions detrimental to the interest of the club. This can be done by unanimous decision of the executive and it is presumed that the membership have elected a responsible Executive Committee and the members of that committee have agreed that the membership of a particular member should be revoked due to consistent unsafe or unacceptable behaviour. Assuming that the offender has been warned in writing and yet continues to offend, there is no need to review or offer recourse.

(Revised Nov 2011)

13. Removal from Office A special meeting to consider the removal of a Club officer must be called by the Executive. Notice of intent must be given to all paid-up members. The majority vote of the membership in attendance will be final. Written notice must be sent to the member who has been removed from office.

14. Filling Vacancies Should any office become vacant for any reason, the position may be temporarily filled by a member of the Executive, and the position filled by election at the next regular meeting. (Rev Nov 2007)

15. Elections Elections to the Executive are to be held once a year at the annual meeting. The President is to seek nominations for candidates and inform them 30 days in advance for their consent to run for the position. Elections will be done by secret ballot for all Executive positions.

16. Voting All paid-up members have the right to vote.

17. Procedures in Case of Accident M.A.A.C. procedures to be followed in the event of any accident.

18. Expenditures The Club budget will be the guideline for all expenditures during the next Club year. All other expenditures must be approved by 51% of those members present. Foregoing is for all operating expenditures except: 1) M.A.A.C affiliation dues. 2) M.A.A.C. Club insurance. 3) M.A.A.C. Field insurance. 4) Maintenance of the field and lawnmower if under \$150.00 per year. 5) Postage and stationary. The Executive of the Club will have an amount not to exceed \$300.00 at its disposal for use throughout the Club year for unexpected expenditures. (Revised Nov 18 '08)

19. Uncommitted Funds If the club ends the flying season with uncommitted funds, a portion will be transferred to the Contingency Fund. The members will then determine how the remainder will be dispersed, such as rebate for membership renewal, and/or donation to a registered charity/charities, and/or remain as general funds. This will ensure that funds are available to purchase a new mower or emergency purposes as directed by the membership and still have contingency funds remaining. (Added Jan '07, Rev Nov 17'10)

20. Dissolved In the advent ASRCM should be dissolved, all debts and outstanding bills will be paid and the balance of any funds will be disbursed to registered charities as directed by the members. (Added January 2007)

21. Bylaws These Bylaws can be changed only at the annual meeting with 75% approval of all paid-up members that are present or by proxy. Notice of motion must be given to all members and dated at least 14 calendar days before the annual meeting. (Renumbered Jan '07 – originally Article 19) (Revised Nov 18 '08, Nov '09, Nov'10)