

THE STONEY CREEK RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB INCORPORATED

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CONSTITUTION

- Article 1. Name
The name of this organization shall be THE STONEY CREEK RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as the CLUB. The name "Stoney Creek Hawks" has been duly registered and may be used alternatively at any time.

- Article 2. Affiliation
The CLUB is affiliated with the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada and is a charter club member of said organization hereinafter referred to as M.A.A.C.

- Article 3. Purpose and Objectives
The main purpose of the CLUB shall be the advancement of safe enjoyment of all phases of model aircraft sporting activity to the greatest extent possible through the co-operation of all members to their mutual benefit and through the co-operation with National and International Modeling Organizations and the general public.

- Article 4. Manner of revising the Constitution
Any proposed revision to this constitution requires that notification in writing, by means of the CLUB bulletin or otherwise, must be sent to all

members prior to the Annual December meeting. All amendments will then be put to a vote at that meeting, requiring a majority vote of the attending members to carry.

Article 5. Area of Operation
Stoney Creek and District.

Article 6. Mailing Address
The mailing address of the CLUB shall be: That of the current President.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership Year

The membership year shall be from January 1st in anyone year until December 31st of the same year.

2. Eligibility

- a. Paid-up membership in the CLUB
- b. Paid-up membership in M.A.A.C.
- c. Possession of a Transport Canada Basic or Advanced Operating Certificate

3. Classes of Membership

There will be five classes as follows:

- a. Junior Member Under 18 as of January 1st.
- b. Open Member Age 18 and over as of January 1st.
- c. Honorary Member At the discretion of the Executive.
- d. Social Member Voting rights, no flying privileges and may not serve on the Executive.
- e. Temporary Membership A 3 month temporary membership that coincides with the start and finish dates of the MAAC Introductory Membership. No voting privileges and may not serve on the Executive. Not available to previous members of the Club.

4. Admission to Membership

Initial Membership in the CLUB, and annual renewals, shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

5. Rights of Members

Any member in good standing abiding by the CLUB rules shall receive full CLUB privileges including the right to vote on all CLUB issues, CLUB website and M.A.A.C. benefits.

6. Certificates and Insignia

All members will be provided with:

- a. CLUB membership cards and password to the 'members only' section of the Club website
- b. If unable to access the website, a copy of the CLUB Constitution and By-Laws, WINGS program, Waiver of Responsibility, and Instruction Schedule.

7. Membership Limitations

The number of members in the CLUB shall be limited as the Executive sees fit.

8. Expulsion of Members

A membership may be cancelled or a member suspended because of actions detrimental to the interests of the CLUB. This can be done by a majority decision of the Executive Committee after:

a) One (1) verbal warning, one (1) written warning and finally a letter of Termination or Notice of Suspension from the Executive Committee.

OR

b) In the event the action is deemed by the Executive Committee to be a significantly serious breach of conduct, a Letter of Termination or Notice of Suspension can be sent following the procedure outlined in By-Law Article 2.4.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

1. Officers

The Officers of the CLUB shall be as follows and known as the Executive Committee:

- a. President
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer

d. Field Manager

e. Chief Instructor / Safety Director

2. Elections

a. The Officers of the CLUB shall be elected once each year at the December Annual meeting and shall assume office at the start of the following membership year (January 1).

3. Duties of Officers

a. President To promote the aims of the CLUB and provide leadership. At all times to supervise and direct the activities of the Executive and their committees. To preside and establish committees. To delegate authority as he sees fit to any committees required to conduct CLUB activities.

c. Secretary To keep the minutes of all meetings and if unable to attend, to appoint a proxy to keep an accurate record which will then be added to the secretary's record of minutes. To handle all CLUB correspondence. To temporarily chair the meeting if the President is unable to attend.

d. Treasurer To collect, record and administer the revenues and expenditures of all CLUB funds. To make an up-to-date financial report at each regular meeting if requested.

e. Field Manager To ensure the upkeep of the flying field, facility maintenance equipment, structures and buildings. To supervise field maintenance crew on field construction days and at other times when required. To forward to the executive an annual field maintenance budget estimate.

f. Chief Instructor / Safety Director As Chief Instructor, to administer the Club Flight Training Program including the approval and appointment of instructors. Shall brief pilot trainees and issue students a list of flight instructors. To oversee wings tests and issue wings certificates to qualified pilots. Shall maintain a record of all students that receive their Wings. Shall assign members their MAAC qualification and update the MAAC website as necessary.

As Safety Director to promote all phases of safety within the scope of the CLUB'S operations. To immediately upon becoming aware of a member breaking CLUB rules or some unsafe operation by a CLUB member, endangering other members or the general public, to take appropriate action. To report to the CLUB executive, for

their further action, any repeatedly unsafe practices by any CLUB member. To be responsible for conducting and maintaining a record of all engine noise check.

4. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the CLUB with full authority to conduct the business of and to promote the aims and interests of the CLUB. Decisions regarding any proposals under consideration of the Executive may be made by a majority vote after each member of the Executive has been notified of the proposal. Any proposals for expenditures exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) must be put forward to the membership at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called at the discretion of the Executive.

5. Committees

Committees may be set up by the Chairman or the Executive to conduct special CLUB activities.

6. Removal From Office

Any Officer shall be removed from office provided the following conditions are followed:

- a. A special meeting to consider the removal of an officer must be called by the Executive Committee upon a written request signed by a minimum of ten CLUB members.
- b. Written notice of this special meeting must be sent to all CLUB members.
- c. A minimum of 51% of the CLUB membership must be present at this meeting in person or by proxy.
- d. The majority decision of the members at that special meeting shall be final.

7. Filling of Vacancies

Should for any reason any office become vacant during the CLUB year, an election for a replacement will be held at the next CLUB meeting. Should there be no regular scheduled meeting within the next 30 days, or should there be no nominations at or no quorum present at the scheduled meeting, the Executive shall have the authority to appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

1. Regular Meetings

The CLUB shall meet on a day and at a time and place specified in the Standing Resolutions. Decisions on any proposals presented to the meeting may be taken by a simple majority of members present, provided that any expenses involved shall be less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). For any expenses over that amount the membership must be notified by email in advance of the meeting, at which time a majority of members present or by proxy will be able to make a binding decision.

2. Annual Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be the regular December Meeting at which time any proposed amendments to the CLUB constitution shall be considered and voted upon. This meeting shall be the Annual Election meeting.

3. Election Meeting

The Annual Election meeting shall be the December meeting.

4. Special Meeting

A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the Executive.

5. Election Voting

All voting shall be by a secret ballot unless otherwise directed by majority decision of the CLUB executive.

6. Executive Meetings

Any time before the regular monthly meeting, the Executive shall meet at a prearranged time and place favorable to them, to discuss problems and business of the CLUB.

7. Quorum

The necessary Quorum of members at any Meeting shall be 30 percent of the current CLUB membership either present or by proxy.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCE

1. Financial Year

The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year. (January 1 – December 31).

2. Dues

The Annual Dues for each class of membership shall be as set out in the Standing Resolutions.

3. Banking

Cheques drawn on the CLUB account must be signed by any two of the following officers: the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer. All revenues, disbursements, etc. of CLUB funds shall be properly documented by means of acceptable business practices.

ARTICLE V INSURANCE

The CLUB shall maintain out of CLUB funds the maximum coverage available through M.A.A.C. for third party liability for each CLUB approved flying field.

ARTICLE VI ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS

Any proposals to alter these by-laws shall be presented for debate in at least two regular meetings after which the Executive shall put any proposals to an immediate vote.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

S.R. #1- Meetings: Article III By-Laws Sec. 1

The regular meeting shall take place at a time and place determined by the membership, from November to April.

S.R. #2- Dues Articles #'s I & IV By-Laws

The Executive shall set down the dues payable at the commencement of each CLUB year. Ten (10) dollars from each Open membership shall be reserved in the "Contingency Fund" up to a maximum of \$1000. In accordance with M.A.A.C. policy, if a new member joins after September 1, his CLUB dues shall be reduced by 50%. Renewal dues are due on the last day of December of the preceding Membership year. If the renewal dues are not paid by that date, a \$20.00 "late fee" will be assessed.

S.R. #3 -CLUB Insurance

See Article # V By-Laws

S.R. #4 -Dissolution of Club

Should for any reason this CLUB be disbanded any funds or assets remaining after all property accounts have been settled shall be donated to M.A.A.C. for furthering of modeling interest in Canada.

S.R. #5 Aerodrome Test Flights

We currently do not have access to the Stoney Creek Airfield.

S.R. #6 Noise Mitigation

Club standard is 94db with an objective to get to 92db. If testing shows over 94db, pilot can fly for that day, but must take corrective measures to meet or be less than the Club

standard. Then he must make arrangements to re-test before flying again. No flying will be allowed if testing measures 96db or over. Every effort shall be made to have new planes tested ASAP.

S.R. #7 FLYING AND SAFETY RULES:

1. Flight times for all flying activities, including the ground running of engines, are 10:00 a.m. until dusk, seven (7) days a week.
2. Frequency pegs for 72MHz (excluding 2.4GHz) must be used at all times and can only be posted or removed from the frequency board by the person named on the peg. All 72 MHz transmitters must be impounded when not flying or performing ground checks.
3. Acceptable mufflers are mandatory on all engines. Maximum sound level for aircraft on the ground is 94 db at 25' at full throttle.
4. No student is permitted to fly without an instructor and buddy box until he/she has completed the wings program. Club instructors assume no responsibility for the student's aircraft.
5. No fueling or engine start-up is allowed under the lean-to.
6. The two picnic tables under the lean-to are NOT to be used for aircraft set-up.
7. No taxiing is allowed in the pit areas.
8. Before starting motors all Airplanes, whether gas, glow or electric, must have suitable restraints in place.
9. Only Airplanes will be flown from Flight stations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Airplane flying in front of Flight stations 6 and 7 shall only be allowed when no helicopters are flying or if on approach for landing or a touch-and-go.
10. Only Helicopters will be flown from Flight stations 6 and 7. Station 7 is only to be used as a 'hover pit' (maximum of six feet flight from center point). Helicopter flying from, and in front of, Flight stations 1 to 5 shall only be allowed when no Airplanes are flying. (see Rule 19 for exception)
11. A maximum of two (2) turbine jets or five (5) non-jet Aircraft are allowed in the air at one time (this number does not include any Helicopter operating in the Flight station 7 'hover pit'). A maximum of 8 Combat Aircraft are permitted at Combat Flying events scheduled and approved by the club executive.
12. All Aircraft take-offs, landings and touch-and-go's must be called out to other flyers.
13. The initial turns on takeoff must be AWAY from the flight line.
14. No Aircraft shall fly closer than 75' to Flight stations 1 to 5 unless landing, taking off, or performing a touch-and-go.

15. No flying is allowed over the pit areas, the parking areas or to the South of the creek.
16. No Aircraft shall fly over the Southeast of the field or the West corner over the driveway, unless taking off, landing or performing a touch-and-go.
17. Aircraft that are landing must be given priority over others.
18. No landing approaches are to be made toward the pits.
19. Airborne video recording by drones of other aircraft is permitted if coordinated between the pilots involved, and ALL other pilots not involved agree.
20. Initial aircraft setups shall take place outside the pit area.—

Definitions:

AIRCRAFT - all flying vehicles.

AIRPLANE - fixed wing aircraft, including gliders.

HELICOPTER - rotary wing aircraft regardless of the number of rotors.

S.R. # 8 FIELD USAGE RULES:

1. Spectators and visitors must remain outside the spectator barrier.
2. All cars are to be parked in the specified area on the south side of the driveway.
3. No pets are allowed beyond the spectator barrier.
4. Users of this field are to clean up after themselves and take home their garbage.
5. The flying field is located on City of Hamilton land. This land is designated as a park and is subject to City of Hamilton By-Law 11-080, which states that smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property.
6. Users of this field shall be courteous to other users and refrain from the use of inappropriate language.
7. All pilots must have a valid MAAC or AMA membership and a Transport Canada Basic or Advanced Operating Certificate. Visiting pilots may be granted flying privileges for 3 days in a one-year period. They must be sponsored by a member, show proof of a valid MAAC or AMA membership and a Transport Canada Basic or Advanced Operating Certificate and sign the Field Book.
8. The use of Remote Control cars and trucks is not permitted at this field.

S.R. # 9 M.A.A.C. WINGS PROGRAM:

The Wings Program and its recommendations and amendments as set out by M.A.A.C. shall be an integral part of the CLUB.