



BY-LAWS
OF

THE BUCKEYE QUARTER MIDGET
RACING ASSOCIATION

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1. Name

The name of the association shall be:

The Buckeye Quarter Midget Racing Association (BQMRA)

2. Address

The address of the association, for business purposes shall be:1841 Williams Rd
Columbus, Ohio 43207

3. Mailing Address

The mailing address for the association shall be:1841 Williams Rd Columbus,
Ohio 43207

4. REVISIONS

- A.** 10/2/003 – Converted the original bylaws into an electronic format.
- B.** 10/2004 – Changed the number of Board of Directors from “3 no more than five appointed” to “4 no more than 6 elected”.
- C.** Modified the month of annual meeting and elections. It was previously the month of November.
- D.** Included the Columbus Motor Speedway representative in the Board of Directors.
- E.** 11/2005 – Revised Elected Club Officers. Was “Elected Club Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer”. Added Technical and Safety Director as elected officers rather than appointed officers.
- F.** 08/2006 – Major re-write of the bylaws.
 - Updated address of BQMRA (1841 Williams Rd)
 - Added “Purpose” section
 - Under membership, added the requirement that membership applications outside of Region 4 or any applicant that has received a code of conduct in the past two years may be reviewed by the board and by 2/3 vote may be denied membership to BQMRA
 - Defined “Member in Good Standing”
 - Described the Board of Directors (BOD)
 - Added appointed Trustee position
 - Added requirement that all officers and board members must have a minimum of 6 months QM racing
 - Changed the number of elected board members to no less than 3 and no more than 5.
 - Described the election process in more detail
 - Added “Removal From Office” procedures
 - Added “Vacancy of Office” procedures
 - Defined quorum for board and club meetings
 - Added BOD meeting schedule
 - Added BOD emergency meetings
 - Expanded duties of officials
 - President – added provision for \$200 discretionary spending fund
 - Vice President – recall votes of elected officials
 - Secretary – must be bonded

- Treasurer – must be bonded. Detailed disbursements and reimbursement payments. Added responsibility of maintaining a property book
- Novice Director – added responsibility to sign novice books after race events
- Indoor Director – added appointed position
- Club Race Director – rewrote all duties and responsibilities

5. Purpose:

Children and the parents or guardians of those children, will be given an opportunity to develop the skills, aptitudes and the means necessary to compete in young people's organized motorsports activities.

The Buckeye Quartermidget Racing Association (BQMRA) will provide the opportunity for children to develop interpersonal skills in the following areas:

- Physical coordination.
- Self-reliance.
- Alertness.
- Awareness.
- Positive interaction with other children and adults.
- Fairness.
- Generosity.
- Good sportsmanship.
- Respecting the success of others.
- Following rules.
- Being responsible for actions.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- A.** The members of BQMRA are individuals that have petitioned the officials of BQMRA for the right of membership.
- B.** To be a member of BQMRA you must also petition QMA for membership.
- C.** Membership applications will be accepted from any person 18 years of age or older.
- D.** All applicants must complete a QMA membership application, which will be the only application, submitted for both QMA and BQMRA.
- E.** All fees must be paid at the time the membership application is filed.
- F.** The following applications will be forwarded to the BQMRA Board of Directors (BOD) for review.
 - 1.** Any applicant who has received a code of conduct from any QMA organization during the preceding two-year period.
 - 2.** Any applicant that does not maintain a home or residence within the geographic boundaries of Region Four of QMA.
- G.** By a two-thirds vote of the BQMRA BOD, the application may be denied.

7. Membership Types:

Three types of memberships are available:

A. REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

- 1.** Regular memberships are available to anyone 18 years of age or older.
- 2.** A regular membership is defined as the membership assigned to a husband and wife.
- 3.** The membership will include all drivers under the age of 18 when those drivers live in the same household as the membership holder.

B. ALTERNATE HANDLER MEMBERSHIP

- 1.** Alternate handler memberships are available to anyone 18 years of age or older.
- 2.** Alternate handler memberships are available to individuals that wish to participate in QMA events.
- 3.** Alternate handler memberships are assigned to a single individual.
- 4.** No drivers may be included in the alternate handler membership.
- 5.** Alternate handlers are provided insurance coverage.

C. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 1.** An honorary membership is a membership, assigned by a vote of the Board of Directors, to selected individuals.
- 2.** An honorary membership is equivalent to a regular membership. Honorary memberships are automatically renewed, annually, for the lifetime of the recipient.
- 3.** No fee will be levied for any honorary membership.

8. Conduct.

- A.** QMA, Region Four and the BQMRA have developed and adopted a code of conduct that establishes penalties for members that misbehave at QMA, Region Four, and BQMRA events.
- B.** The code of conduct is consistent with the laws of the states of California and Ohio. The code is consistent with the bylaws of QMA, Inc.
- C.** The code establishes specific punishments for misconduct and misbehavior on the part of BQMRA members.
- D.** All members will be subjected to disciplinary measures should they violate the code of conduct.

9. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

- A.** A BQMRA member is in good standing when:
 - 1.** The member's membership application is completed and processed by the QMA national secretary.
 - 2.** All fees are paid in full.
 - 3.** The member is not under any suspension.
- B.** BQMRA officials may suspend a member's good standing should they violate the code of conduct.
- C.** When a member is not in good standing, the member may not:
 - 1.** Participate in any BQMRA event
 - 2.** Hold any elected or appointed office in BQMRA
 - 3.** Members may request that their good standing be re-instated.

10. MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

- A.** All membership fees are due for payment, in full, on 31 December of the year preceding the membership year being purchased. New, and renewal, memberships being purchased after 1 September shall provide membership from the date of purchase to 31 December of the year following the year the membership is purchased.

11. BQMRA

- A.** The club consists of members, club officials and racing officials.
- B.** Any member in good standing may become an official in BQMRA.
- C.** All officials in BQMRA are volunteers that have either been elected or appointed.

12. AUTHORITIES

- A.** The affairs of the club will be governed by the bylaws of the BQMRA.
- B.** The BQMRA bylaws must be consistent with the bylaws of Region Four of QMA and with the bylaws of QMA, Inc.
- C.** No item in the BQMRA bylaws may be in violation of any Ohio or California corporate law.
- D.** The bylaws will ensure that the rights of the BQMRA and all members of the BQMRA are protected.
- E.** The bylaws will ensure the obligations of all members of the BQMRA are established and met.

13. ROSTER and MAILING LIST

- A.** The BQMRA roster and mailing list is the sole property of BQMRA. Neither the roster nor the mailing list shall be disseminated to any person, organization, or entity without the permission of the BQMRA BOD.
- B.** Upon written request, a special roster of club members, by name only, shall be furnished to any BQMRA member.
- C.** Upon further written request to the BQMRA BOD, stating purpose for such, a club roster including addresses shall be furnished.
- D.** No fee shall be levied for the roster, except for copying/ mailing costs.

14. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** BQMRA is administratively divided into two groups, the membership and the elected board of directors (BOD).
- B.** The membership is divided into three groups; members, appointed club officials, and appointed racing officials.

15. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

- A.** The BQMRA BOD is the elected or appointed BQMRA members that have volunteered to hold office as a BQMRA BOD member and consists of the following:
 - 1.** Four elected officers
 - a)** President
 - b)** Vice President
 - c)** Secretary
 - d)** Treasurer
 - 2.** Two elected Directors
 - 3.** Elected Board Members
 - a)** Not less than three but no more than five
 - 4.** Columbus Motor Speedway Representative
 - a)** CMS holds a permanent seat on the BOD which is appointed by CMS.

- 5. Trustee
 - a) This is a position available to the immediate past President to help with continuity. If that person is either unavailable or unwilling to hold this position then it will remain vacant for that year.
- B. All officers and board members must have a minimum of six months of Quarter Midget racing experience prior to election or appointment to the BQMRA BOD.

16. OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

- A. The membership shall, annually, nominate and elect club officials.
- B. The term of office for BQMRA officials shall be one year or until removed, whichever comes first.
- C. The members of the BQMRA shall elect the following officials:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
 - 5. Technical Director
 - 6. Safety Director
 - 7. Elected Board Members (no more than 5 or less than 3)

17. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

- A. All regular BQMRA members must be provided an opportunity to submit nominations.
- B. The BQMRA secretary shall accept written and verbal nominations for each elected official no later than the September club meeting of the year preceding the year for which the nominated elected official will serve.
- C. The BQMRA secretary shall certify all prospective nominees meet the following criteria for office:
 - 1. Eighteen years of age or older
 - 2. Regular member in good standing of BQMRA
 - 3. Minimum of six months participation in quarter midget racing
- D. The BQMRA secretary shall compose the election ballot no more than 5 business days after the club meeting in September of the year preceding the year in which elected officials shall serve

18. ELECTIONS FOR OFFICE

- A. The BQMRA secretary shall develop and implement procedures that will deliver an accurate delivery and count of ballots.
- B. All regular BQMRA members must be provided an opportunity to vote for officer and board member nominees.
- C. Each family holding a regular membership will be entitled to one vote.
- D. All ballots must be delivered in a manner that will provide no less than twenty days for members to:

1. Receive ballots
2. Return ballots
- E. At the October club meeting, ballots will be opened and tabulated by the BQMRA President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- F. The BQMRA official's election cycle will be completed no later than the first Wednesday of the month of October of every year.
- G. The results of the BQMRA official's election cycle will be announced by the BQMRA President at the regularly scheduled monthly club meeting in October of the year of the election.
- H. Newly elected and re-elected officials shall take office on November 1 of the year of the election.
- I. Outgoing officials shall coordinate a timely transition of supplies and paperwork, but shall, in any event, release all necessary items to all incoming officers no later than the start of the November meeting.

19. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. The BQMRA Vice President, upon written request of three regular BQMRA members in good standing, shall conduct a recall vote for any BQMRA elected official.
- B. The written request for removal must include:
 1. Facts surrounding any event that was associated with the request for removal
 2. Witness statements
- C. A recall ballot must be prepared and must be delivered to all regular members of BQMRA.
 1. Each family holding a regular membership will be entitled to one vote.
- D. The recall ballot will provide all regular members of BQMRA an opportunity to review the charges against the official.
- E. The recall ballot will provide all regular members of BQMRA an opportunity to review the response of the official being charged with the recall.
- F. The recall election process must take place within thirty days of the receipt of the request.
- G. A notice of time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be transmitted to the officer or board member being removed from office.
- H. The BQMRA Vice President and two other regular members of BQMRA will open and tabulate the received ballots.
- I. The BQMRA Board shall, at a convened special meeting, remove from office, any official that:
 1. Receives a two thirds vote, affirming the recall, from those ballots returned by the membership.
 2. Receives a two thirds vote, affirming the recall, from those ballots returned by the BQMRA BOD.
- J. The results of the BOD actions shall be read into the minutes of the next regularly scheduled club meeting.

- K. Any officer removed from office as a result of a recall vote shall, within five calendar days of receipt of notification of removal from office, deliver all BQMRA properties to the BQMRA Vice President.
- L. No removed officer may hold an elected office for one year from the date of removal.

20. VACANY OF OFFICE

- A. The BQMRA BOD shall, upon completion of appropriate procedures, declare offices vacant for the following reasons:
 - 1. Unexcused absences (missing three consecutively scheduled monthly club meetings)
 - 2. Removal from office
 - 3. Resignation
 - 4. Loss of good standing
- B. No election will be required if the officer or board position is declared vacant within sixty days of the start of the regularly scheduled officer or board of directors election cycle.
- C. During the sixty-day period the vacant office may be filled by action of the BQMRA BOD.
- D. Interim office holders must meet the same qualifying criteria as any nominated office holder.
- E. Officer(s) or Board member(s) whose office(s) is declared vacant due to being removed from office shall be ineligible to run for office to fill any vacant office.
- F. Officer and BOD vacancies may be filled by any regular member in good standing who meets the qualifying criteria for nomination to be elected into the BQMRA Office or Board of Directors position, who receives a majority of votes of a special election held to fill a vacancy.
- G. The BQMRA shall conduct the Special Election
- H. The election process will provide all regular BQMRA members an opportunity to submit nominees for the vacant board position.
- I. The election process will provide all regular BQMRA members an opportunity to cast a vote for the vacant board position.
- J. Each family holding a regular membership will be entitled to one vote.

21. APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- A. The incoming club president shall appoint the following listed officers at the club meeting in November.
 - 1. Novice director
 - 2. Publicity director
 - 3. Tower director
 - 4. Race director
 - 5. Indoor director
- B. All appointments shall be ratified by a majority vote of those members attending the November club meeting of the year preceding the year in which the appointed officials shall serve:

22. QUORUM – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A.** A minimum of six elected board members must be present to constitute a quorum.
- B.** QUORUM – MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
- C.** The following officials/members must be present at all BQMRA club meetings to constitute a quorum:
 - 1. BQMRA President or assignee.
 - 2. BQMRA Secretary or assignee.
 - 3. Four or more regular club members other than the President or Secretary or their assignees.

23. BQMRA BOARD OF DIRECTOR (BOD) MEETINGS

- A.** BQMRA BOD conducts monthly board meetings.
- B.** Board meetings are held at the Columbus Motor Speedway offices, 1841 Williams Road, the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of July and August.
- C.** The meetings begin at 6:30pm.
- D.** The meetings will be conducted in accordance with “Robert’s Rules of Order”. Including:
 - 1. The club President cannot make a motion
 - 2. The club President only votes in the case of a tie
- E.** The board may take no action unless a quorum is present.
- F.** Any action taken by a majority of those present shall be regarded as an action taken by the board.
 - 1. Except when a two-thirds majority is required in other sections these by-laws.
- G.** The minutes of all BQMRA BOD Meetings shall be written into the minutes of the BQMRA next monthly club meeting minutes.

24. BQMRA BOD EMERGENCY MEETINGS

- A.** The BQMRA President may convene emergency BQMRA BOD meetings.
- B.** Upon demand of three BQMRA Board members, the BQMRA President will convene an emergency BQMRA BOD meeting.
- C.** Emergency BOD meetings are specifically authorized so that the BOD may quickly react to emergency situations.
- D.** Emergency meetings shall require the presence of a minimum of six board members.
 - 1. The club President will make every effort to contact all board members.
 - 2. The board may take no action unless a quorum is present.
- E.** Any action taken by a majority of board members present at a meeting held shall be regarded as an action taken by the board of directors and be recorded as minutes.

- F. The minutes of all BQMRA BOD Emergency Meetings shall be written into the minutes of the BQMRA next monthly club meeting minutes.

25. BQMRA CLUB MEETINGS

- A. The BQMRA club conducts monthly meetings.
- B. Club meetings are held at the Columbus Motor Speedway offices, 1841 Williams Road, the first Wednesday of every month.
- C. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm
- D. The meetings will be conducted in accordance with “Robert’s Rules of Order”. Including:
 - 1. The club President can not make a motion
 - 2. The club President only votes in the case of a tie
- E. The BQMRA President shall preside at the meeting.
- F. The BQMRA Secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting.
- G. The club may take no action unless a quorum is present.
 - 1. Any action taken by a majority of regular members present at a meeting held shall be regarded as an action taken by the club.
- H. The agenda will include but will not be limited to:
 - 1. Minutes of the previous meetings
 - 2. Financial reports
 - 3. Old business
 - 4. New business
- I. All members have a responsibility to attend and participate in BQMRA club meetings.
- J. Any person holding a regular or alternate BQMRA membership in good standing may participate in BQMRA club meetings.
- K. Each family holding a regular membership will be entitled to one vote.
- L. Any person holding an Alternate BQMRA membership may vote on local club related matters, this excludes officer elections and board related matters.

26. DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

27. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors shall control the business and affairs of the association.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have complete response authority to extraordinary events that would take place between scheduled monthly meetings.
 - 1. Extraordinary events may include but not be limited to:
 - a) Misconduct at racing events
 - b) Code of Conduct issues
 - c) This would include any disciplinary actions that need to be taken in the case of disruptions and fail to comply with the code of conduct at any racing event.

- C. The board of directors shall have the power to appoint committees and assign the powers and authority of the board of directors to those committees.
- D. The board of directors will be responsible for the actions of any board assigned committee.

28. PRESIDENT

- A. The president of the BQMRA, while always under the governance of the BQMRA BOD, shall:
- B. Through general supervision, directions, and control of the operations of BQMRA, implement the policies of the BQMRA BOD
- C. Be present at all BQMRA BOD meetings
- D. Preside at all BQMRA club membership meetings.
- E. Be the official BQMRA representative to quarter midget organizations
- F. Be the official BQMRA representative to the general public.
- G. Attend all BQMRA organized events
- H. Appoint a qualified novice director
- I. Appoint a qualified race director
- J. Appoint a qualified indoor director
- K. Appoint a qualified publicity director
- L. Shall have a \$200 per month discretionary spending fund
- M. Establish a communications plan with the BOD
- N. Ensure medical and liability insurance coverage is provided for all BQMRA members
- O. File all required forms to renew and maintain the clubs QMA Racing Charter
- P. File all required forms necessary to maintain the non-profit status with the state of Ohio.

29. VICE PRESIDENT

- A. The BQMRA vice president shall, under the direction and control of the BQMRA BOD:
 - 1. Assist the club President
 - 2. In the absence or incapacity of the club President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of club President
 - 3. Maintain the material condition of indoor and outdoor facilities
 - 4. Organize work details
 - 5. Organize the BQMRA concession stand
 - 6. Conduct authorized recall votes of elected officials
 - 7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors

30. SECRETARY

- A. The BQMRA secretary under the control of the BQMRA BOD shall:
 - 1. Record the minutes of all BQMRA BOD meetings and all BQMRA club meetings

2. Process memberships
3. Maintain the BQMRA roster and mailing list
4. Notify members of meetings no later than 1 week prior to meeting date
5. Maintain operating supplies
6. Maintain a liaison with national and regional secretaries
7. Maintain the master copy of the BQMRA bylaws
8. Maintain the master copy of the BQMRA indoor/outdoor standard operating procedures
9. Make available to all BQMRA members:
10. BQMRA By-laws
11. BQMRA Standard Operating Procedures
12. Listing of BQMRA Officer and Board of Directors
13. Listing of BQMRA Officials
14. Maintain a history of minutes, calendars, and important historical documents as may be required by the BQMRA BOD.
15. Maintain a history of lap record holders
16. Deliver, upon request, any BQMRA document to BQMRA members
17. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors
18. Be bonded

31. TREASURER

- A. The BQMRA Treasurer shall, under the control of the BQMRA BOD:
 1. With the assistance of the BOD prepare an annual budget
 2. Collect all monies
 - a) All BQMRA funds will be deposited into financial institutions
 - b) All BQMRA funds will be kept in financial institutions
 3. Make disbursements and reimbursement payments as follows:
 - a) All payments must be made by check
 - b) All payments must be approved or budgeted
 - c) A receipt or invoice must accompany all requests for payment
 4. On a monthly basis balance the club checking account
 5. Deliver monthly cash disbursement statements to the membership at each monthly club meeting
 6. Deliver monthly savings account, Certificate of Deposit accounts, and other account statements to the membership at each monthly club meeting
 7. Upon the request of a BQMRA member, provide a copy of any BQMRA financial document
 8. Have the responsibility for filing all tax returns and any finance related legal documents
 9. Maintain a Property Book showing all equipment owned, borrowed, received as donations, or otherwise acquired by BQMRA

- a) Property book will show the purchase date and cost and location (user) of the equipment
- 10. Maintain and account for an inventory of QMA restrictor plates
- 11. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors
- 12. Be bonded

32. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

- A. The BQMRA technical director, under the control and direction of the Region Four technical director shall:
 - 1. Determines which cars will be subject to technical inspection
 - 2. Conduct technical inspections
 - 3. Oversee technical operations
 - 4. Assist the Region Four Technical Director with technical inspections at Region Four events.
 - 5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors

33. SAFETY DIRECTOR

- A. The BQMRA safety director, under the control of the BQMRA BOD shall:
 - 1. Develop and implement the BQMRA Safety program. Elements of the safety program will include but not be limited to:
 - a) Car construction
 - b) Uniforms, helmets, arm restraints, seat belts
 - c) Fuels
 - d) Chemicals
 - e) Exhaust systems
 - f) Facility safety issues
 - g) Training and Education
 - 2. Have the responsibility to ensure that all required track safety equipment is in place and operational
 - 3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors

34. TOWER DIRECTOR

- A. The BQMRA Tower director, under the control of the BQMRA President shall:
 - 1. Develop and implement the BQMRA tower procedures
 - 2. Elements of the tower program will include but not be limited to:
 - a) Sign-ins
 - b) Timing and scoring
 - 3. Line-ups
 - 4. Inform the judges if a call is in violation of rules or scoring procedures, and work as the liaison between the tower and the judges.

5. Maintain the inventory of supplies within the tower.
6. Be familiar with the QMA rule book.
7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Director

35. PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

- A.** The Publicity Director, under the control of the BQMRA President shall:
1. Be the official publicity spokesperson for BQMRA.
 2. Be responsible for educational programs, newsletter, website, and other forms of publicity for BQMRA
 3. Be responsible for public relations and promotional programs as aids to BQMRA.
 4. Be responsible for apparel sales
 5. Maintain the sponsors and donors recognition list.
 6. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Director

36. NOVICE DIRECTOR

- A.** The Novice Director, under the control of the BQMRA President, shall:
1. Develop and implement a novice-training program that will meet the criteria for novice training programs as is specified in the QMA rulebook.
 2. Sign novice books upon completion of novice training.
 3. Sign novice books upon completion of novice racing.
 4. Be the head of the Novice training committee.
 5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors

37. INDOOR DIRECTOR

- A.** The Indoor Director, under the control of the BQMRA President, shall:
1. With the Vice President, coordinate with the members, the event setup and teardown of indoor track and its accessories.
 2. Coordinate, oversee, and be the BQMRA official in charge of parking vendors and participants at all indoor races
 3. Some of the items that the Indoor Director is not responsible for are:
 - a) Sign-ins and registration (Secretary and Tower Director)
 - b) Disciplinary issues (President and BOD)
 - c) Any administrative race day duties that are the responsibility of other BQMRA officials.
 4. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the club President or Board of Directors

38. CLUB RACE DIRECTOR

- A.** The Club Race Director, under the control of the BQMRA President, shall attend all BQMRA racing events. Actions taken by the BQMRA

Club Race Director, on race day, shall be deemed to be as if made by the BQMRA BOD, with the following exceptions:

1. Written protests by competitors
 2. Disciplinary actions
- B.** The BQMRA Club Race Director, acting as a direct representative of the BQMRA BOD for race day functions, has the authority to make decisions, implement plans and procedures with the goal of conducting a BQMRA racing event in a manner that is consistent with the QMA rulebook and other guides and written instructions controlling the operation of the position of race director, in manner that is fair and right for all QMA members attending BQMRA racing events.
- C.** Club Race Director duties:
1. Liaison between the competitors and the tower
 2. Liaison between the judges and the competitors
 3. Controls the track opening and closing for practice and racing
 4. Assists the flagman
 5. Assists the pit steward
 6. Oversees safety and tech issues in the hot chute
 7. Makes sure that all required track safety equipment is in place and operational
 8. Controls implementation of the inclement weather plan
 9. Oversees written protests when the protest alleges mistakes in rules implementation
 10. Processes all engine claims paperwork and holds engine claim funds
 11. Maintains discipline on the grounds on race day
 12. Directs calls for ambulance or EMS services

39. COMPENSATION

- A.** Neither elected nor appointed officials, nor any other member of BQMRA shall be compensated for time and effort expended on behalf of the association except for out of pocket expenses occurred in conjunction with performance of their duties.

40. OWNERSHIP

- A.** All properties pertaining to, used by, donated to, or purchased for the association, or held for the association, and also supplies used in conjunction herewith, and all funds of the association from whatever source obtained, including receipts from operations, shall be used only for the improvement of property and services of this association.

41. PROFITS

- A.** No profits or earnings of any kind will be distributed to any member of this association. All profits and earnings, if any, shall be used for the sole purpose of improving, expanding, and extending the facilities and services of the association.

42. FINANCIAL AUDIT

- A.** During the month of October of each year or prior to the vacancy of office, an audit of the finances of the club shall be held.
- B.** This will include inspection of the ledgers, checkbook(s), bank account(s), CD(s) and any other financial data.
- C.** It will also include an audit of the cash income sources.
- D.** This audit shall be performed by a member(s) of the BQMRA upon the approval of the BOD.
- E.** It will be performed at no costs to the club other than nominal necessary expenses, such as postage, phone, copying, etc.
- F.** If for any reason the Treasurer is unable to complete a full term, an audit will be performed prior to the naming a replacement appointed by the BOD

43. CERTIFICATES

- A.** Neither shares of stock nor certificates of ownership shall be issued by this organization.

44. PERMANENT AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- A.** The BQMRA Bylaws will be amended upon a vote of three fourths of the membership who cast a ballot, and three fourths of the BQMRA BOD.
- B.** All BQMRA members must be notified of any proposed changes, and afforded an opportunity to vote on amendments to the BQMRA Bylaws.