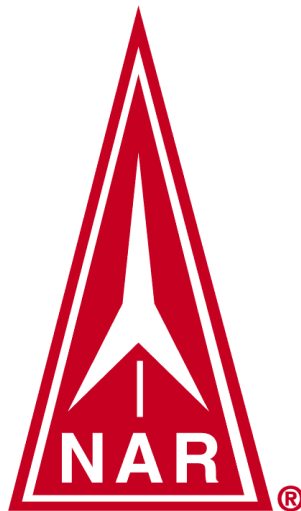




The Minnesota Amateur Spacemodeler Association Bylaws

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Article 1.

Name: The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota Amateur Spacemodeler Association (M.A.S.A). (Hereafter referred to as MASA or the Club.)

Article 2.

Purpose: It shall be the purpose of this Club to:

- (a) Have fun with model rocketry.
- (b) Operate and maintain model rockets in a safe manner and in full accordance with the standards and regulations of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and other recognized governing bodies.
- (c) Hold meetings for the purpose of aiding and encouraging all those interested in rocketry.
- (d) Engage in educational, scientific, or other positive activities relating to model rocketry.

Article 3.

Section 1.

Membership: Membership shall not be limited to members of the NAR, Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) or any other model rocketry organization. Only Club members will receive Club mailings and be eligible to compete in Club contests or receive Club sponsored door prizes.

Section 2.

Mid Power/High Power Flyers: Rocketeers who wish to fly rockets at Club launches weighing over one pound lift off weight or using motors of size “E” or larger, must be members of the Club. Rocketeers who wish to fly rockets weighing less than one pound or using motors of size “D” or smaller at Club launches are not required to be Club members.

Article 4.

Section 1.

Dues: Dues for new members may be paid at any time during the year. Dues for renewing members should be paid during January or February of each year. Individual member dues for those 18 years of age or older shall be \$10 per year. Individual member dues for those younger than 18 years of age shall be \$5 per year. Family membership dues are \$12 per year to cover a maximum of four people. Club membership shall run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. All dues shall be kept in a fund by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be paid out only on order of the President. Special assessments may be levied, and dues may be changed, by a majority vote of the members

present at any regular meeting of the Club. Such a vote will only occur provided notice is given at a previous Club meeting and posted on the Club web page at least five days preceding the voting meeting.

In November of each year, most of the Club funds, if any, in excess of the total of the previous year's expenses will be liquidated. Only enough additional money for NAR section fees, insurance, stamps, and paper for one Club mailing shall remain in the fund. The remainder of Club dues will be used to purchase appropriate door prizes such as awards, ribbons, kits, books, or other rocketry materials. Prize selection will be determined by the President and the Secretary/Treasurer. All door prizes will be awarded to the members during the December meeting of the Club. All members will be eligible to receive the prizes.

Section 2.

Club Property: It is the goal of the Club to own no significant property other than ribbons, office products, or kits designated as prizes for Club sponsored contests or competitions.

Donations presented to the Club will normally become the nominal property of individual Club members as determined by the president.

Article 5.

Section 1.

Meetings: Meetings of the Club shall be held at least 10 times per year at times and places designated by the Club Officers. Operation of the rocket range shall not be considered a meeting.

Any Club decisions shall require a quorum. A quorum shall consist of two officers and the greater of at least three other members or 20% of the current dues-paying membership..

Section 2.

Launches: Club launches shall be held at least 6 times per year. Rules for operation of the rocket range will follow the NAR safety code for low and high power rocketry and the MASA Launch Site Guidelines. The MASA Launch Site Guidelines may be revised at any time at the discretion of the President and Club officers. Current MASA launch rules, regulations, and procedures will be published on the Club web site.

Article 6.

Section 1.

Club Officers: The Club Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. All officers shall be members in good standing of the Club and the NAR.

Section 2.

Terms of Office: All officers shall serve a term of, but not limited to, one year.

Article 7.

Section 1.

Nominations: Nominations shall occur during the official Club meeting held during the month of November. Nominations for all positions shall be made from the floor. Nominees shall be required to accept the nomination prior to becoming a candidate.

Section 2.

Elections: Club Officers shall be elected by all members in good standing present at the first meeting of the calendar year. The candidate for each position having the largest number of votes shall be elected. Members not present may vote in absentia at the current President's discretion.

Section 3.

Vacancies: Vacancies in offices shall be filled by nomination and election of a Club member to fill the unexpired term of the office and shall take place at the Club meeting at which the vacancy is announced.

Article 9.

Amendments: Notice of a proposed amendment to these bylaws must be presented to Club members a minimum of seven calendar days before a scheduled Club meeting. The notice and a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall be made available in writing, via email or on the Club web site. Approval of the amended bylaws will require a two-thirds vote of those Club members in good standing present at the next meeting of the Club. Members not present may vote in absentia at the current President's discretion.

Article 10.

Liquidation: In the event the number of adult dues-paying members of the club as of November 1 of any year drops below five, the club fund will be liquidated and distributed equally to the remaining dues paying members.

Bylaw Revision History:

1.0 December 12, 1997:

1.1 January 11, 1998: Added "Launch Site Guidelines" information under Section 2, Launches.

2.0 January 15, 1999: Updated Fee Structure, added Vice President, elections guidelines, misc

3.0 February 6, 2001: Changed all variations to "spacemodeler", added NAR logo to title page, removed membership discount structure for insured NAR members, added motor limits for non-members, updated misc phrasing

3.1 February 24, 2001: Revised Articles 6, 7 and 9 to improve clarity of phrasing. Added Article 3, Section 3.

3.1 March 13, 2001: Article 3, Section 3 removed by unanimous vote. Revised bylaws unanimously approved by members in attendance.

4.0 March, 2007 Revised Article 4, Section 1 to provide for changes to dues and to permit retention of some club funds year over year. Revised Article 5, Section 1 to change the definition of quorum. Added Article 10.