

Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – June, 2015

Presidents Report:

- Following a dogs and burgers barbeque, NMA President, Mike Nipp, opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. This meeting was held a week earlier than normal due to scheduling conflicts with officers being out of town next week. Mike introduced 4 of the 7 new members and mentioned the 3 that were not present.
- **MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the May 2015 minutes as provided by E-mail.**

Treasurers Report:

- Mike Nipp presented the treasurers report in Mike Jordan's absence. All bills are paid and up to date. As a result of the club handling it's own mowing we expect to easily stay up with the summer expenses and have some surplus funds. Also the recent surge in membership has padded the accounts even more.

Safety Report:

- We have sustained no incidents or mishaps since the last meeting nor are there any on-going safety issues.

Old Business:

- Members are again reminded to use the metal plates to protect the grass when running fuel powered aircraft also please do not pour or empty fuel tanks onto the grass.
- We still need volunteers to help with the fun fly coming up in a week.

Note: As of this writing the fun fly was completed with great success, many members turned out to help and this made it much easier for event coordinator Bruce Chandler to put the event on.

New Business:

- Recently we had an incident where a non member had apparently climbed through the fence and was caught flying by a member. The trespasser was asked to leave and did so after a "discussion" Mike Nipp is going to secure some "no trespassing" signs and will put them up shortly. Members are asked not to engage any trespasser who refuses to leave, rather, exit the area and call Nampa Police at non emergency at 468-5660.
- The Board of Directors and Officers met a week prior to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to amend some of the wording and procedures in the NMA Bylaws, some of which are outdated and no longer apply and other parts are difficult if not impossible for the members and board to comply with. These changes were presented to the membership. Following a short discussion a motion to proceed with a vote at the July meeting was made. NMA rules require

that proposed changes must be discussed at a meeting and posted to the members for review and final vote at the subsequent meeting.

The proposed changes are as follows (the old wording is in red type and the proposed changes are in black):

Article 1 Purpose

OLD

The purpose of the Corporation is to construct, maintain and manage a location for the operation of model aircraft.

NEW

The purpose of Nampa Model Aviators shall be to provide a common meeting ground for persons with a mutual interest in modeling and to provide flying facilities, flying instruction and safety guidance for members; to provide a forum for the exchange of building and flying techniques; to promote the hobby of aero modeling to the public and especially, encourage youth participation.

Article 4

Section 4 Requirements of all members

OLD

- a. *Each member shall be accountable for following field safety rules, corporation by-laws, AMA rules, following standards of good sportsmanship and good conduct at any meeting or flying session. In addition members are responsible for policing of any area where he or she flies, so as to keep and perpetuate a good Corporation image.*
- b. *Any member seeing Corporation property being misused shall immediately do his or her utmost to halt such action and report it to a board member if deemed necessary.*
- c. *Each member should render, upon request, any advice or assistance needed to any modeler, whether they be a member of this Corporation or not.*
- d. *Each member shall have the responsibility of maintaining a safe, courteous and positive flying atmosphere.*
- e. *To the best of his or her ability, every member is expected to support Corporation activities and to participate in the administration of Corporation functions such as contests, static displays, field maintenance days or any other activity dedicated to the promotion of model aircraft.*

NEW

- a. Members shall use socially acceptable language at all times when in the presence of members or guests
- b. Members shall be respectful to other members, guests and property at all times during club functions.
- c. Each member shall have the responsibility of maintaining a safe, courteous and positive flying atmosphere.
- d. Each member shall be accountable for following field safety rules, corporation by-laws, AMA rules, following standards of good sportsmanship and good conduct at any meeting or flying session.
- e. Each member of the Corporation will have a current AMA insurance card before flying at the field or Corporation sponsored event.
- f. To the best of his or her ability, every member is expected to support club activities and to participate in the administration of Corporation functions such as contests, static displays, field maintenance days or any other activity dedicated to the promotion of model aircraft.

Article 4
Section 6 Disciplinary Action

OLD

6. *Corrective action for violations or infractions of Article IV:*
 - a. *In the event of alleged violation of Article IV the following procedure will be followed:*
 1. *It is the responsibility of every Corporation member to bring any observed violations of the field rules or conduct detrimental to the Corporation in general to the attention of any Board Member, who will refer the matter to the President. The matter will be held in the strictest confidence and shall not be discussed with anyone not involved.*
 2. *If the President deems the incident to be of sufficient importance, or is a repeated offence he may appoint an ad hoc Investigating Committee comprising three neutral Club members selected by random voting stock number and approved by all Board Members. One and only one of which must be a current Board Member, excluding the President. The complainant must be prepared to meet with the accused person. No anonymous complaints will be considered.*
 3. *The Investigating Committee will exist for 30 days or until it submits it's report, whichever occurs first, and then will be dissolved.*
 4. *The Investigating Committee will investigate the incident(s), first interviewing the complainant, then any witnesses, and finally discuss the matter with the person accused of the infraction. During the investigation the accused person may request a meeting with the complainant and the witnesses this meeting will be created and facilitated by the investigating committee. The accused will be given an opportunity to respond to any and all accusations and will be treated in a courteous manner at all times during the investigation. The Committee will not discuss an ongoing or completed investigation with anyone except the individuals involved. The recommendations of the Committee will be communicated only to the President. The Committee must submit a report within 30 days from the date of appointment.*
 5. *This report will include a recommendation of action to be taken. The only actions that may be recommended are:*
 1. *No action*
 2. *Formal letter of warning sent to member including corrective actions and a requirement to reapply for membership the following year.*
 3. *30-90 day suspension (determined by the Board) from utilizing Corporation privileges with no reimbursement of dues for the period of suspension and a requirement to reapply for membership the following year.*
 4. *Expulsion from the Club following Article XVI of these By-Laws.*
6. *The report will include a record of the votes of the three Committee members. Upon receipt of the report from the Investigating Committee the President will take the following action:*
 1. *If the recommendation is "no action" the matter is closed, and no record of the proceedings will be retained.*
 2. *If the recommendation is a letter of warning the President will prepare such a letter that will be mailed or personally presented to the accused. At the discretion of the President an announcement of this disposition of the case may be made at a Club meeting or in the Newsletter. The Committee report and a copy of the letter of warning will be retained by the Secretary for a period of two years.*
 3. *If the recommendation is a 30-90 day suspension (approved by the Board) from utilizing Corporation privileges an announcement of this suspension will be made to all members. Upon suspension, the accused will relinquish his or her membership card to a Board member and it will be returned upon the completion of their suspension.*
 4. *If the recommendation is expulsion the President will make the general membership aware via an email newsletter and an appropriate motion made at the next club meeting. The report of the Committee will be presented so that the members present may make an informed decision. The content of the report of the Committee will not be recorded in the minutes. A secret ballot will be taken. Expulsion requires a two thirds affirmative vote of the members present. The 10% quorum rule prevails and no proxy votes are permitted. In the event of expulsion the President will prepare a letter stating the action, which will be sent by certified mail to the expelled person. The expelled member will be reimbursed on a pro rata basis*

for the balance of any annual dues that have been paid. The expelled person will not be provided with a refund of their voting stock paid. The Committee report, a copy of the letter of expulsion and a copy of the canceled dues refund check, if applicable, will be retained by the Secretary for a period of two years.

5. An ex-member who has been expelled may apply for membership after a period of two years from the date of expulsion. Such an application will be considered as a new membership and will be subject to the Voting Stock fee.

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Any member in violation of the Corporation safety rules, by-laws or AMA rules may be subject to disciplinary action. Members may also submit a written, signed grievance to the BOD if problems could not be resolved verbally between the parties involved or be resolved with a mediator (any current club member).

The BOD may conduct a special meeting and review the complaint, with the members involved. This special meeting is for the members involved and their designated parties and is not open to the general membership.

The BOD will determine the corrective action and will submit a response in writing to the offender.

If infractions are deemed to be serious, (by a simple majority vote of the BOD) recommended action up to and including expulsion will be presented to the current membership at a general meeting.

EXPULSION - Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the present membership if in the BOD determination, such individual willfully commits any act which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. The expelled person will not be provided with a refund of their voting stock

REINSTATEMENT - A two-thirds vote of the present general membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

Article 6 Stock Section 1

OLD

a. Each General Member will be required to purchase one share of voting common stock. The price of one share of voting stock shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and affirmed by a majority of the membership present and voting at any regular meeting; however, the price shall not be less than \$250.00.

d. Shares of voting common stock are non—transferable and the purchase price is non—refundable, unless within the 90 probation period of a new member.

NEW

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d. Shares of voting common stock are non—transferable and the purchase price is non-refundable.

Article 6 Stock Section 2

REMOVE ALL

a. Any member may purchase shares of non-voting common stock.

b. After the flying site has been constructed the Board shall have the authority to call the non—voting common stock at par value as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.

Article 15 Newsletter

REMOVE ALL

1. The Corporation shall have a newsletter which is to be published and emailed to each member in good standing at least 10 days before the annual and regular meetings.
2. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide newsworthy information to all Corporation members concerning its members, model aviation, events, and activities of the Corporation.
3. A list of all members in good standing will be printed and made available to the membership at least one time each year during the month of May and, thereafter, any changes thereto shall be reported in the newsletter.
4. The newsletter will be edited and published under the direction of the Corporation Editor who will be solely responsible to the Board of Directors for its content and operation. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all advertising rates, budget, and circulation for the newsletter operation.

- **MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve for a final vote the proposed Bylaw changes: Final vote will take place at the July meeting.**

These minutes shall serve as formal notice to the members and schedule for a vote at the July 2015 meeting: A 2/3rds vote of the members present shall be required for approval of the proposed Bylaw changes.

- A discussion took place regarding the waiver of sound limits for special events. The rationale was that non members might travel a great distance to participate and may not make the restrictions.
- **MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve waiving the sound limit requirements during special events.**

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:25

Respectfully submitted by:
Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:
Mike Nipp, President