

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

of the

TOOWOOMBA AMATEUR RADIO

MODEL AERO CLUB Inc.

10th April 2006

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1. **NAME** - The name of the Club shall be the Toowoomba Amateur Radio Model Aero Club Incorporated.
2. **OBJECTS AND POWERS**
 - a. The object of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the sport of model flying, provide and maintain amenities for Members and the encouragement of good fellowship amongst its Members.
 - b. In order to facilitate the objects referred to in paragraph a. of this rule, the Club shall have power:
 - (1) To purchase, take, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Club, and to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the said property or part thereof, provided that in case the Club shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Club shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.
 - (2) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Club; to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Club may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
 - (3) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Club's interests.
 - (4) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to sell, improve, manage develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Club.
 - (5) To take or hold mortgages, liens or charge, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Club's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Club, or any money due to the Club from purchasers and others.
 - (6) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Club, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
 - (7) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Club, but subject always to sub-rule b(1).

- (8) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Club may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- (9) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to amalgamate with any one or more incorporated associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Club under or by virtue of rule 8e.
- (10) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to purchase or to otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated clubs with which the club is authorized to amalgamate.
- (11) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Club to any one or more of the incorporated clubs with which the Club is authorized to amalgamate.
- (12) To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes.
- (13) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Club.
- (14) The income and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers as set out herein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of divided, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the Club provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by him to the Club or otherwise owing by the Club to him or of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Club or to any member of the Club or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Club provided further that nothing herein contained shall be constructed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Club or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Club.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The club consists of Ordinary Members, Pensioner Members, Junior Members, Associate Members, Temporary Members, Social Members and Honorary Members each of whom shall be bound by this Constitution and Rules as duly amended from time to time.

4. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for Membership persons must be:

- a. Not less than the minimum age required by the *M.A.A.A.*
- b. Interested in model aircraft flying, whether it be Radio Control Power Models and Gliders, Control-line Models, Free- flight Models or Rockets.
- c. Of good repute and character and compatible with other Members.
- d. Free of indebtedness to any other Club of which they are or may previously have been members.

5 CLASSIFICATION AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. **Ordinary Members** will comprise such Members as pay Full Club Dues and are entitled to all Club Privileges.
- b. **Pensioner Members** will comprise such Members as hold a current Pensioner Card and Number and pay appropriate Club Dues and are entitled to all Club Privileges.
- c. **Junior Members** will comprise such Members as are under the age of 18 years in the Calendar Year in which they join, and pay appropriate Club Dues, and are entitled to all Club Privileges except voting at Club Meetings. They may act as Assistants to Committee Members.
- d. **Associate Members.** The Committee may elect any person who is a member of another M.A.A.A. recognised club for such a period as the Committee may determine upon payment of a fee as determined by the Committee. Associate Members shall not be entitled to hold any office of the Club, or to nominate Ordinary Members of the Club or to take part in, or vote at, meetings of the Club.
- e. **Temporary Members.** The Committee may admit as a Temporary Member any person who does not normally reside within the district where the Club is established, provided (omit: always) that such person is a full subscribing and financial member of a Club affiliated with M.A.A.A. Such Membership shall not exceed a six-month period but shall be subject to renewal at the discretion of the Committee. Temporary Members shall not be entitled to hold any office in the Club or to nominate Ordinary Members of the Club. Nor may they take part in, or vote at meetings of the Club except at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- f. **Social Members.** The Committee may admit Social Members who will be entitled to attend all functions of the Club other than Committee Meetings but will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Club or to nominate Ordinary Members of the Club.
- g. **Honorary Members.** The Committee and Members of the Club may confer Honorary Membership of the Club on any person in recognition of services to the Club. Such Honorary Members will be entitled to all Club Privileges and their Dues to M.A.A.Q. may be paid by the Club at the discretion of the Committee if they wish to take part in Flying Activities.
- h. **Life Members.** The Committee and Members of the Club may confer Life Membership, which is honorary, on any Club Member in recognition of services to the Club. Such Life Members will be entitled to all Club Privileges and their dues to M.A.A.Q. may be paid, at the discretion of the Committee, if they wish to take part in flying activities.

Election to Honorary or Life Membership may be proposed and seconded by any two (2) club members and submitted in writing to the Committee. If endorsed by the Committee at a formal meeting of all Committee Members the proposal shall be submitted to all club members (except the nominee) by mail with a voting slip attached. The voting slip is to be returned to the Secretary (or other nominated Returning Officer) within 42 days. The result of the vote, if in favour, should be announced at the next club meeting thereafter unless there is good reason not to do so. A negative result should be notified to the proposer and seconder by the Returning Officer.

To be eligible for Life Membership, a nominee should have been a member of the club for at least 5 years, have rendered outstanding service to the club and preferably served as an Officer of the club.

6 ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

- a Proposal for New Membership of the Club must be made in writing on a form prescribed by the Committee. Club Fees should not be collected until membership has been accepted.
- b Any applicant who has been rejected by the Committee or at a Ballot at a General Meeting shall not be proposed for Membership during the following 12 months unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that an injustice has been done.
- c Membership shall cease at midnight on 30th June and all past members must apply afresh for membership to commence at 00.01 hours on 1st July each year.

7 SUSPENSION AND/OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a A resignation from Membership shall not be valid unless it has been received and acknowledged in writing by the Secretary of the Club. A Member shall not be deemed to have resigned from the Club unless his resignation is in writing or is delivered verbally at a Meeting. No such resignation shall relieve any person from the payment of any subscription or other money due or payable to him at the time of his resignation.
- b The resignation of any Member shall involve forfeiture of all rights and privileges in respect to all Club matters and property.
- c The Committee shall have the power to indicate to any member that their next application for membership may be declined if the behaviour of that member is, in the opinion of the Committee, unacceptable. This condition applies to all categories of membership.
- d The Committee may remove from the list of Members the name of any person whose subscription is one (1) month or over in arrears. Any such person removed from Membership who desires readmission shall tender payment of all arrears and apply in accordance with Rule 6.
- e The Committee shall have the power to reprimand or suspend any Member who, on the Club premises or elsewhere, is, in the opinion of the Committee, guilty of conduct derogatory to the interests of the Club. Such reprimand should include an indication that membership for the ensuing year might not be granted in the event of continuing unacceptable conduct and should be given in writing to the member.

8 FINANCE

- a The financial year of the Club will end on 30th June each year. The annual subscription for Membership for the Ensuing Year shall be payable before the First Day of July of that Ensuing Year. The fees as fixed, shall be payable by all members joining the Club in the twelve months following the June General Meeting.

b Annual Subscriptions shall be payable by all Members (except Honorary Members) irrespective of class. Such fees and subscriptions shall be determined at the May meeting of the Club and ratified at the June General Meeting and shall continue in force until altered at a subsequent Annual General Meeting.

c The Committee shall have the right to authorise the payment of the subscription over a period of time in the case of any member in difficult or indigent financial circumstances, and if such Member pays the prescribed subscription within the period nominated by the Committee, he shall not be deemed un financial. The full amount of M.A.A.A. Insurance Premium must be paid.

d Any person taking up Membership subsequent to the commencement of a half year period shall pay his subscription contribution pro-rata on a monthly basis from the date of acceptance as a Member to the end of the half year period. The full amount of M.A.A.A. Insurance Premium must be paid.

e The funds of the Club shall be deposited in a Bank, Building Society or Credit Union approved by the Club and in the name of the Club. Such accounts shall be operated by any two of the President, Treasurer and Secretary. All receipts and expenditure shall be accurately recorded in books kept for the purpose.

f The income and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers as set out herein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the Club provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by him to Club or otherwise owing by the Club to him or of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Club or to any member of the Club or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Club provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Club or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Club.

g The Club may strike special per capita levies on all ordinary Members at any General Meeting of the Club provided that fourteen (14) days clear notice has been given of the intention to strike such a levy and that the motion is passed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at that Meeting.

h Each Member shall be advised by letter, delivered to the Member or posted to his address, of any levy struck as aforesaid. If a member fails to pay the levy within three months of the day following the posting of the letter of advice, he shall be deemed unfinancial.

i Any Member who becomes unfinancial shall forthwith be deprived of all privileges of Membership of the Club.

9 CLUB MANAGEMENT

a All Officers under these rules shall be honorary and elective every financial year. Ordinary Members and Pensioner Members of the Club shall be eligible to hold any such office.

b Every Office bearer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall hold Office until the conclusion of the election held at the next Annual General Meeting. An Office Bearer may be elected to any Committee position for the ensuing year.

c The Business and Affairs of the Club shall be under the management of a Committee which must consist of a minimum of President, Treasurer and one (1) Elected Member.

d The Management Committee shall meet at least once every calendar month to exercise its functions.

e Common Seal - The Management Committee shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Management Committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by the President and one other Member of Committee.

f Nomination for Office may be made in writing in advance by two members. It must be accompanied by the written consent of the Member so nominated. Nominations for Office may also be called from the floor at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. All persons nominated for Office must be financial from the date of nomination to the date of election inclusive.

g If nominations for any office are in excess of the number required, the election for that Office shall be by Secret Ballot

h In case of extreme difficulty the above rules may be varied by the Committee.

i The Committee shall manage the Club and in addition to the powers specifically conferred on it by these rules, shall have power:

- (1) To transact and authorize expenditure, provided that the Committee is not empowered to authorize any single item of expenditure in excess of an amount previously determined at a General Meeting of the Club.
- (2) To appoint Sub-Committees.
- (3) To arrange Meetings of the Committee.
- (4) To Co-opt Members to the Committee.
- (5) To fill any vacancies in its number that may occur except in the case of President, which Office shall only be filled, in the event of a vacancy arising therein between Annual General Meetings, by Members of the Club voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- (6) To propose Temporary or Associate Members.
- (7) To act otherwise in the interests of the club members.

10 DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

President - The President, when in attendance, shall preside at all Meetings of the Club and Committee. He shall attend to the carrying out of the decisions of the Club and Committee and ensure that the Rules of the Club are fully adhered to by all.

Secretary - The Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Management Committee Meeting and General Meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every Management Committee meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Management Committee Meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting: Provided that the minutes of any Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting or Annual General Meeting. He shall receive all correspondence and reply thereto as the Committee may direct. It shall be the duty of each Member to notify the Secretary of any change of address, telephone number or radio frequency.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep a record of the club's receipts and expenditure and keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club. He shall report the financial position of the Club at each General Meeting and Committee Meeting. He shall also submit to the Annual General Meeting a Statement of his accounts for the preceding year and an Auditor's report. He shall keep a list of Members and their addresses, telephone numbers, registration numbers (M.A.A.A.) and Radio Frequencies.

Should any officer of the Club be absent or ill, or should he neglect or refuse to do anything required by the By-Laws, the Committee shall have power to invite and appoint any other Member of the Club to act in his stead.

11 CLUB MEETINGS

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held within six (6) months of the close of the financial year on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Meeting shall be called by giving Members not less than fourteen (14) clear days notice. The business of the Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Reading the notice convening the Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
3. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report.
4. Presentation of the Financial Statements, which shall include a statement of receipts and expenditure for consideration and adoption, *and an Auditor's report.*

5. Election of an auditor for the ensuing year.
6. Election of Office Bearers.

The order of the business shall be as set out unless, in the opinion of the Meeting, exceptional circumstances warrant a change in the order. The inadvertent omission to give notice of a Meeting to a particular Member shall not invalidate the Meeting.

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Committee upon the written request of not less than five (5) Members of the Club.

Members shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days notice in writing of such a Meeting and a statement of the objects for which the Meeting is to be held, No other business shall be transacted at such a Meeting.

Conduct of Meetings and Proxies

The Chairman shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner.

Every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Members present.

Every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

A member may vote in person or by proxy and on a show of hands every person present who is a member or a representative of a member shall have one vote.

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, in the common or usual form under the hand of the appointor. A proxy may, but need not, be a member of the Club.

Where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:

TOOWOOMBA AMATEUR RADIO MODEL AERO CLUB INC.

I.....
being a member of the above named Club, hereby appoint

.....of.....

or failing him..... of.....

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (Annual / Special) General Meeting of the Club to be held on day of 20 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of 20 . Signature.....

This form is to be used in favour of or against the numbered resolutions as instructed by me.

(omit: * Strike out whichever is not desired.) (Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.)

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited with the Committee prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

The Minutes of every Management Committee Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Management Committee meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that Meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting provided that the minutes of any Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that Meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

Quorum

A quorum for any General Meeting shall be double the number of Members presently on the Management Committee plus one (1). For the purpose of this rule "Member" includes a person attending as a proxy.

Not less than fifty per cent of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for Committee Meetings.

Should a quorum not be present within half an hour of the appointed time, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Members present.

Chairman

In the absence of the President, the Members present shall elect a Chairman unless one has been previously appointed by the President.

Voting at Meetings

All questions which are submitted for decision by the Members present at any Meeting of the Club (except in the case of contested election) shall be by show of hands unless at least one in five of the Members present request that the matter under consideration be determined by Secret Ballot.

Removal of an Officer

Any Member of the Committee may be removed from office by a two- thirds majority of the Members, (present and entitled to vote) at a Special Meeting to be called for the purpose. The Member affected shall have due notice of such Meeting.

Visitors

Members shall have the privilege of introducing a visitor or visitors to the Club but they shall not be permitted to fly more than twice in one year unless they are fully paid up Members of another Club affiliated to M.A.A.Q..

12 ALTERATION OF RULES

Subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, these Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by special resolution carried at any General Meeting, provided that no such amendment, rescission or addition shall be valid unless the same shall have been registered by the chief executive.

13 ACCEPTANCE OF RULES BY MEMBERS

All Members on admission shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.

14 DISSOLUTION

a. The Club may be dissolved by resolution of the Members at a General or Special Meeting confirmed by a resolution at a further Special Meeting called at an interval of not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than thirty (30) days thereafter. The two meetings may be convened by one notice delivered or posted to every Financial Member fourteen (14) clear days before the first Special General Meeting. The resolution proposed in connection with the Voluntary Dissolution shall not be deemed to have been carried unless passed by three fourths of those Financial Members present and entitled to vote at each of the Special General Meetings.

b. The Club shall be dissolved when the Financial Membership is reduced to three or fewer Members.

c. In the event of a resolution for the Dissolution of the Club being passed in the manner set out above, the Trustees who shall be appointed by the remaining Members shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club and if there be any surplus remaining after realization of the Club's Assets and payment of the Club's Liabilities, shall transfer such surplus to the Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland Inc. to be held in trust pending the formation of a new club in the Toowoomba area or failing this to be disposed of for the benefit of model aviation in general.

10th April 2006

We, the undersigned, being financial members of Toowoomba Amateur Radio Model Aero Club
propose

for the office ofof the club for the ensuing year.

Name (print)..... Signature.....

Name (print)..... Signature.....

I (name)accept the nomination (sign)

Date

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TOOWOOMBA AMATEUR MODEL AERO CLUB Inc. BY-LAWS

Flying Field Conditions.

1. No fires, litter or open gates.
2. Access traffic must use indicated route.

Insurance and Licenses.

- 3 Only financial members with insurance are permitted to fly.
- 4 Visiting flyers must have current licenses and insurance in order to fly.
- 5 Prospective members are allowed 4 (four) flying days before joining the club and must be under the supervision of a qualified Member when flying. For insurance purposes their names must be recorded in the visitors' book.

If they decide to apply to join the club they must complete an application form and submit it to a committee member. They are expected to attend a club meeting before a decision is made on their application. Insurance cover will be extended to them during this waiting period.

Frequency Control & Transmitter Pound.

- 6 A frequency control key board will be operated at all times.
- 7 Upon arrival at the field transmitters are to be placed in the pound provided with key attached and are not to be removed without the key having been inserted in the control board.
- 8 Keys are to be removed from the keyboard and placed in the pound **with the transmitter turned off** on completion of flying.
- 9 Transmitter frequencies and owners name should be on keys.
- 10 Flying time allotted is 20 minutes if another flyer is waiting for a key.

Pits & Parking.

- 11 Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- 12 Only persons actively involved in operating aircraft or managing the field are to be allowed in the pit area. Spectators, especially unattended children, are not permitted to enter the pit area for reasons of their own safety and that of models.
- 13 Motors may be started in the pit area. When starting a motor, flyers should make absolutely certain that nobody (including themselves) is in line with the propeller arc.
- 14 Motors should be run up and tuned outside the pits in the area between the pits and the strip, making certain that nobody is in line with or in front of the propeller arc.

General Important Conditions

- 15 New members and inexperienced flyers must be accompanied by an authorized person at all times until the authorized person is satisfied that they can fly solo safely.
- 16 New members will not be supplied with a key to the field until they have satisfied an instructor that they can fly unaccompanied safely.
- 17 A range check is obligatory before the initial flight of a new or repaired plane. The initial flight of a new or repaired plane is preferably carried out with no other planes in the air and this should be overseen by an authorized person.
- 18 All ground take-offs and hand launches must be performed on the strip well away from the pits, parking, and spectator areas.
- 19 At no time should a plane be flying over the pits, car park, or spectator area.
- 20 Basic circuits should be flown with any pass over the strip carried out against the wind at a safe altitude. Any pilot wishing to vary this rule, for example to practice a touch and go or other aerobatic manoeuvres must do so only after consultation with all flight line pilots.
- 21 After ground take-off or hand launch, flyers must move to the Designated Pilot Area between the pits and the strip. Intention to take off and land should be communicated to other pilots. Models with engine failure (dead stick) have priority over all other aircraft.
- 22 Powered planes must fly on the southern side of the strip, but NOT over the New England Highway.

Sailplanes are to use the area to the north and east of the main strip.

Helicopters should practice hovering away from the strip if other planes are using it.

- 23 Full size aircraft have right of way and at no time should a model aircraft be flown in the proximity of a full size aircraft.
- 24 **Hours for flying i/c powered models are from 0800 to 1800 unless by prior arrangement.**

- 25 Retrieval of models from the neighbouring property is permitted by adults only and extends to just beyond the western bank of the creek. Retrieval from further away must be by prior arrangement with the owner of the property.**

Heavy Models

- 26 Certain C.A.S.A. and M.A.A.A. rules and restrictions apply to Heavy Models. It is in modellers' interests to comply with these rules in order to avoid negating insurance. Updated details are on the M.A.A.A. web site referring to the M.o.P.

THESE BY-LAWS AND GUIDELINES ARE NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT ANY MEMBER, BUT AIM TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TO PURSUE THEIR SPORT AND HOBBY.

9th August 2008