



Statutes of the EUROPEAN MODEL FLYING UNION (EMFU) Version 25.11.2023

Article 1, Founding and Name

1.1 The European Model Flying Union (EMFU), is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, founded on 11th of February 2017 in Vienna under the Austrian laws and regulations.

Article 2, Residence

2.1 Residence of EMFU is located at Prinz Eugen Str. 12 1040 Wien. It can be moved to another place as determined by a General Meeting.

The EMFU is registered at the: „Landespolizeidirektion Wien, Referat Vereins-, Versammlungs- und Medienrechtsangelegenheiten“ under the registration number (ZVR-Zahl): 859792844

Article 3, Language

3.1 The language of EMFU is English.

Article 4, Purpose

4.1 The purpose of the EMFU is to support and represent the interests of model flying at the European level, in respect of all relevant regulatory matters.

4.2 The EMFU shall act independently, but seeks to have good relationship and co-operative works with relevant national and international organisations.

Article 5: Financial means

5.1 The financial means of the EMFU shall consist of the Membership fees, of acquisitions in consequence of inheritance, gifts or legacies, of subsidies and other contributions, and of all other assets acquired by the EMFU in a legal way.

Article 6, Membership

6.1 Full Membership of the EMFU is open to organisations that represent model aircraft operators and pilots and have legal personality in a European country.

Organisations eligible for full membership may be regional, national or international, and represent all or specific branches or types of model flying. There may be more than one organisation within a country eligible for full membership of the EMFU.

6.2 Associate Membership is open to persons or organisations that are not eligible for full Membership as stated in Article 6.1.

6.3 Persons or organisations who wish to join the EMFU shall submit their membership request with the relevant justifications to the General Secretary. The Executive Board shall examine this request and make a recommendation for a decision by the General Meeting.

6.3bis The Executive Board may decide to provisionally engage persons or organisations applying for membership in the work of the EMFU, without the right to vote or the requirement to pay membership fees, until the decision on their membership by the General Meeting.

6.4 A full Member of the EMFU may withdraw its membership with three month's written notice. An associate Member may withdraw its membership with one month's written notice. Current subscription fees shall remain due and will not be reimbursed.

6.5 A Member can be expelled with one month's written notice by Executive Board if their subscription is in arrears by more than nine months.

6.6 The General Meeting may terminate by two thirds majority of the number of full Members the membership of any full or associate Member if the Member by its actions brings the EMFU into disrepute.

6.7 An expelled Member may appeal against their expulsion by submitting their appeal to the General Secretary within 14 days of their expulsion.

Article 7, Membership fees

7.1 All Members shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the General Meeting.

7.2 The membership year shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

7.3 If the membership fee has not been paid by a Member before a time-limit established by the General Meeting, this Member will be suspended from his rights until it has paid the fee or article 6.5 will be executed.

Article 8, Governance

8.1 Each Member organisation must name one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent it.

8.2 The General Meeting is the assembly of the delegates of full Members. A General Meeting shall take place at least once a year.

8.3 The date and place of a General Meeting shall be set at least three months in advance and shall be convened in a member country chosen by the Executive Board.

8.4 The General Secretary shall invite, at least two months before the date fixed for a General Meeting, all Members to submit him (or her) nominations to the Executive Board and the points they wish to be included in the agenda of the next General Meeting.

8.5 At least one month before the date fixed for a General Meeting, the General Secretary shall send all Members the agenda, including nominations to the Executive Board and items presented by the Members or by the Executive Board, as well as the reports of the specialists or other Committees.

8.6 An on-line General Meeting may be called with a minimum of one week's notice at the discretion of the Executive Board. The General Secretary shall email all Members the agenda with the calling notice.

8.7 If a minimum of 10% of the full Members so request, or if the Executive Board judges it opportune, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened in a member country chosen by the Executive Board.

8.8 In the event that 10% of the full Members request an Extraordinary General Meeting, this meeting shall be held within three months following the date on which the formal request, sent by registered letter stating the reasons for the meeting, is received by the General Secretary.

8.9 At least one month before the date fixed for the Extraordinary General Meeting, the General Secretary shall send all Members the agenda, including the reasons for the meeting.

8.10 Each full Member shall have a basic allocation of 100 votes. Each full Member organisation shall have an additional allocation of 5 votes per 1000 represented individual members and fractions thereof, to be exercised by its delegate, subject to the Member having paid the annual fee.

8.11 Associate Members may attend and speak on any matters raised in the General Meeting, but shall not be entitled to vote.

8.12 A Full Member may be represented by the delegate of another full Member by approved proxy, but this delegate may not carry the proxy of more than one other full Member.

8.13 General Meetings shall be chaired by the President of the EMFU or, if the need arises, by the Vice-President.

8.14 Unless stated otherwise voting is done by simple majority of the votes cast by Members present or represented by a proxy and voting and authorised to vote. For elections or when a full Member of the General Meeting so requests, a secret vote shall be held.

8.15 In the event that the votes are equal, the chairman of the meeting shall have one casting additional vote.

8.16 The General Meeting shall elect, by a simple majority of the full Members present or represented by a proxy and voting, the members of the Executive Board.

8.17 The General Meeting shall annually approve the accounts of the previous year presented by the Treasurer as well as the proposed budget for the next year.

8.18 The General Meeting shall approve the proceedings of the EMFU, including new tasks proposed by the Members, and reports and proposals made by the Executive Board and the Committees.

8.19 The General Meeting shall endorse decisions in respect of any third party arrangements affecting the EMFU.

Article 9, Executive Board

9.1 The Executive Board shall be composed of a President, a Vice-president, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and up to three other Board members. All Board members shall be delegates or alternate delegates of full member organisations.

9.2 The President, the General Secretary and one regular Board member shall be elected every odd year. The Vice-President, the Treasurer and other regular Board member(s) shall be elected every even year. The mandates of all Board members are renewable.

9.3 Candidates for the Executive Board shall be nominated by their own full Member organisation. If no nominations have been made, the Meeting shall be free in its choice.

9.4 The Executive Board shall act as a board of management, executing tasks set by the General Meeting.

9.5 The Executive Board shall make all decisions relating to the activity of the EMFU ratifying or not the urgent decisions made by the President.

9.6 The Executive Board shall meet as required, when the President judges it opportune, or at the request of the majority of the members of the Executive Board.

9.7 The President shall head the EMFU and represent it to third parties, including in justice. In the event of the President's resignation, the presidency shall be assumed by the Vice-President until the next General Meeting.

9.7.1 The President represents the association. Written statements of the association require the signature of the President and the Treasurer. If the Treasurer is not available the signature of a member of the Executive Board is required.

9.7.2 The President chairs the General Assembly and meetings of the Executive Board.

9.7.3 The General Secretary or a member of the Executive Board takes the minutes of meeting of the General Assembly or meetings of the Executive Board. He supports the President in the management of the association

9.7.4 The Treasurer is responsible for the correct financial behaviour of the association.

9.7.5 In case of absence the Vice-President replaces the President. The Treasurer and the General Secretary is replaced by a Member of the Executive Board in case of absence.

9.8 A quorum of one-half of the Board members must be present to validate the decision-making process.

9.9 A simple vote of the Board members present (and subject to there being a quorum) at a duly convened meeting shall be required to decide pre-notified business. The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an even vote.

9.10 The Executive Board can appoint an Administrative Secretary who shall not form part of the Executive Board.

9.11 The Board must ensure that an annual budget for the next year is prepared. This budget has to be approved by the General Meeting.

9.12 The Treasurer shall be accountable to the Board for the proper control of revenue, expenditure and cash flow in accordance with the annual budget framework agreed by General Meeting. The Treasurer must keep up to date accounts as well as forward estimates of revenue and expenditure.

9.13 Any two of the President, the Treasurer or the General Secretary, must approve all expenditures and authorise all bank transactions

9.14 All members of the Executive Board shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses related to their EMFU activities. The Executive Board will set-up a specific policy for this.

9.16 No member of the Executive Board will receive remuneration for his (or her) EMFU activities.

Article 10, Meetings & Conferences

10.1 The General meeting is open to all Members. According to article 8.11 associate Members have no voting rights, but they may participate at all discussions either during meetings, conferences or on-line.

10.2 Meetings and conferences may be limited to a maximum number of participants representing a Member.

Article 11, Committees

11.1 As many Committees as deemed necessary shall be created by the Executive Board to facilitate the achievement of the aims defined in Article 4.

11.2 The Executive Board shall appoint a Chairman for each Committee, and he (or she) shall report to the Executive Board.

11.3 Full and Associate Members can nominate Experts as members of Committees.

Article 12, Verification of Accounts

12.1 At a General Meeting, a Committee for the verification of accounts shall be elected, which shall be composed of a maximum of three persons, not members of the Executive Board. Each year this Committee will examine the accounts of the previous year and present their observations to the General Meeting.

Article 13, Mediation of Disputes

13.1 For all disputes arising within the EMFU that cannot be mediated by the Executive Board, or for appeals as per article 6.7 an Arbitration Board shall decide.

Article 14, Modification of Statutes

14.1 The General Meeting may, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the full Members present or represented by a proxy and voting there on, approve, alter, modify or revoke any or all of the Statutes, provided that due notice of any such proposals has been given to the General Meeting in accordance with Article 8.5 and a quorum of at least half of full Members is present.

14.2 If the quorum is not in place at the start of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned by between 2 and 4 weeks and then shall be deemed to be quorate with the number of full Members present.

Article 15, Disbandment

15.1 Disbandment of the EMFU may only be approved with a 75% majority of the full Members voting in person or by proxy, on a resolution properly prepared and notified at an Extraordinary General Meeting setting out in detail the reasons for the proposed disbandment with at least 75% of full Members represented in person or by proxy.

15.2 If the required number of representatives is not in place at the start of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned by between 2 and 4 weeks and then shall be deemed to be quorate with the number of full Members present or represented.

15.3 In the event of an approved disbandment of the EMFU, the assets shall be transferred to one or more organisations promoting model flying in Europe or a charitable organisation. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the realisation and distribution of net assets as decided by the General Meeting.

These Statutes were approved by the General Meeting held on 20/21 May 2017 in Wesel and amended by the General Meeting held on 15/16 October in Duisburg