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PAPER VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INCORPORATED  
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ARTICLE I

- Section 1. The name of this club shall be "The Paper Valley Model Railroad Club, Inc."
- Section 2. The purpose of the club shall be to construct, maintain, own and operate a model railroad layout.
- Section 3. In the event the club does not have a model railroad layout. The club shall be an "Armchair Club" maintaining an interest in the hobby through meetings, movies, work nights on club properties ( i.e. rolling stock, buildings, etc.) on an individual's layout, by visits to other club layouts, and model railroad hobby shows and meets.

ARTICLE II

- Section 1. Membership in this club shall be open to anyone interested in the hobby.
- Section 2. Types and definitions of membership

a. Probationary Member

A probationary member is a membership applicant who is in accordance with the provisions of Article III.

b. Regular Active Member

A regular, active member is one who is at least 18 years of age and has been elected to membership and is in good standing. Good standing is defined as having been in attendance at regular or special work sessions at least 18 times during his or her six month probationary period.

c. Junior Member

A junior member is one who meets all qualifications listed under (a) and (b) above, and who is between the ages 15 and 18 years.

d. Honorary Member

An honorary membership may be extended to individuals known to be Model Railroad enthusiasts or have a special interest in the welfare of the club. such honorary members are not permitted to pay dues, vote, hold office in the club, or possess a key to the premises.

e. Life Member

A life membership may be extended to a regular member who has been an active member for more than 20 years. A life member may vote, hold office in the club, and possess a key to the premises, or code to the lockbox. A life member is not required to pay dues.

Section 3. Election to Membership

a. Regular Active Member

Election to regular active membership shall be by secret ballot with 75% majority of the voting members in good standing in attendance. This election will be held at a scheduled quarterly meeting which is nearest the completion of said member's 6th month probationary period. Only regular active members may possess a key to the premises or the code to the lock box.

b. Junior Member

Election to junior membership shall be by secret ballot with 75% majority of the voting members in good standing in attendance. This election will be held at a scheduled quarterly meeting, which is nearest the completion of said member's 6th month probationary period.

c. Honorary member

Election to honorary membership shall be by secret ballot with a simple majority of the voting members of good standing in attendance. This election will be held at a scheduled quarterly meeting.

d. Life member

Election to Life membership shall be by secret ballot with a simple majority of the voting members in good standing in attendance. This election will be held at a scheduled quarterly meeting.

Section 4. Notice of Elections:

Prior to the time of election to any type of membership the Secretary must so notify all voting members.

Section 5. Leave of Absence :

In case of an emergency or of necessity, a member desiring to retain his membership may upon a vote of the majority of members, be granted a leave of absence for a maximum of two (2) years. If a member finds it necessary to extend a leave of absence it must be requested before each two year period expires. Failure to do so will result in loss of membership.

A member on leave of absence shall not pay dues, shall not have the privilege to vote, and shall turn in the key to the premises to the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE III

### Section 1. To Become a Regular Active Member:

Any person 18 years of age or older, desiring to join the Club shall pay a separate \$10.00 initiation fee and fill out an application form. this is in the nature of a guarantee of the applicants good faith. If the application is denied the \$10.00 initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant. If the application is accepted the applicant shall pay the regular dues for six months. during this time the applicant will not be entitled to have a vote in the affairs of the Club. At the end of this probationary period, the Club shall decide whether or not to accept the applicant as a regular active member. If accepted a \$5.00 membership fee is required. If not accepted the \$10.00 initiation fee shall be returned provided all dues have been paid in full. if all dues are not paid in full at the close of the probationary, and before a vote is taken the applicant shall automatically be dropped and the \$10.00 initiation fee will be retained by the Club. During the probationary period, the applicant will be expected to own and have in operation some piece of motive power or rolling stock. Failure to do so would be interpreted by the Club as a definite lack of interest, and appropriate action will be taken.

### Section 2. To become a Junior Member:

Any between the ages of 15 and 18 desiring to join the Club shall pay a separate \$5.00 initiation fee and fill out an application form. This is in the nature of the applicants good faith. If the application is denied the \$5.00 initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant. if the application is accepted the applicant shall pay 50% of the regular dues for six months or until 18 years of age. During this time, the applicant will not be entitled to have a vote in the affairs of the Club nor be given a key to the premises. At the end of the probationary period the Club shall decide whether or not to accept the applicant as a Junior Member. If accepted a \$2.50 membership fee is required. In no case shall a Junior Member be entitled to a key to Club premises until reaching the age of 18 years. If not accepted the \$5.00 initiation fee will be returned provided all dues have been paid in full. if all dues are not paid in full at the close of the probationary period, and before a vote is taken the applicant shall automatically be denied further consideration and the \$5.00 initiation fee will be retained by the Club. During the probationary period the applicant will be expected to own and have in operation on the club layout if one exists some piece of motive power or rolling stock. failure to do so would be interpreted by the Club as a definite lack of interest and the appropriate action will be taken.

## ARTICLE IV

### Section 1. Meetings:

Business meetings shall be held at any time that the Board of Directors so orders. All eligible members shall be notified by the Secretary as to the time and place of the meetings. In order to do business the meetings shall be attended by at least two thirds of the members of the Board of Directors and at least one regular Active Member.

### Section 2. Voting

Only regular active members and junior members shall be entitled to vote in any of the affairs of the club.

## ARTICLE V

### Section 1. Dues

Dues shall be voted on at a membership meeting. Normally, failure to pay dues for a period of six months will result in lose of membership.

### Section 2. Reinstatement

Reinstatement of a dropped member shall require a majority vote of members present at a meeting and full payment of delinquent dues.

## ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of one year. Elections shall be held during the month of April and terms of office shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

Section 2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the club and shall perform all of the duties usually incumbent upon such office and such other duties as may be prescribed under these bylaws.

Section 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the president during the presidents absence and such other duties as may be required by the bylaws. it shall be the function of this office to handle all matters of publicity.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of regular business meetings of the club, shall have charge of all regular papers of the club and shall perform such other duties as usually devolve upon such officer. The Secretary shall keep a membership list showing the names of all members and shall give a report of the office at each regular business meeting.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and financial papers of the club, maintain an accurate set of books and shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officer. The Treasurer shall give a report of the office at each regular business meeting.

## Article VII

Section 1. Establishment or change of all club policies shall be by majority vote of the members present at a business meeting.

Section 2. Administration of these policies in all matters pertaining to finances and purchases and general business shall be vested in a Board of Directors. This board shall consist of four officers- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer- as long as the active membership does not exceed ten (10) members. This Board shall be augmented by one member at large whose term of office shall be one year and no more than two consecutive terms, for each group of five (5) or fewer additional members. Election of such Board member shall be by majority vote of members present at a business meeting.

Section 3. In case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, a majority vote of the remainder of members thereof shall fill such vacancy and the member elected to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. Dissolution of this club shall be made only upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the regular active and junior members.

## ARTICLE IX

Section 1. Included in the club property shall be a complete set of books and a current inventory of all club owned equipment and materials.

## ARTICLE X

Section 1. The Board has the power and authority to terminate membership for cause.