



Winnipeg Model Boat Club (Est'd 1994)

CONSTITUTION (Approved December 5, 2016)			
Article	Sub-Heading	Paragraph	Text
1.0 Introduction			
1.01	Club Name		The full name of the organization shall be the Winnipeg Model Boat Club, hereinafter referred to as the WMBC or the Club.
2.0 Purpose			
2.01			The purpose of the WMBC is to promote and enhance the hobby of model boating, including radio-controlled and static models.
2.02			WMBC is a non-profit operation with the general welfare of the Club directed by the Club Executive.
3.0 General			
3.01			All persons interested in model boating are invited to join the WMBC.
3.02	Age Requirements	i	Any person under fourteen (14) years of age may join WMBC provided he/she is accompanied by a

			parent / legal guardian to all meetings or events he/she attends.
		ii	Any person from the age of fourteen (14) and up to seventeen (17) may join WMBC and attend meetings unaccompanied, provided he / she has submitted a signed parental consent form to the Treasurer/Membership.
		iii	Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over may join WMBC and attend meetings or events unaccompanied.
3.03	Membership Dues	i	Yearly membership dues are required for anyone to become a member of WMBC; the amount of such dues to be agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
		ii	Membership dues are collected annually based on the calendar year.
		iii	Membership dues are to be paid by standing members by no later than February of the current year.
		iv	New members will pay a pro-rated membership, calculated as being 1/12 the cost of the annual dues multiplied by the number of months remaining in the calendar year, which is to be paid by no later than the following month.
3.04			Membership in WMBC is required for anyone, other than invited guests, to take part in the normal activities of the Club such as elections, discussions, boating/regattas and meetings.
3.05	Membership List	i	The Club Membership list:
		i a	Shall be maintained as up-to-date as possible by the Treasurer/Membership;
		i b	Shall be treated as confidential information;
		i c	Shall not be shared in part with non-Club members without the express and specific consent of the affected members; and
		i d	Shall not be shared in whole without the consent and approval of the Club Executive.
3.06	Disciplinary Procedure	i	If a member is, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, found / reported to be bringing the

			Club into disrepute, the following course of action shall be followed:
		i a	An email will be sent to the offending member advising of his/her reported actions and inviting them to attend a special Executive Committee meeting to explain his/her conduct;
		i b	If the action of bringing the Club into disrepute is considered proven by the majority of the Executive, the member will be given either a verbal warning or a written warning subject to the severity of the action;
		i c	Should the matter be unproven, the matter will be deemed closed with no further action taken against the member;
		i d	Should the member fail to attend the meeting with the Executive Committee without just reason, then the reported action of bringing the Club into disrepute will be considered valid and a written warning will be issued;
		i e	If the member does not re-offend, then the disciplinary action is deemed completed and the matter closed;
		i f	For any member issued a verbal warning that re-offends, the action outlined in paragraph i a will be repeated and, if proven, a written warning will be issued;
		i g	In the event of a second written warning being issued, the offending member's subscription will be suspended until the AGM, where that person's membership will be discussed and members attending will decide by voting whether to approve or reject that person's membership for the following year; and
		i h	Where it is proven that a serious breach of conduct has taken place such as assault of or theft from fellow members or the general public, or willful damage, the Executive Committee will have the authority to immediately expel the offending member from the WMBC.

3.07	Insurance Coverage		Currently, the WMBC does not have any insurance coverage and will not be responsible or held liable for any damage to or loss of the members' models or boats or items relating to them.
4.0 Executive			
4.01	Committee Composition	i	The Executive will consist of the elected positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer/Membership and Events Coordinator.
		ii	The Executive will appoint a Webmaster to a period of indefinite service, but this position will not be considered part of the Executive Committee.
		iii	The chairman of a standing committee may, at the discretion of the President, be considered as a member of the Executive for the duration of that committee's mandate.
4.02	Terms of Service	i	Members of the Executive will serve for a term of two (2) years.
		ii	A member cannot serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same Executive position.
		iii	The President and Treasurer/Membership will be elected in odd-numbered years and the other Executive positions in even-numbered years.
4.03	Executive Meetings		Club Executive meetings shall be held at the prerogative of the President.
4.04	External Activities		Only the Club Executive, or individual(s) appointed by the Executive, shall initiate any Club activities in association with any individual, group, business or agency external to the WMBC.
4.05	Impeachment of Executive		An Executive member can be removed from office by a vote of impeachment, carried by a majority of the Executive. The offense(s) involved must be clearly illegal or a violation(s) of the obligations bestowed upon an Executive member by the Club Constitution and By-Laws.
4.06	<u>President</u>	i	The President's duties are to:

		i a	Administer the operation of the Club;
		i b	Chair the Executive and general meetings;
		i c	Direct and supervise the other Executive members and any standing committees;
		i d	Issue the Club Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules;
		i e	Provide liaison with other similar organizations; and,
		i f	Serve as the main Club contact.
		ii	The President may invite any members and/or guest(s) to participate in discussions or other activities.
4.07	<u>Vice-President</u>	i	The Vice-President's duties are to:
		i a	Act as an assistant to the President; and,
		i b	In the absence of any member of the Executive, assume in the interim that role and duties pertaining to the position.
4.08	<u>Treasurer/ Membership</u>	i	The Treasurer/Membership's duties are to:
		i a	Submit appropriate financial information for Executive and general meetings;
		i b	Pay accounts;
		i c	Prepare expenditure forecasts (budgets);
		i d	Manage the WMBC's bank accounts;
		i e	Prepare and submit for inspection the publication of the Club's financial statement at the Annual General Meeting;
		i f	Orient and introduce new members to the WMBC;
		i g	Introduce any visitors to a general meeting to the Club; and,
		i h	Maintain the Club membership list.
		i i	Collect membership dues.
4.09	<u>Events Coordinator</u>	i	The Events Coordinator's duties are to:
		i a	Organize and preside over all regular and/or special events held during the course of the year

			including regular forays to the Club's designated boating pond(s);
		i b	Recommend revisions to the General Operating Rules to the Executive as necessary;
		i c	Disseminate all Club news and announcements to the membership;
		i d	Plan meeting agendas in consultation with the Executive and organize programming for meetings;
		i e	Organize and maintain any on-going or temporary displays;
		i f	Coordinate any public displays to be put on by the Club;
		i g	Liaise with the media as required to promote the activities of the Club; and,
		i h	Prepare and maintain the Club's annual Calendar of Events.
4.10	<u>Webmaster</u>		The Webmaster's duties are to establish, maintain and keep current the WMBC website.
4.11	<u>Standing Committees</u>	i	Standing Committees will be struck by the Executive as required from time to time to carry out specific functions or requirements as directed by the Executive.
		i i	Any Club member may volunteer to serve on a Standing Committee.
5.0 Elections			
5.01		i	The membership will elect from its own members the following Executive officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer/ Membership, and Events Coordinator to direct the operations and activities of the WMBC.
		ii	With the exception of the Webmaster, who shall be appointed by the Executive for an open-ended term, Executive Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by a majority vote of Club members in good standing.
		iii	Except in unforeseen circumstances, such as the resignation of a member from an Executive position, the positions of President and Vice-

			President will be decided in alternating years to ensure the continuity and stability of the Executive Committee.
		iv	Incumbent Officers shall be eligible to stand for re-election, provided they have not already served for two consecutive terms in that position, or for election to another Office, including by-elections.
5.02	Quorums	i	Elections shall be by a majority vote of a quorum. Voting shall be by a show of hands.
		ii	A quorum of thirty-three percent (33%) of the December membership list from the previous calendar year is required in order for an election to take place.
		iii	In the event of a delay or the lack of a quorum on the scheduled election night, the presiding Executive will set an alternative date, within a reasonable period of time.
5.03	By-elections		By-elections can be held to replace any members of the Executive unable to complete their term of office, with the exception of the President.
5.04	Nominations		Any member in good standing may, without being nominated, declare his/her candidacy for election to the Executive subject to the declaration being seconded.
5.05	Incomplete Term of Office of the President	i	Should the President not complete his/her term of office, for any reason, the Vice-President shall immediately assume, for the term of office remaining, the responsibilities of the President.
		ii	A by-election shall be held at the next meeting, for the term of office remaining, for the office of Vice-President.
6.0 Conduct of Meetings			
6.01			The first meeting of the calendar year will be the Annual General Meeting.
6.02			Times and dates for general meetings will be established by the Executive and any changes will be made by the President.

6.03			Any member of WMBC can address the Executive or membership at the monthly meetings.
6.04			Any Club business requiring the membership's consent by a vote, needs a quorum.
6.05		i	Votes taken by the membership on any given motion are binding for that motion.
		ii	Results of any membership vote will be communicated by email to the entire membership list following the meeting.
7.0 General Operating Rules			
7.01	Operating Rules		The Events Coordinator may establish special operating rules from time to time as required for events.
7.02	Transmitter Use	i	All Club members shall check that they are not operating on the same frequency as other members already sailing. A "frequency board" may be used at some major Club events.
		ii	No transmitter shall be switched on until deemed safe to do so.
7.03	Equipment Approval		Ends of telescopic transmitter aerials for 75 MHz radios must be fitted with a channel flag at all times. Failure to comply may result in penalties as described in Paragraph 3.06 Disciplinary Procedure.
7.04	Equipment Operation		Members must operate their boats and related equipment in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
7.05	Boiler Certificates		Any steam-operated boats that are required to have a valid boiler certificate, as specified by Provincial legislation, must be in compliance in order to operate. Proof of compliance must be submitted to the Events Coordinator prior to firing up the boiler.

7.06	Members Conduct		Members are expected to respect all lands used by and on behalf of the Club and conduct themselves in a manner so as not to bring the Club into disrepute with members of the public, or other Club members. All offenders will be dealt with under Article 3.06 Disciplinary Procedure of the Club Constitution.
7.07	Assiniboine Park Duck Pond		All members operating their boats in the Assiniboine Park Duck Pond are subject to the operating rules outlined in Appendix 1- Assiniboine Park Duck Pond: Regulations Governing Use Of Model Boats (Revised May 24, 2014).
8.0 Constitutional Amendments			
8.01		i	Any member can propose an amendment to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, either in writing or by oral question, at any regular Club meeting.
		ii	The Executive may edit an amendment proposal as necessary, so long as it does not significantly alter the member's original intent, prior to forwarding it for a membership vote.
		iii	Any proposed Constitutional and/or By-Law amendment(s) must be published one (1) month prior to being voted on.
		iv	After discussion, any amendment must be passed by the majority vote of a quorum.
		v	Constitutional amendments may be voted on article by article or, in cases where the revisions are too numerous, as an entire body of work.
9.0 Dissolution of the Winnipeg Model Boat Club			
9.01	Dissolution of the WMBC	i	The Club may at any time be dissolved by a resolution of members. Each member shall have one vote and a resolution for dissolution shall require a simple majority of the votes of 75% (three quarters) of the total paid up members.
		ii	The Executive shall wind up the Club in accordance with the legislation applying in the Province of Manitoba at the time. Surplus funds and assets, including any Club-owned boats and

			materials, on realization of the sale of such assets, shall be distributed to an agreed upon charitable organization except that no part of the Club's funds or assets, including materials and Club boats, shall be distributed to members.
		iii	Archive materials, minutes/newsletters, photographs and other valued historical material shall be offered on a permanent loan arrangement to the Naval Museum of Manitoba or other local nautical organization willing to accept them.



Appendix 1-
Assiniboine Park Duck Pond: Regulations Governing Use Of Model Boats
(Revised May 24, 2014)

ASSINIBOINE PARK DUCK POND: REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF MODEL BOATS

(Revised May 24, 2014)

1. Vessels shall not be run or employed in any manner that is disruptive to wildlife, hazardous to the public or other watercraft, noisy, or otherwise incongruous with safe and proper model boating practices.
2. Only electrically (battery) powered vessels, sailboats and steam-powered vessels are permitted on the pond. Vessels using internal combustion engines of any sort are strictly prohibited.
3. Prior to launching boats boaters shall ensure that their radio frequency does not conflict or interfere with frequencies in use by others.
4. Vessels shall not use, or employ in any manner, materials or products that may be deemed under normal use to be environmentally detrimental. Environmental concerns shall be reported as soon as possible to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC).
5. In the event that a vessel does sink, the vessel shall be retrieved as soon as possible. Under no circumstances shall wreckage or debris resulting from a sunken vessel be left in the pond.
6. Launching projectiles of any sort from, or at, a vessel, the general public or wildlife is strictly prohibited.
7. Use of the pond may be restricted to an area(s) so designated by, and at the discretion of, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.
8. Times of access to the duck pond for the purposes of model boating shall be at the discretion of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.
9. Any disregard for these regulations may result in having your craft confiscated.
10. APC is not responsible for any damage or loss incurred while using Assiniboine Park Duck Pond.
11. Boater will be held responsible for any damages to pond or surrounding vegetation including repair of damages.
12. Boater agrees to stay within the areas as laid out by APC and understands this area may change depending on events or habitat concerns.