

1 **CHARTER OF THE**
2 **LSHR**
3 **MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**
4 **Revised October 2, 2008**
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7 **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**
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9 The Association is formally named the LSHR Model Railroad Association (“Association”), dba “Lone
10 Star Hi-Railers Model Railroad Association” or “Lone Star Hi-Railers” (LSHR).
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12 **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**
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14 The purpose of the Association shall be educational:

- 15 a) to promote the fellowship of model railroading among model railroaders with similar interests,
- 16 b) to advance and promote the hobby of model railroading to the public by participation in various
17 public events, and
- 18 c) to provide a meeting ground for the sharing of knowledge and interests among model railroaders
19 interested in model railroading.
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21 **ARTICLE 3 – NOT FOR PROFIT**
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23 The Association is a not for profit mutual benefit organization, created for educational, fraternal, and
24 social purposes.
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26 **ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP**
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28 Membership in the Association shall be open to all people interested in the education and promotion of
29 the hobby of model railroading. Active membership criteria and rules of conduct are defined in the
30 Association bylaws.
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32 There are five levels of membership in the Association:

- 33 a) Regular Member (full voting, 18 years of age or older, dues paying)
- 34 b) Honorary Member (non-voting, determined by the Board and membership, no dues)
- 35 c) Junior member (non-voting, under 18 years of age, reduced dues)
- 36 d) Associate Member (non-voting, determined by the Board and membership, reduced dues)
- 37 e) Family member (non-voting, spouse, children of members, etc., as determined by the Board)
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39 **ARTICLE 5 – DUES**
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41 Dues shall be set by the Association Board of Directors and approved by the Membership as set forth in
42 the Association bylaws.
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44 **ARTICLE 6 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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46 The Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of the
47 Association Officers, the Past Association President (if available), and two Regular Members. The
48 Board of Directors roles and responsibilities are defined in the Association bylaws.
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50 **ARTICLE 7 – OFFICERS**
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52 The Association leadership shall consist of four officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and
53 Treasurer. The Officers roles and responsibilities are defined in the Association bylaws.

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55 **ARTICLE 8 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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57 Officers of the Association are elected from Regular Members in Good Standing and serve a term of one
58 year. Elections take place at the first general membership meeting at the start of the Fiscal Year.
59 Elections of Officers require a simple majority of Regular Members in Good Standing. There is no
60 maximum number of terms an elected officer can serve.

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62 **ARTICLE 9 – VOTING**

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64 Regular Members of the Association in Good Standing have one vote as defined in the bylaws. Regular
65 Members of the Association may vote in general elections, special elections, and all general voting
66 involved in conducting of the Association’s business.

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68 **ARTICLE 10 – MEETINGS**

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70 The Association membership determines regular meeting dates via consensus. Consensus does not mean
71 unanimous, but nearly everyone can live with the decision without major objection.

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73 **ARTICLE 11 – QUORUM**

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75 Fifty percent (%) of the Regular Members shall constitute a quorum sufficient enough to conduct
76 business unless otherwise specified in the bylaws. At least one Association Officer must be present to
77 conduct business.

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79 **ARTICLE 12 – BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

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81 The Association maintains a set of bylaws to further define roles and responsibilities of Directors,
82 Officers, and Members. Proposed amendments to the Association bylaws shall be presented to the
83 Association membership at least 21 days in advance of the vote. The Association charter may be
84 amended by a majority vote of the Regular Members present at the meeting the vote is to take place.

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86 **ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER**

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88 Proposed amendments to the Association Charter shall be presented to the Association membership at
89 least 15 days in advance of the vote. The Association charter may be amended by a vote of two-thirds
90 (2/3) of the Regular Members present at the meeting the vote is to take place.