

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS FOR THE 95TH SQUADRON MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Article I

The purpose of the club shall be to promote and encourage participation in the hobby/sport of model aviation in any form including radio control, control line and free flight. Also, to provide a forum for members to share common knowledge and experience in the afore mentioned activities; to conduct educational programs regarding our activities to foster better relations in the community; to engage in such other activities that promote our hobby/sport; and to provide a field where members may engage in the hobby/sport of flying model aircraft.

Article II

The membership shall be open to any individual of good character who is interested in contributing to the purposes of the Club, and who will conform to the rules governing the operation of aircraft and equipment at any Club site. Insurance coverage shall be provided via membership of all Club members in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. An insurance certificate shall be kept in effect via the AMA for protection of the flying field under Club sanction.

Visiting pilots must have a current AMA license, and visit a maximum of one day a month or 3 weekends a year.

Article III

The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer. These officers shall also constitute the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all members at the annual meeting in February, and shall serve for a one year term of office.

The order of succession of officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall present the agenda, preserve order, and decide all points of order that may arise at Club meetings, subject to being overruled by a majority vote. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall assist the President in any way designated.

The Secretary shall have the responsibility of maintaining accurate records of all meetings of the Club and of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence between the Club and other groups or organizations. The monthly newsletter editor shall communicate with the Secretary to ensure appropriate information is distributed to the membership.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all duly authorized moneys within an approved budget. The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of all accounts and expenditures, and shall report at monthly Club meetings. It is recommended that the newly elected Treasurer prepare an annual budget in cooperation with the outgoing Treasurer at the beginning of a new year.

The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and filled by one person in the event that an insufficient number of candidates are available to fill both positions.

The Safety Officer shall be responsible for formulating and maintaining rules for the safe operation of any flying facility sponsored and sanctioned by the Club. These rules shall be reviewed periodically by the Board and any changes will be approved by the Board before their implementation. The Safety Officer shall report all violations of said rules to the Board for appropriate action.

Article IV

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to act for the Club in any emergency or needful occasion between regular meetings. The Board shall decide policies and procedures affecting general management of the Club. It is recommended that the Board meet on a regular monthly basis approximately one week before the regular monthly meeting. The President shall have the authority to call a Board meeting at any time if the need arises, and shall report on the activities of the Board at the monthly meeting of the Club. Committees shall be appointed by the Board to carry out functions deemed necessary in conducting the Club’s activities. The Board will be authorized to approve any necessary expenditure up to \$150.00 without approval of the Club majority. Any unauthorized expenditure by any club member will not be reimbursed.

Article V

Dues to support the activities and business for the Club shall be payable on an annual basis. Dues shall be used for the acquisition and maintenance of a suitable flying site, funding of Club sponsored activities, and other Club business as defined in the budget.

Dues are payable on Jan 1st for the calendar year and membership expires on Dec. 31st of that same year. Any non-paying renewal member is considered delinquent after Jan. 31st and will not be allowed Club privileges after that date. This includes voting in the February elections of officers.

Dues Schedule is as follows:

Adult (18 and older).....	\$40
Additional family members (at same address or student over eighteen).....	\$20
Non-flying member.....	\$30
Junior (under eighteen).....	\$5
Additional family under eighteen.....	\$1

New members’ dues who join the Club after June 30 will be reduced by 50 percent for that calendar year. New members who join the Club on or after September 15 may opt to pay the full amount of annual dues and will be considered current for the remainder of that year and the entire next year.

Article VI

Meetings of the Club’s general membership shall be held the second Thursday of each month at a time and place to be announced at the meeting one month preceding. Business shall be conducted by a quorum constituted of one-quarter (25%) of the active (paid) members. All business brought before the Club members for approval, except those listed in Article VII of this document, shall be subject to majority vote of the quorum. This business will be listed in the newsletter prior to the club meeting in which it is to be voted on. In the event a member is unable to attend this meeting, a written absentee ballot will be accepted. In the event that a quorum does not participate, including absentee ballots, the business will be conducted with the majority vote of those present at the meeting. Flying site safety rules, cookouts, fly-ins, contests, field improvements, etc. fall under this category.

Article VII

All changes in this Constitution and By-Laws, or impeachment proceedings against a Board or Club member, shall be proposed by written motion at a regular club meeting, discussed and voted on at the following meeting. Any such changes or action shall be determined by a two thirds majority vote of the entire membership, with written absentee ballots accepted.

Article VIII

Officers shall be nominated at the January meeting and elections held at the February meeting with elective power conveyed at that time.

Should any office become vacant during the year, nominations and an election will be held at any Club meeting following such vacancy.

Article IX

Upon dissolution, after payment of all outstanding debts and expenses, the assets of the club will be distributed to such organization or organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501[c] of the Internal Revenue Code.