

The Grand Junction Modeleers, Inc.
Constitution-revised January 2009

Article 1-Name

Section 1

The name of this club shall be "The Grand Junction Modeleers, Incorporated."

Section 2

The Grand Junction Modeleers, Inc. will maintain charter membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Article II-Purpose

Section 1

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the safe operation and building of functional model aircraft in the Grand Junction area. The club shall aid, in so far as practical, the national programs of AMA activities, looking forward to the continual advancement of model aviation in all its in this area.

Section 2

All club functions shall conform to the policies and regulations required by the current AMA charter.

Article III-Changes

Section 1

Changes and modifications of the Constitution shall go into effect immediately after approval by the club membership.

Article IV-Membership

Section 1-Classes of Membership

Active Member: Any person who flies or intends to actively participate in club activities, and pays dues and fees as prescribed by Article XI; and can show the responsible club officer their current AMA card or an application for such card, or shall otherwise verify their AMA membership.

Non-Flying Member: Persons interested in club activities, but not in actively flying models are not required to hold current AMA membership. These members shall meet all other membership requirements.

Honorary Members: Honorary membership may be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. To fly, they must hold current AMA membership.

Within the above categories, membership in The Grand Junction Modeleers shall be further classified as follows:

- A. Single Member:** A member 19 years of age or older. A single member can vote on any proposal submitted to the membership for consideration.
- B. Family Member:** Family membership shall consist of a member 19 years of age and older, that person's spouse, and/or dependent children up to and including the age of 18, all living at the same address. When a dependent child reaches 19 years of age, they must obtain club membership outside of the family umbrella.

- C. **Junior Member:** Members 18 years old and under. All other conditions that apply to active members as stated above shall apply likewise to Junior Membership, with the exception of voting.
- D. **Associate members:** Associate Membership is available to members of AMA chartered clubs outside of Mesa County who desire to use the Grand Junction Modeleers flying site on a regular basis. Associate members must hold a current AMA membership. Voting privileges are not conveyed to Associate Members.

Section 2-Privileges of Membership

- A. **Active membership:** Entitles the member to attend all club meetings, and to use and enjoy all the club facilities. Single, Family, and Honorary adult members are able to vote on any proposal submitted to the membership for consideration.
- B. **Membership responsibilities:** To remain in good standing, a member must comply with all club and AMA rules. It is also the responsibility of a member to alert other members when they are violating safety rules.
- C. **Membership revocation:** Failure to follow rules and regulations of the club and AMA, as determined by the Board of Directors, will be cause for the revocation of membership.

Article V-Officers

Section 1

The club officers shall be:

- *A. **Board of Directors**
 - 1A-Chairman

- *B. Secretary
- *C. Treasurer
- *D. Safety Officer
- *E. Funfly/Events Coordinator

Article XI-Duties

Section 1

- A. **Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general club policy. The board is empowered to make decisions regarding the revocation of a membership for cause.
 - 1A. **Chairman BOD:** The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings and act as spokesperson for the club in all matters pertaining to it.
- B. **Secretary:** The club Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, the attendance roll of such meetings, and carry out all club correspondence.
- C. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall accept all club monies and pay all bills approved by the club, and keep an itemized balance. Any bill under \$50.00 needs only to be approved the Board of Directors. Expenditures over the amount of \$50.00 need to be approved by the club membership. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual audit of the club's finances.
- D. **Safety Director:** The Safety Director will supervise club activities and conditions involving the safety of members, guests, and spectators at the site of club activities. The Safety Director is empowered to suspend flying or other activity by one or more members to ensure maintenance of safe conditions.

Additional Safety Officers may be appointed by the Board of Directors.

- E. Funfly/Events Coordinator:** The Funfly / Event Coordinator will schedule and supervise monthly Funfly events; the holder of this office may solicit a volunteer assistant(s) to help with the workload of Funfly activities or other special events.

Article VII-Term of Office

Section 1

- A. Board of Directors-**Members of the Board of Directors will serve for five year terms, thus there will be a total of five directors holding office at any time. Terms of the Board members will be staggered such that one Director will be elected each year. Election to the Board of Directors will be by ballot and votes may be cast by all eligible club members.
- B. Chairman-Board of Directors-**One member of the Board of Directors will be selected yearly, on a volunteer basis, to act as spokesperson regarding business matters pertaining to club operation.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer-**Election of the club Secretary and club Treasurer will be by ballot and votes may be cast by all eligible club members. There is no minimum term period for persons elected to these offices, however club members interested in serving in these positions should be willing to do so for multiple years, in the interest of maintaining continuity of club operation.
- D. Safety Director-**Election of the club Safety Director will be by ballot and

votes may be cast by all eligible club members. This position will be filled on a yearly basis.

- E. Funfly/Events Coordinator-** Appointment to this position will be on a volunteer basis and will be filled yearly. In the event more than one club member is interested in volunteering for this position, an election by ballot will be conducted.

Article VIII-Election of Officers

Section 1

Nominations will be made by a committee consisting of the current Board of Directors and the Funfly/Events Coordinator. The nominations shall be presented to the club at the October meeting, at which time any member may nominate any member for any office. The election of officers shall be at the November meeting. Installation of officers will be at the December meeting, which may be combined with the club Christmas party.

Section 2

The election of club officers shall be by secret ballot. The ballot shall be made available to all club members two weeks prior to election, by pickup, or by electronic means (e-mail). All valid ballots cast at the election meeting will be counted for election of officers. Absentee ballots must be obtained and returned to the Secretary prior to the election. Simple majority shall rule.

Article IX-Vacancies

Section 1

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Such appointee will serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected. A vacancy in any office can be declared for cause by the Board of Directors. One such element of cause can be for the officer to miss enough meetings so as to be ineffective in the position.

Section 2

Nominations to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be made at any monthly club meeting. Nominations shall be made by the existing board, or by individual club members. The election shall take place at the general meeting following nominations. A quorum of one fifth (1/5) of the eligible voting membership is required.

Article X-Meetings

Section 1

The club shall hold at least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting each month, with the exception of the summer months (June/July/August). Additional meetings can be scheduled with time and dates set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Board of Directors will meet during the summer months, when regular club meetings are suspended, to review club operation and any related issues that arise.

Section 3

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. Membership attendance will be recorded, the minutes shall be taken and read, and the Treasurer's report given at each meeting.

Section 4

At any club meeting, in order to conduct club business, a quorum of one fifth (1/5) of the club membership must be present.

Section 5

Amendments or changes to the Constitution may be passed at any regular or special meeting by the affirmative vote of 51% or more of the total voting membership of the club. To meet the voting requirements for such amendment, the Board of Directors may direct that the proposed amendment, together with an exact copy of the article that is to be changed, be made available to the general membership in either printed form or electronically (e-mail). When the proposed change is made available, voting members must return their vote to the Secretary prior to the next meeting date. Votes not received will be recorded as being in the affirmative.

Article XI-Dues and Fees

Section 1

Dues and fees shall be set by the club annually for each type of membership. Any special assessments or fees will be charged to all new memberships.

Section 2

Club dues shall be assessed all members with amounts and other conditions set at any regularly scheduled meeting with a subsequent approval by 51% of the voting club membership.

Section 3

Club dues shall be paid in advance, yearly. Members not paying their dues by January 31st will be considered delinquent. New members joining during the year shall pay dues according to the conditions set forth in Article XI, Section 2. New members joining on or after September 1st will pay the full amount for club membership, which will be effective for the remainder of the current year as well as the subsequent year.

Section 4

The Club will not be responsible, or accept payment for individual AMA dues.