

# TUCSON RADIO CONTROL CLUB BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I

The name of the club shall be the **Tucson Radio Control Club**.

## ARTICLE II

### SECTION 1, OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this club shall be:

1. To create sportsmanship, craftsmanship and fellowship.
2. To encourage participation in the sport of radio controlled model aviation.
3. To provide the opportunity for the up-grading of construction and flying skills by experimentation, competition, and education.
4. To provide the organization and resources necessary for the performance of air shows and demonstrations for the public to promote the hobby of radio control model aviation.

### SECTION 2, POLICIES:

The policies of this club shall be determined by the bylaws, Academy of Model Aeronautics Constitution, and other policies deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and by a quorum of active Open membership at any regular club meeting.

TRCC does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin, or handicap status in administration of its admission and flying club policies. (Added/approved January 20<sup>th</sup> 2005)

## ARTICLE III

### SECTION 1, CLASSIFICATIONS:

There shall be three (3) classifications of members as follows:

### SECTION 2, ACTIVE JUNIOR MEMBERS:

These are members who are not 19 years of age by July 1. Junior members shall enjoy all rights and privileges except the right to vote in the matters of policy and procedure.

### **SECTION 3, ACTIVE OPEN MEMBERS:**

These are members who are 19 years of age or older by July 1.

### **SECTION 4, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

These are non-voting members who live outside the Tucson area (50 mile radius) and are approved by a majority vote of a quorum of active Open Members at any regular club meeting. Associate Memberships must be renewed annually.

### **SECTION 5, GOLD MEMBER:**

A Gold Member shall be a life time member exempt from dues, yet retaining all active open members' rights and privileges. The Board must agree unanimously and present the nomination at an open general meeting. A super majority (2/3) of members presents AND voting must approve. (Approved/added January 20, 2005)

### **SECTION 6, ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS MEMBERSHIP:**

All members must be current and paid-up members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

### **SECTION 7, APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

An applicant for Active Membership shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics prior to his application. Upon approval by two-thirds vote, of a quorum of active members present at any regular meeting, an applicant will receive club membership with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof. If any person is not able to attend a meeting, because of personal reasons, then a letter may be submitted to the Board of Directors for review. The Board will then make a recommendation to the membership for consideration of this person.

### **SECTION 8, LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, and by two-thirds vote of a quorum of active members present at any regular meeting, any club member who is felt to be disruptive to the accomplishment of the club objective or who continues to violate club rules and regulations (as provided by the Board of Directors and membership) after having been warned in writing, will cease to be a club member and will lose all rights and privileges thereof.

### **SECTION 9, GUEST FLYING PRIVILEGES:**

All guests may fly 6 times (1 time is a day or any portion thereof) per year as a guest of TRCC. Guests must be closely accompanied by a TRCC member host. Host must be at the flying field when a guest is flying. Host is responsible for the guest and his flying ability. All radio equipment must be FCC Narrow Band legal, guest must have a current AMA card, and all TRCC safety rules must be adhered to.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **SECTION 1, INITIATION FEE.**

Upon being elected to membership of the club, all open members will pay a one-time \$75.00 initiation fee. Immediate family members residing in the same household will pay only a single \$75.00 initiation fee. There are no initiation fees for Junior members.

### **SECTION 2, DUES:**

Club dues will be \$70.00 per year for all active Open Members and \$10.00 per year for Junior and Associate Membership. Dues will be due and payable on the third Thursday of February of each year, and delinquent the day after the third Thursday of March. A late fee of \$5.00 per month will be charged to all delinquent dues and their flying privileges will be suspended. Members who remain delinquent will lose their membership status if dues are not paid in full by the first of May of the current membership year and must pay a full initiation fee to be reinstated as a member. (Approved/updated January 20<sup>th</sup> 2005 and June 16<sup>th</sup> 2005)

Winter visitors will pay \$20.00 initiation fee per year and \$10.00 per month of the winter stay. If they stay longer, they will then pay for a full membership of \$70.00. (Approved Jan 19, 2006)

### **SECTION 3, ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS DUES:**

Academy of Model Aeronautics dues will be paid directly to the Academy of Model Aeronautics by each member.

### **SECTION 4, ASSESSMENTS:**

In the operation of club business, it may be necessary to assess the membership extra funds. These funds would only be for major projects and field renewal. These assessments must be passed by a two thirds vote of a quorum of the open membership, and the assessment amount to be decided in the same manner. (Approved/updated January 20<sup>th</sup> 2005 and June 16<sup>th</sup> 2005)

### **SECTION 5, MEMBERSHIP FORFEITURE:**

Any open member who forfeits their membership to avoid an assessment, voted into existence by the membership, will be required to satisfy that assessment with the board of directors before being reinstated to membership. Persons transferred out of the area on a permanent basis, may consult the board, as to their status when returning to the club. (Approved/updated January 20<sup>th</sup> 2005 and June 16<sup>th</sup> 2005)

## ARTICLE V

### SECTION 1, BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors will consist of six Open Members, three of whom shall be elected each year. Board Members will serve a two year term of office commencing upon the election at the annual meeting and continuing until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Board shall be elected by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the active members present at the annual meeting in March of each year.

### SECTION 2, CLUB OFFICERS:

The Board of Directors, by a vote of the majority of a quorum of the Board, shall elect from among the members of the Board a club President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, and Membership Officer. The terms of each of these club officers will be one years from the time of election or until a successor for each is elected.

### SECTION 3, BOARD VACANCY:

If a vacancy should occur on the Board of Directors, a majority of a quorum of the members present at the next regular meeting of the club will elect a replacement to complete the term of office involved.

### SECTION 4, REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, and by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of active members present at the next regular meeting, following such recommendation, any Board member who is felt to be unresponsive to the duties of his/her office as outlined in Article VI, Section 2, after having been warned will cease to be a Board member. Such warning may be oral and/or in writing and must represent the majority of the remaining Board members.

## ARTICLE VI

### SECTION 1, MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. The Secretary, or some other officer, will notify every member of the Board in advance, of the meeting time.

### SECTION 2, OFFICERS DUTIES

A. President: The President shall preside at the meetings and is the ex-officio member of all committees (except the Nominating Committee) and shall have voting privileges on those committees. As an ex-officio member of such committees he will see that the bylaws of the club are carried out and enforced .

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President or at the request of the President. He shall be the co-chairman on all committees and shall have full voting privileges thereon. In addition, he is the Field Maintenance Officer.

C. Secretary: The secretary shall keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the members of the club, shall attend to distribution of all notices required by the bylaws and shall have custody of up-to-date bylaws and AMA Constitution. The Secretary shall be responsible for a membership roll alphabetically arranged containing the name, address, and phone number of all members of the club. He shall conduct correspondence as directed by the Board of Directors and shall file all correspondence and documents.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all monies received or paid to or by him on account of, and for, and on behalf of the club. The Treasurer shall render true and accurate accounts of his activities as treasurer, and report thereon at each meeting of the Membership and Directors of the club. The treasurer shall prepare a budget for any upcoming contest and present it to the membership for a vote at a regular club meeting not later than the meeting preceding the contest.

E. Safety Officer: The Safety officer is responsible for the entire club safety program. When the general club meeting is held, he/she will address at least one specific safety subject, in order to create an awareness amongst the membership of the dangers involved in the hobby.

F. Membership Officer: The Membership Officer shall keep custody of all club member paraphernalia, i.e.; membership applications, club bylaws, hats, pins, badges, show and tell ribbons and completed membership applications. Maintain record of pilot upgrades and obtain the appropriate badges.

### **SECTION 3, BUSINESS AFFAIRS:**

The Board of Directors is authorized and instructed to conduct the business affairs of the club, with a \$500.00 maximum limitation upon the sum that the Board can obligate the club to without prior approval of a majority vote of a quorum of the club's members present at a regular meeting. All conveyances, encumbrances, releases, discharges, contracts, or obligations of the corporation, of every kind and description, shall be executed by the Treasurer at the direction of the Board, and one signature of either the President or the Vice President. The Board is authorized to pay the annual Field Lease fee without general membership approval.

### **SECTION 4, FLYING SITE:**

The Board of Directors is instructed to secure and maintain a club flying site.

### **SECTION 5, AGENDA:**

The president is directed to prepare an agenda for each meeting of the club.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SECTION 1, MEETINGS:**

Regular meetings of the members shall be held on the third Thursday of the month, without notice, unless another date is selected by the Board of Directors.

Notices must be given to all members of a change of at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President or not less than three other members of the Board.

## **SECTION 2, QUORUM:**

Thirty (30) active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the club (Junior and Associate Members, however, do not vote on matters of policy and procedure). Four members of the Board of Directors, including the President or Vice President, shall constitute a quorum for a Board of Directors' meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **SECTION 1, COMMITTEES:**

Special Committees such as an Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee, and any other, may be designated by the Board of Directors or by the club membership. The foregoing committees, for which no duties are herein prescribed, nor numbers of members enumerated, shall be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors with the concurrence of the President and the duties of each committee shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership at large at a regular Club meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **SECTION 1, Procedures:**

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised and Robert's Parliamentary Law shall apply on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not specified in the Articles of Incorporation, these bylaws, or in the Constitution of the AMA.

# **ARTICLE X**

## **SECTION 1, BYLAWS**

The bylaws of this club may be adopted, amended, or rescinded in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Open Membership, in January or July only, provided that notice of intention to make, amend, or rescind the bylaws in whole or in part shall have been given at the proceeding meeting of the club or via the monthly newsletter or other written notice at least three (3) days prior to said meeting. The Board shall have the power to put to a vote any emergency changes.

## **SECTION 2, BYLAW CONFLICTS**

No article or section of these bylaws may conflict with the constitution of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

The foregoing bylaws were adopted by a majority of a quorum of the active Open Members of the Tucson Radio Control Club, Incorporated at the meeting held on the 19th day of July 2000.

Changes/additions/updates were made by a majority of a quorum of the active Open Members of the Tucson Radio Control Club January 20, 2005, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2005, and January 19, 2006