

Bylaws of the Coachella Valley Radio Control Club

January 7, 2017

Preamble

The Coachella Valley R/C Club ("Club") is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of California and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Club number 2458. The Club is dedicated to the teaching, promotion and safe conduct of building, modeling and flying model aircraft in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Inc. (AMA).

The Club will, in cooperation with the schools, museums, and other educational organizations in the area, conduct periodic demonstrations, classes, and instructional activities to promote interest in model building and flight, aviation, and related fields.

The safety of the students, the members, and the general public is the primary concern of the Club. All of the provisions of the bylaws shall be interpreted so as to accomplish the foregoing goals.

No part of the net earnings of the Club shall be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of the Club as described above. The club will not carry on activities that are not permitted for a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Code or under the California Corporations Code. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets and obligations shall be distributed pursuant to the non-profit provisions of the California Corporations Code then in effect.

ARTICLE I: Officers and Directors

1. **Board of Directors:** The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions shall, whenever possible, be consistent with the stated purpose and objectives of the Club and the AMA. The Board of Directors shall consist of all the elected officers plus three (3) additional directors, elected by the members as outlined in Article 2, to make a total of seven (7) members. The Board may, at its discretion, designate additional member(s) as ex-officio member(s) of the Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board, without voting rights.

2. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it. The President will periodically appoint an Audit Committee to audit the Club's financial records, and may appoint other special committees as necessary for the conduct of the Club's activities. In the event of a tie vote, the President will cast the deciding vote.

3. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he is unable to serve.

4. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He will also be the Club's contact person with AMA in case of questions, problems, or situations.

5. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of all moneys received or disbursed by the Club and provide monthly reports as well as a year end summary of accounts. The Treasurer shall also prepare and submit such tax returns as are required by state and federal law.

ARTICLE 2: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

1. All members of the Board of Directors of the Club shall serve for one (1) year, from January 1 through December 31. Each October, the Board will appoint a nominating committee who will develop a slate of nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 (3) At Large Directors of the Board for the following term. The slate of nominations will be presented at the November general meeting, and additional nominations from the floor will be accepted, provided that the nomination is moved and seconded, and the nominee is present and accepts the nomination to serve.

2. Ballots will be emailed by the Secretary the first week in December to all full club members identifying the nominees.

3. Votes will be collected for the next fourteen (14) days at which point voting will be closed. The Secretary will then tabulate all votes. 7 Director positions will be elected by simple majority of the votes received from the membership. From the 7 elected positions the nominating committee will select the officers and the remaining 3 will be directors.

ARTICLE 3: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

1. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Directors, such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which the predecessor was elected.

2. The Board of Directors may remove from office for cause any officer, including a Director, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, excluding the Board member to be removed. The members of the Club may, at a special meeting called and duly noticed for the purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members at the meeting, remove any officer or Director.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club officers and notice sent by email and posted at the airfield.

2. Club officers may call special meetings with no less than five days prior written/electronic notice of a special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the written/electronic notice.

3. At any Club meeting, all business may be approved by a simple majority, over fifty percent (50%) of the members voting at the meeting, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

4. Robert's rules of order shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

5. The members in attendance at a duly called and noticed meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

1. All persons interested in the design, construction and/or flying of model aircraft who are current members of the AMA or MAAC shall be eligible for membership and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, the bylaws and safety rules of the AMA/MAAC, and the Club rules and regulations as documented on the Club's website.
2. The Club does not and shall not discriminate, or condone use of slurs against any race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability sexual orientation or any other federally protected class in any of its activities or operations.
3. Limits on the total number of members may be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting at the next regular meeting.
4. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
 - A. **Full member** : A full member is nineteen (19) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights.
 - B. **Junior member**: A junior member is younger than nineteen (19) years old. Junior members are not required to pay dues and may attend and participate in Club meetings but have no voting privileges.
 - C. **Associate member**: An associate member is a non-flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club. An associate member may attend and participate in the Club meetings, but has no voting rights. A person may become an associate member by invitation of the Board of Directors. Associate members are not required to pay dues.

ARTICLE 6: INITIATION DEPOSIT, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

1. A non-refundable initiation deposit may be required as a condition of membership.
2. The initiation deposit, if required, and the annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis. Dues are to be paid no later than the January Club meeting.
3. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership except under extraordinary circumstances. Any such assessment must be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting at a regular monthly meeting, the members having been given fourteen (14) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.
4. A member shall be in arrears if dues are not paid by January 31, and his/her membership shall be deemed to be terminated by reason of such nonpayment, unless satisfactory explanation of the reason(s) for such nonpayment is presented to the Board. The Board may, at its discretion, reinstate such person to membership.

ARTICLE 7: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY

ACTION, EXPULSION, AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member may resign his membership in the Club at any time with written notice to the Club Secretary.

2. If any member ceases to be an AMA member, his membership in the Club shall thereby terminate immediately, subject to reinstatement upon proof of renewed AMA membership.

3. It's the Board of Directors responsibility to maintain facilities for the enjoyment and safe operation of model aircraft at the flying field. Conduct at the flying field that jeopardizes the Club's privilege of using the flying site, any actions which place personal safety or the safety or property of others in danger, or continually or willfully commits any act or omission which violates any of the terms of the Club's Bylaws, lease agreement, or Club or AMA rules and/or Safety Rules is unacceptable. Any person who damages any club property will be held responsible for those damages.

4. Members are expected to treat each other, guests and visitors to the airfield and other club events with courtesy, respect, civility and dignity. Disagreements among individuals are expected to be handled civilly and respectfully. Threatening, intimidating or abusive language or behavior is unacceptable and may be grounds for disciplinary action.

5. When a member has been asked repeatedly to stop poor behavior or the offense is of a serious nature, a grievance can be filed against any member. Any member in good standing can file a grievance in writing over his/her signature to any Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the grievance. The Board of Directors shall, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action, up to and including immediate suspension or revocation of flying privileges and/or membership, for any such conduct. Any such disciplinary action shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting. A member who has been subject of any such disciplinary action shall be promptly notified electronically. The member may request a hearing before the Board of Directors to appeal the action. Such request for a hearing must be submitted to the Board in writing no more than fourteen (14) days following the notice of action. The member will be notified electronically as to the findings/actions of the Board no more than seven (7) days after the hearing. If, after the hearing, the member's full and unrestricted rights of membership have not been restored, the member may then request a hearing before the Club membership to appeal the action. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting is required to modify or reverse the actions of the Board of Directors in this respect.

6. All persons must abide by the Safety Rules of the Club.

ARTICLE 8: SPECIAL FUNDS

1. The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

2. The President will have discretion to expend up to five hundred dollars (\$500) per year without requiring Club or Board of Directors' approval. Receipts for any and all such expenditures will be presented to the Treasurer of the Club.

ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors may establish and appoint the membership to such committees as it may determine to be in the best interest of the Club.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members voting.