

Wisconsin Scale Boating Association, Ltd.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**BY-LAWS**  
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ARTICLE 1 – NAME

**Section 1.** This association shall be known as the Wisconsin Scale Boating Association, Limited, hereinafter referred to as the WSBA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

**Section 1.** The WSBA is a non-profit association interested in fostering radio controlled and static model boats.

**Section 2.** The WSBA may affiliate itself with national or international associations having similar goals as the WSBA. The WSBA encourages the exchange of ideas, construction techniques, electronic applications and other related facets amongst and between its members through a variety of other means with the general public and with other similarly interested model boating associations or organizations

**Section 3.** WSBA members are encouraged to participate in sanctioned or non-sanctioned events, competitions, or static displays.

**Section 4.** Operational boat models shall only be powered by electricity, steam, or wind. Non-operational models are considered to be static.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

**Section 1.** Membership in the WSBA is open to both male and female individuals regardless of race, creed, or color.

Membership in the WSBA shall be restricted to persons of good moral character.

The WSBA shall have two distinct classifications of membership to offer for consideration, which are senior or junior status. A person 18 years of age and older shall be considered as a senior member and anyone under 18 years of age, a junior member.

Members are encouraged to participate in an active and constructive manner in the association through regular attendance in various meetings or functions. Also, a member voluntary contribution of time and talent concerning projects of any nature related to the welfare of the WSBA which have been agreed by vote or accord is expected.

All applications for membership shall be reviewed by a membership committee. The committee's recommendation shall be presented to the membership for a vote at the next meeting following receipt of the applicant's application. Annual dues will not be entered into the club's record until an application has been approved. During the waiting period the applicant may enjoy attending club functions without having voting privileges.

**Section 2.** Annual dues of the WSBA shall be established by the association's membership at a regular meeting by vote action.

Junior dues will be one half the amount established for senior members.

Association dues shall be paid no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year in which the dues are applicable.

Any applicant whose application is approved and accepted for membership in the WSBA after October 15<sup>th</sup> of any given year who has paid his/her dues, said dues shall automatically be applied to his/her "dues obligation" for the following year.

Any member in arrears in annual dues on February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year shall be automatically dropped from membership and can only be reinstated upon application in writing and payment of all moneys due the association.

If required, assessments for special purposes may be made from time to time. Assessments can only be made through association membership legislation at a regular meeting of the WSBA.

**Section 3.** In the event that any member of this association becomes incapacitated to the extent that financial contributions in the form of dues and assessments become an extreme hardship for that member or family members, the officers may recommend waiving said dues and assessments (other than national or international affiliation requirements) for a reasonable period of time for that member or members. For reason of clarification, reasonable means in this instance the length of time that the hardship exists.

**Section 4.** Memberships are not transferable.

**Section 5.** Individuals and active duty members of the Armed Forces who are serving within the clubs operational area, who exemplify the ideals of the club, may be eligible for honorary membership status without the normal dues obligation. A suitably nominated candidate for honorary status may be considered at a regular membership meeting. A two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote by members present would be required for acceptance. Honorary members will enjoy all privileges of membership except voting rights. Honorary members are bound by the Etiquette Rules and By-Laws of the WSBA. Honorary membership status will be subject to annual review at the last scheduled meeting of the calendar year to determine if the recipient is still involved with the club, and if continuation of the honorary membership is warranted. Honorary memberships granted before this amendment were made for life and will remain unchanged.

## ARTICLE IV – COMPORTMENT

**Section 1.** All members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Disorderly conduct by any association member will not be tolerated. Disorderly conduct is defined as, but not limited to foul and abusive language, damage of equipment, poor attitude, interference with organized events. Non-compliance with rules or regulations established by the association or lack of cooperation with officers or other officials.

A member who displays a prolonged tendency of disorderly conduct will be given a written warning from the association's officers.

If an altercation should arise, the officers may make a request in writing to the association president for a hearing before a board of review. If such a request is granted, the review board shall comprise the following members, all considered to be members in good standing, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five members from the floor. The five shall be approved by the President

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The officers of the association shall consist of no less than a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The term of each officer shall be for one (1) calendar year following annual elections.

**Section 3.** At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three (3) members in good standing, who will submit the names of candidates established in Article V, Section 1., at least fifteen (15) days prior to the annual election.

**Section 4.** Nominations from the floor of the annual meeting will be accepted providing consent from the nominee is obtained prior to submittal of the nominee's name.

**Section 5.** Elections shall be conducted by closed ballot on forms provided by the Secretary, which shall show the names of all candidates for the office in which they have been nominated. In the event only one (1) candidate for any office is nominated, the vote for that office may be made by acclimation.

**Section 6.** In the event a vacancy occurs in any office prior to the end of the first nine (9) months of office, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the balance of the current term.

**Section 7.** If during a term of office an officer's comportment is suspect as a member, or members feel disciplinary action is in order, the membership may ask for a board of review to discuss the matter. If said board recommends removal from office, then a vote by the membership shall be solicited. If a majority of the entire membership concurs with the board's recommendation, the procedure to follow will be to call a special meeting to vote on whether the officer shall be removed from office.

**Section 8.** As the WSBA expands over a wider geographic area it may be necessary to appoint representatives to effect association business. The President may appoint a representative from the area they will represent. The appointment must be a member in good standing, have volunteered for the position, and the appointment must be ratified by a vote of the membership at a scheduled meeting. The term of the appointment is one (1) calendar year. The duties of the representative are spelled out in Article 6., Section 5. of these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The President shall:

- a) preside at all association meetings.
- b) enforce all rules and regulations of the association to the best of his/her ability.
- c) have full authority in matters of the WSBA consistent with the wishes of the general membership.
- d) from time to time appoint when necessary a chairman or coordinator to organize membership assistance for handling special functions of the club.

**Section 2.** The Vice-President shall:

- a) perform all duties in the absence of the President.
- b) be chairman of the nominating committee.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall:

- a) perform all duties in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.
- b) keep minutes of all official meetings,
- c) process WSBA correspondence assigned by the President.
- d) procure all licenses, permits, and all official or legal documents deemed necessary for conducting business of the association.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall:

- a) perform all duties in the absence of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
- b) collect and keep and account of all funds received from the collection of dues, assessments, fees, donations, or any other income, and to attend to the disbursement of the same thereof.
- c) submit financial reports as required.
- d) have authorization for making all deposits and withdrawals of funds that are necessary for conducting the association's business. Such authorization shall be extended to the President should the Treasurer not be available at the time of executing a transaction.

**Section 5.** The WSBA Regional Representative shall:

- a) hold a position equivalent to the Vice-President.
- b) perform all duties of the President for the regional group of which he/she is a part (in accordance with Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph a.)
- c) act as liaison between the main and regional groups.

## ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- Section 1.** The officers are authorized to expend, without membership approval, funds necessary in the conduct of routine business of the association.
- Section 2.** The officers shall provide financial reports no less than quarterly, which shall include an annual report of operations.
- The financial reports will include a Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and a Statement of Cash Position.
- Section 3.** Financial statements may be reviewed by dues paying members in good standing during the meeting in which they are presented.
- Section 4.** An annual budget for the following year will be presented at the January meeting along with the December report. A budget must be approved by a simple majority of the members at a scheduled meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

- Section 1.** There shall be a minimum of six (6) monthly meeting held yearly, one of which shall be the annual meeting. The exact meeting dates shall be confirmed by mutual consent of the membership. Generally meetings will be scheduled for the autumn and continue until spring.
- Section 2.** The annual meeting and election of officers shall be held in the fourth calendar quarter of each year. The exact place and time of the meeting to be fixed by the officers.
- Section 3.** A special meeting can be called by the officers should they deem it necessary to do so.
- Section 4.** If the membership expresses sufficient interest a workshop meeting can be called by the officers.
- Section 5.** Except for the removal of an officer, members in good standing who are present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** A proposal to amend any article or section of these By-Laws may be presented for consideration by a member in good standing at a regular association meeting. Said proposal shall be referred for review by a committee selected by the President.
- Section 2.** The committee shall present their opinion to the membership within a reasonable time at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section 3.** A vote shall be taken and if approved by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the members in attendance, the amendment shall be incorporated into the By-Laws.