

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
NEUSE RIVER VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC.

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 1, 1984  
and AMENDED NOVEMBER 21, 2024

PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE

The purpose for which this organization is formed and the business or objects to be carried on and promoted by it are mainly educational, social, and not for profit. The more particular objectives are (a) to promote greater fellowship between those persons interested in railroads, railroading, and modeling the same; (b) to provide opportunities for the interchange of information about railroads and their practices; (c) to inform and educate the general public of the value of railroads and the hobby of model railroading; (d) to promote constructive use of leisure time; (e) to foster greater camaraderie between father/mother/son/daughter through a common interest; (f) to foster understanding between persons of different ages, ethnic background, and national origin; (g) to provide opportunities for development of leadership through active participation in organizational activities; (h) to provide young people an opportunity to learn values, respect for other's property, and high standards of craftsmanship; and (i) to provide for the construction and operation of model railroad layouts.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Name

- A. The full legal name of the organization is the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, Inc. In a shortened version, the organization is also known as the NRVNRC.
- B. The Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, Inc. (Club) was organized at Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, on February 1, 1984.

Section 2. Affiliation

- A. The purpose and objectives of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) are supported by the Club. To this end, all active members will be strongly encouraged to be members of the NMRA and the Mideastern Region (MER) of the NMRA.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in the Club is open to all natural persons and organizations in agreement with the Preamble and Purpose.
- Section 2. Classes of Members
- A. There shall be six classes of membership in the Club as follows: Probationary; Youth; Junior; Associate; Senior; and Honorary.
  - B. Qualifications for each class of membership are established in the Bylaws.
- Section 3. Charter Members
- A. All qualified persons whose names appeared on the roster as of February 15, 1984 were given the opportunity to become Charter Members.

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Elected Officers
- A. There shall be four elected officers: President; Vice-President; Secretary; and Treasurer.
  - B. The duties of each officer shall be set forth in the Bylaws.
- Section 2. Elections
- A. Elections shall be held each year at the general membership meeting in May.
  - B. Term of office shall coincide with the fiscal year, or until succeeded by a duly elected officer.
- Section 3. Board of Governors
- A. The Board of Governors (BoG) shall consist of seven members:
    - (1) The four elected officers;
    - (2) Three Senior members elected from the Club's membership:
      - (a) The terms of office shall be staggered in order to maintain continuity;
      - (b) The term of office shall be for three (3) years beginning on June 1.

- B. The BoG shall be the final authority in the interpretation of the Constitution, Bylaws, policies, and procedures of the Club.
- C. The BoG plans, approves, and/or implements those activities deemed necessary for the general welfare, operation, and progress of the Club.

#### ARTICLE IV – FINANCE

##### Section 1. Fiscal Year

- A. The fiscal year shall be from June 1 to May 31.

##### Section 2. Dues, Fees, and Assessments

- A. Dues, fees, and assessments are set forth in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

##### Section 1. Regular Meetings

- A. A general membership meeting shall be conducted each month.
- B. Individual meetings may be postponed at the discretion of the BoG.

##### Section 2. Special general membership or BoG Meetings

- A. Special meetings may be called by the President, BoG, or on petition of any ten (10) members to the Secretary. But, notices of such a special meeting setting forth briefly the reason for the meeting must be mailed or delivered electronically to all members seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

##### Section 3. Board of Governors (BoG) Meetings

- A. The BoG shall meet each month prior to the general membership meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

##### Section 1. Appointment of Committees

- A. At the first BoG meeting of each fiscal year, the President, with the advice of the other officers, shall appoint the Standing Committees.
- B. The President may appoint Special Committees as deemed necessary.
- C. Standing Committee chairs shall be members in good standing.
- D. No officer shall be appointed to chair any Standing Committee.
- E. Committees shall be vacated when the President who appointed them leaves office.

Section 2. Standing Committees

- A. There shall be five (5) Standing Committees: Membership; Ways and Means; House; Engineering; and Program.
- B. The membership and duties of each Standing Committee shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be by written notice filed with the Secretary at any regular business meeting.

- A. There shall be three (3) readings of the proposed amendment at three (3) consecutive general membership meetings starting with the meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented. After the final reading, the proposed amendment shall be immediately voted upon by roll call ballot.
- B. The proposed amendment shall be mailed or delivered electronically to all Senior members in good standing seven (7) days before the second reading.

Section 2. The adoption of any amendment shall require the affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (67%) of the Senior members in good standing and present at the meeting. The amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

## ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

- Section 1. The Bylaws shall be established and adopted by the Club for its own government and that of its members and officers.
- Section 2. The Bylaws may be adopted or amended by sixty-seven percent (67%) affirmative vote of the Senior members in good standing.
- Section 3. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be by written notice filed with the Secretary at any regular business meeting. There shall be two (2) readings of the proposed amendment at two (2) consecutive general membership meetings starting with the meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented. After the final reading, the proposed amendment shall be immediately voted upon by roll call ballot.
- A. The proposed amendment shall be mailed to all Senior members in good standing seven (7) days before the second reading.
  - B. The amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

## ARTICLE IX - RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS

The powers not delegated by this Constitution to the officers, nor prohibited to it by the members, are reserved to the members.

## ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

This Club may be dissolved only on the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership by secret ballot. In the event of such dissolution, and after payment of all outstanding indebtedness, the assets of the Club shall be distributed to any organization(s) that are nonprofit and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## ARTICLE XI

This Constitution became operative immediately after an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the roster members voting.