

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE CANYON CROSSWINDS INC.**

## **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

The name of said organization shall be the Canyon Crosswinds Inc. (Club); a non-profit governed by a Board of Directors as specified in the Letters of Incorporation filed with the State of California on September 11, 1978.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

Section 1. The objectives of this Club shall be to promote model building and flying.

Section 2. The Club shall be an Academy of Model Aeronautics “AMA” Chartered Club, Number 1433, operated in accordance with such AMA requirements that apply. All special or local enterprises of the Canyon Crosswinds Inc. shall conform to the policies of that organization governing model aircraft contests and sport flying.

Section 3. The Club shall acquire and maintain an appropriate location for the activity of flying model aircraft. Such location shall be referred to as the “field”.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Any person desiring to join the Club shall submit an application, which must be approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV – CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Family of Adult Membership: Members of the immediate family including husband, wife, and juniors under the age of 18 years who wish to participate in R/C activity.

Section 2 Adult Members: Anyone 18 years of over interested in participation of R/C activity.

Section 3. Junior Members: Members under 18 years of age who do not have participating adult members.

Section 4. The Annual Dues and Fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP REQUIRMENTS**

Section 1. All members and their flying guest must have current AMA license. (See Amendments page).

Section 2. Any potential new member must pay their dues upon submittal of their application with proof of valid AMA membership. (See Amendments page for membership limits).  
(a) Junior Members Shall Not Be counted in the Club Membership Cap.

Section 3. All members must be current with their Club dues.

Section 4. All members must have a current FCC license or have a signed for inclusion on the Club license. (See Amendments Page).

Section 5. Waiting list. (See Amendments page).

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION**

Section 1. The membership of any individual may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and formal notification thereof. The individual has the right of appeal. Such appeal shall be made to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of any termination action.

Section 2. If a member considered for termination is an appointed Board member, then his vote is excluded from that of the remainder of the Board of Directors. Elected Board Members may be terminated as defined in ARTICLE XII.

#### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors will schedule regular monthly general membership meetings.

Section 2. ~~All members shall be eligible to participate in and vote on subjects discussed at the meetings. Guests are encouraged to attend (but not vote at) such meetings.~~ (See Amendments page).

Section 3. For the purpose of forming a quorum for conduct of business at general meetings, no less than 40% of the total attending said meeting constitutes a quorum.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Club shall be at any convenient time, upon call by the President, provided that such call shall name the place and time of such meeting, and shall be issued at least ten (10) days in advance of the date set.

Section 5. Notice of regular meetings, changes in date or place, may be ordered by the President to avoid holidays or other special occasions.

Section 5. The order of business at regular meetings shall be established by the President. Items generally considered are:

- (a) Reading of the minutes.
- (b) Treasurer's report.

- (c) Committee reports.
- (d) Presentation of new members.
- (e) Old business.
- (f) New business
- (g) Program
- (h) Adjournment

## **ARTICLE VIII – DUES AND FEES**

Section 1. The membership assessment for all applicants to the Club shall consist of:

- (a) Annual Club Dues – Fiscal year June 1st to May 31st.
- (b) Annual lease fee.
- (c) Field maintenance assessment. No junior field assessment.  
(Amended July 22, 2020)

Section 2. Junior members shall pay a reduced annual Club assessment.

Section 3. The annual Club dues shall apply on a Fiscal Year basis and are due on June 1st and delinquent after July 31st. Delinquent memberships expire at 12:01 AM July 31st and shall be dropped from the official Club roster. Renewals after July 1st and before July 31st will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. (Amended July 22, 2020)

Section 3a. Upon the expiration of any membership, the said member must surrender their field key to either a Club Officer or Board Member. Said member further surrenders all rights, privileges, votes, etc. Attached thereto and in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, and Policies of the Canyon Crosswinds Inc.

Section 3b. Any member whose membership has expired under the terms of this constitution, and who wishes to be readmitted, shall be reinstated into the Club under the same conditions and requirements of any new membership.

Section 4. The Annual Club Dues shall be one-half the yearly dues for all new members applying after December 1<sup>st</sup>. Quarterly rates for new members after March 1<sup>st</sup>. New members applying after March 1<sup>st</sup> may instead of paying quarterly dues pay the annual dues for the subsequent membership year. These prorated dues amount will not change the one-time maintenance assessment and key deposit if any. (Amended July 22, 2020)

Section 5. The Field Maintenance Assessment is a onetime charge on all new members to help offset the cost of activation and maintenance of the field. No junior field assessment.

Section 6. Each member must renew their membership yearly by submitting their annual assessment and meeting the other requirements as approved by the membership or Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall set the various club membership assessments and shall from time to time review such assessments for adequacy. The Club with a majority vote of those attending a regularly scheduled meeting revises such assessments.

### **ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. A Board of Directors shall govern and manage the business affairs and property of the Club. The Board of Directors will consist of elected officers and appointed members as defined herein.

Section 2. The Elected Officers shall be:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer

Section 3. The President shall appoint an Editor, who shall be responsible for issuing a Club Newsletter and who shall sit on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The President of the Club from the preceding year shall automatically be a member of the Board. If the past President declines or is not available to serve then the Board position is considered vacant for the year.

Section 5. The Secretary, Treasure, Editor, and Contest Director positions need not be filled by different individuals.

Section 6. Voting by the Board of Directors is done by individual and not title. If the positions specified in Section 5 above are filled by less than four (4) different people, then the number of votes entitled to those positions is limited to the number of individuals filling the positions.

Section 7. The President shall complete a Board of Directors by appointing additional members from the general membership to the extent that the Board consist of no less than five(5) individuals and no more than nine(9) individuals.

Section 8. The President shall call Board Meetings to the extent deemed necessary to properly enact Club business.

Section 9. A quorum at a Board meeting consists of no less than one-half the Board members (rounded up if the Board consists of an odd numbers of members).

## **ARTICLE X –DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. President: Shall be required to:

1. Preside at all meetings.
2. Appoint directors of and be ex-officio member of all committees.
3. Have general supervision of the activities of the Club.
4. Enforce this Constitution.
5. Chair the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Vice President: Shall be required to:

1. Act for the President when he is unable to perform his duties and assume the Presidency in the event of its vacancy.
2. Assume the duties of any other officer when directed by the President of the Board of Directors.
3. Act as parliamentarian.

Section 3. Secretary: Shall be required to:

1. Keep minutes of all meetings.
2. Handle all correspondence and records of the Club.
3. Maintain membership records.
4. Maintain an approved application form.
5. Maintain the Club FCC license.
6. Keep a waiting list of potential members.

Section 4. Treasure: Shall be required to:

1. Collect all Club dues and fees.
2. Keep a record of all Club expenditures and receipts.
3. Disburse funds as directed by the President or Board of Directors.
4. Receive contributions or specially obtained monies.

Section 5. Appointed Board Members: Shall be required to:

1. Exercise their vote at Board Meetings.
2. Assist in the direction of the Club.

## **ARTICLE XI – TERM OF OFFICE**

Section 1. All elected officers shall serve one (1) calendar year, (the calendar year being from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June of the subsequent year). All elected officers shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of three (3) years and members desiring to run for office shall have demonstrated active participation in any or all aspects of model aviation and this active participation will take place at the Canyon Crosswinds Facility. This requirement is meant to be nonspecific as the intent is NOT to exclude any member seeking a position of the Board, but rather to ensure all club officers have a vested interest and reasonable level of participation in the hobby of model aviation. (Amended July 22, 2020)

Section 2. The first nomination of officers shall be presented to the Membership at the regular monthly meeting of April of each year. The final nomination of officers shall be presented to the membership at the regular monthly meeting of May of each year.

Section 3. Elections of officers shall be completed during the regular monthly meeting of June of each year.

#### **ARTICLE XII – REMOVAL AND VACANCY**

Section 1. An officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the 40% of the members. Constituting a quorum, provided said motion was introduced by a petition at the previous regular meeting. Such a petition must contain causes for removal and signatures of 2/3 of the number required for a quorum, of members in good standing.

Section 2. Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors except as noted in ARTICLE X, Section 2. Such appointee shall serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

#### **ARTICLE XIII – FUNDS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall approve any disbursement applicable to a program approved by the membership. Disbursements may be made with the approval of the President and any one other elected Board Member. All approvals shall be recorded in the records of the Treasurer.

Section 2. Unless approved by the Board of Directors, no refund of any members assessment shall be made.

#### **ARTICLE XIV- COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President: to serve through the term of his office as may be required to complete the business of the club.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Each member is entitled to invite as their guest one flyer on any given day. A limit of six visits per student flyers and a onetime visit for all others flying guest. After which time said flyers must become full paying members or pay \$5.00 per visit flying fee.

Section 2. As of 5-25-1988 the total number of Club members permitted may not exceed 110 members. As of April 27, 2011, the total number of Club members permitted may not exceed 120 members. As of January 27, 2016, the total number of Club members may not exceed 140 members. As of August 28, 2019, the total numbers of Club members may not exceed 100 members.

Section 4. All members shall have a current FCC license as required by the FCC for 59 MHz and 53 MHz

Section 5. Whenever the membership attains the limit of Section 2, applications for potential new members will be placed on a waiting list in order of application date. As membership vacancies occur new membership applicants will be notified beginning with the oldest application date on the waiting list. Potential new members will have thirty (30) days to respond to the notification before forfeiting their application for membership.

Section 6. As of 5-31-1988 the Point System is discontinued and all references within the Constitution.

### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

Section 2. As of March 25, 2015, all members shall be eligible to participate in and vote on subjects at the meetings; a Family Membership shall only have one vote. Guest are encouraged to attend (but not vote at) such meeting.