

Bylaws of KC Heli

Article I - Name, Location, and Duration

1. The name of this organization shall be KC Heli Club; **thereafter** referred to as KC Heli.
2. The duration of KC Heli is yearly and needs to be renewed with AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) annually.

Article II - Purposes

1. To promote the sport of helicopter modeling.
2. To provide education on model aviation, the AMA, and radio control helicopter safety.
3. To recruit helicopter club members and AMA members in the area.

Article III - Club Structure and Officers

1. *President* The president is the principle contact with the AMA. He/she shall call and preside at all meetings and shall act as the spokesperson of KC Heli. Included in these responsibilities are club organizations, internal and external communications and promotion of KC Heli. He/she will have veto power on all single transaction expenditures of up to \$149.
2. *Vice President* The vice president is the secondary contact with the AMA. He/she will have similar duties as the president. In the president's absence, he/she will preside over meetings and club functions.
3. *Secretary* The secretary shall record and distribute all minutes at club meetings. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all regular scheduled and called club meetings and record meeting attendance. He/she shall maintain an up-to-date membership record of all members including their name, mailing addresses, AMA membership numbers, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. He/she will maintain all records including club roster with AMA.
4. *Treasurer* The treasurer has primary oversight for the finances of the club. He/she is in charge of all transactions on behalf of the club. The treasurer shall have discretionary spending for club purposes of up to \$100 without club approval, Expenditures of any single amount from \$101-\$149 require the Executive committee's approval. Amounts above \$149 will need the clubs majority vote. He/she shall collect dues when they are due. He/she shall keep appropriate records of all club monetary transactions and additionally shall provide a treasurer's report at each scheduled club meeting.
5. *Safety Coordinator* The safety coordinator shall promote increased safety awareness on the part of all KC Heli 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 with club members. He/she will act as a communications liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material.

Article IV- Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the president, vice president, **treasurer**, secretary, and safety coordinator.
2. No member of the Executive Committee shall have membership in a competitive helicopter club or organization (to include Park Liaison officer).
3. The Executive Committee through the president executes the needs of KC Heli.
4. The Executive Committee is also empowered to handle the interim affairs of KC Heli between club meetings. For example planning club events.

Article V- Elections and Vacancies

1. Elections of officers shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the club on the first Saturday of December of each year.
2. The (1) year term of office begins January 1 through December 31.
3. Officers may serve consecutive terms.
4. Vacancies shall be filled by a special election of the remaining members.
5. A member on probation cannot hold a position on the Executive Committee.

Article VI - Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held quarterly and as necessary by Executive Committee or at the request of one third of members having voting rights. The meeting location and time will be decided by the Executive committee and communicated to all members by the secretary, unless special circumstances prevail.
2. Any member may provide an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.
3. Primary topics will be communicated no less than five days before the upcoming meeting. Meeting minutes will be communicated to members no later than five days after the meeting.
4. Voting shall be made available to all members through meetings or communicated.

Article VII - Membership

General Provisions: The KC Heli Club is not an exclusive organization; however it is selective as to the members. The KC Heli Club reserves the right to set an upper membership limit. Each member shall be willing to contribute to the overall efforts of KC Heli. All members shall be competent, professional, reliable, mature, and dedicated to helping KC Heli grow as a club. All members must be willing to help others interested in the hobby/sport. All members **MUST** be current AMA members.

1. All persons shall be eligible for membership and members shall abide by these bylaws and rules and regulations of AMA. If a club member is a participant in an inappropriate behavior incident, the Executive Committee has the right to take actions to the point of revoking membership.
2. Prospective members may be invited to the KC Heli flying field and/or club meetings but may not vote at meetings. Interested pilots may apply for membership.
3. Prospective new members only need to state their desire to join the club and pay the club dues. Prospective members will adhere to the Jackson County Parks and AMA guidelines.
4. Any member on probation due to a disciplinary action has no voting rights. Any member receiving a safety **grievance** by the Executive Committee may be placed on probation for no more than (1) year regardless of his/her tenure. Probation for new members will be a period of thirty (30) days from joining the club.

Article VIII - Resignation, Disciplinary Action, Reinstatement of Membership

1. Any member may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Executive Committee. KC Heli membership dues are forfeited if resignation is given after March 31.
2. Any member failing to maintain AMA membership shall be automatically terminated from the club. He/she may be reinstated upon restoration of eligibility.
3. KC Heli members shall exhibit good behavior and serve as a positive role model at all times.
4. It takes two-thirds majority vote of total members of KC Heli by presence or proxy to expel any member for his/her actions that are detrimental to KC Heli or AMA. This vote must take place at a sanctioned meeting. Such member shall have the right to appeal.
5. Any member who is expelled from KC Heli may be reinstated by a two-thirds majority vote of the current KC Heli members.
6. The Executive Committee shall have discretionary authority to provide for and impose disciplinary action for such acts or omission that do not justify expulsion from KC Heli.

Article IX - Dissolution of KC Heli

The organization KC Heli may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of total members, by presence or proxy. After paying all liabilities of the club and returning donated items to members where prudent. The remaining members shall dispose/liquidate the remaining assets of the club and all funds donated to AMA.

Article X - Voting Quota Definitions

1. Quorum – A quorum will be the presence **of** two officers and three active club members.

2. Majority – A majority will be those members in good standing casting the greater number of votes.

Article XI - Parliamentary Authority

The emphasis in all meetings shall be an orderly process to achieve an objective decision by those voting members present. Should there be a parliamentary challenge, however, it shall be answered by a reference to “Roberts Rules of Order”. The “Roberts Rules of Order” will be leveraged as the primary structure to conduct meetings.

Article XII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any club meeting of the KC Heli provided the proposed amendment has been communicated to all members (30) thirty days in advance of the meeting and is passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the meeting. Mail and e-mail ballots will be made available to those members who are unable to attend the meeting. Mail or e-mail ballots shall be opened at the meeting and counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

Article XIII – Repository of Documents

The Secretary shall maintain all records of KC Heli in an orderly manner and shall pass all records to his/her successor.

Article XIV – Logo

The club Logo shall be the property of the KC Heli club and shall be used only of the official purposes as approved by the Executive Committee or the KC Heli membership.