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**CONSTITUTION  
of the  
CONSTELLATION MODEL FLYING CLUB INCORPORATED**

## 1 TITLE

- a) The official name of the Club shall be "THE CONSTELLATION MODEL FLYING CLUB INCORPORATED " hereinafter called the Club.

## 2. OBJECTS

The primary objects of the Club shall be:

- a) The promotion and encouragement of model aircraft building and model aircraft flying in all its aspects.
- b) To assist and guide all members, but in particular, junior members and newcomers in this hobby.
- c) To organise and conduct competitions for members in all branches of the hobby of aeromodelling.
- d) To arrange demonstrations of model aircraft flying to stimulate and foster the interest of the public in general.
- e) To affiliate with and support the activities of the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia (MAAA) through the local state association Model Aerosport of South Australia Incorporated (MASA).

## 3. OFFICE BEARERS

- a) The following Officers of the Club shall be elected by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting:
  1. Patron (who need not be a member of the Club)
  2. President
  3. Vice-President
  4. Secretary
  5. Treasurer
  6. Publicity Officer
  7. Promotions Officer
  8. Contest Director
  9. Model Aerosport SA Incorporated Delegates (two of).
  10. Honorary Auditor (who need not be a member of the Club)
- b) Members nominating for positions as "Officers of the Club" must have held full membership for the preceding two financial years. This includes time during these financial years as a provisional member but excludes any time as an associate member.
- c) The positions of "Officers of the Club" will be vacated annually
- d) For the reasonable administration of the Club, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Promotions Officer, Contest Director and the Principal MASA Inc. Delegate shall constitute a Management Committee. (Herein after known as "the Committee")
  - a. A quorum shall consist of any four of such members. Their actions on any matter shall be reported to the next general meeting of the Club.
- e) Corporate Affairs requires that the Club has a Public Officer. The Public Officer will be appointed by the Committee and will hold office until replaced by the Committee.
- f) The Committee will appoint such members as Safety Officers as it considers necessary.
- g) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the "Officers of the Club" during the current Club membership year, the position can be filled by an appointment made by the Committee and such Office Bearers will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- h) No Office Bearer shall be under legal age of majority.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Club shall consist of the general membership and Honorary Life Members, membership is renewable on an annual basis commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July and expiring 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year.
- b) **General Membership** will consist of the following categories:
  - a. Junior Member being a person who has not attained the age of 18 years on the first day of July in the year for which the subscription is due.
  - b. Pensioner Member being a person who on the first day of July of the year for which the subscription is due has attained the age of 65 years and or possesses a current and valid pensioner entitlement card as issued by the relevant Government authority. Such a card must be made available for the inspection of the Secretary or Treasurer of the Club.
  - c. Social Member being a person who, during the year for which the subscription is due, will not operate a model aircraft at the Club's flying site.

- d. Associate Member being a person who, during the year for which the subscription is due, has affiliated with MASA through another Club.
  - e. Senior Member being all other persons eligible for membership.
  - f. Provisional membership in any of the above categories commences from date of approval of the Club membership application by the Committee for a period of 12 months. Approval of the provisional membership application by the Committee is subject to the applicant having paid the applicable subscription. At the next Club general meeting following the expiry of the 12 month period such members will be proposed for promotion to full membership. The proposal must be seconded and approved by a three-fourths majority of those members present with voting rights.
- c) **Honorary Life Membership** may be conferred from time to time on any person or Club member who has given the Club such service or has brought honour and prestige to the Club by outstanding achievement to warrant this honour.
- a. The conferring of Honorary Life Membership will be recommended by the Committee and approved at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose by a three-fourths majority of those members present with voting rights.
  - b. Honorary Life Members will not be required to pay annual Club fees as from the date of their election to such status, however they are required to pay any Club levies and for flying members, MASA fees as applicable.
- d) **The annual subscriptions** for Members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- a. Subscriptions are the sum of the Club fee, any applicable joining fee, any applicable levies and the MASA fee which incorporates the affiliation fee to the state and national associations and the flying member insurance.
  - b. Subscriptions become due 1<sup>st</sup> July the start of the Club membership year. Such subscriptions shall be paid before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August of each year or the member shall be deemed to be un-financial, flying members will no longer be insured to fly.
  - c. Any member over three months in arrears with subscriptions shall cease to be a member of the Club but shall remain liable to the Club for all amounts due and outstanding at that date.
- e) The **Joining fee** installment amount for all applicable member categories is determined as one third of the Senior member joining fee. The first installment is due as part of the subscription on application for membership. For Senior members, Associate members and Pensioner members if the joining date is prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April in the current Club membership year, the second installment becomes due at the commencement of the next Club membership year. If the joining date was in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June the second installment becomes due at the commencement of the following Club membership year. The third installment (where applicable) becomes due one year following the due date of the second installment. In the event a member resigns from the Club or fails to renew membership then all outstanding installments become due. The Club joining fee is applicable to new members as follows:
- a. Junior members – joining fee is not applicable
  - b. Pensioner members under the age of 70 on the first day of July of the year for which the subscription is due – a joining fee of two thirds the Senior member joining fee is applicable.
  - c. Pensioner members over the age of 70 on the first day of July of the year for which the subscription is due - no joining fee is applicable.
  - d. Social members – no joining fee is applicable
  - e. Associate members – the Senior member joining fee is applicable
  - f. Senior members - the Senior member joining fee is applicable.
- f) **Fee Discounts** for the Club fee component of the annual subscription for each membership category are applicable as follows
- a. For new members whose application is approved in the period 1st July – 30th September – no discount

- b. For new members whose application is approved in the period 1st October – 31st December – 25 % discount
  - c. For new members whose application is approved in the period 1st January – 31st March – 50 % discount
  - d. For new members whose application is approved in the period 1st April – 30th June – 75 % discount
  - e. The Social membership fee is not discounted
  - f. Where 2 or more Club members (excluding social members) ordinarily reside at the same address a family discount is applicable. The discount will be 50% of the second Club members fee and 100% of each subsequent Club member's fee. The first Club member is deemed to be the member in the highest fee category, the second Club member is deemed to be the member in the next highest fee category. Note: the first Club member's fee is not discounted
- g) **Membership Rights** include access to and use of the Club facilities, ability to attend and participate in Club meetings, ability to propose or second a motion, ability to vote on motions, ability to maintain the Club facilities, ability to attend and participate in working bees and the ability to be an officer of the Club. The following restrictions apply:-
- a. Junior members can not be an officer of the Club
  - b. Associate members can not be an officer of the Club
  - c. Associate members can not second nor vote on motions before the Club
  - d. Provisional members can not be an officer of the Club
  - e. Provisional members can not second nor vote on motions before the Club
  - f. Social members can not be an officer of the Club
  - g. Social members can not second nor vote on motions before the Club
  - h. Social Members may not fly models at the Club facilities
- h) **Change of membership status**
- a. A member wishing to resign shall give written notice to the Club Secretary and shall remain liable to the Club for amounts due and outstanding at the date thereof.
  - b. A member may change from active to Social at any time, no refund in fees is applicable. A Club membership application form is not required
  - c. Should a Social Member wish to change to active status additional fees will apply, providing that the member has previously been an active member with no intervening period where membership has lapsed and has previously paid the joining fee in full, no joining fee will apply. A Club membership application form is required.
  - d. When a Junior member attains the age of 18 prior to the first day of July in the year for which the subscription is due the member shall become a Senior member, no joining fee will apply, a Club membership application form is not required.
  - e. Should an Associate member wish to become a full member this may only be actioned at the commencement of the next membership year, providing that the Associate member has paid the full joining fee in full no additional joining fee will apply. A Club membership application form is required.
  - f. New members are required to submit a Club membership application form with the appropriate subscription endorsed by a full member of the Club to the Club Secretary. Applications for membership, on the prescribed form will be considered by the Committee at the next scheduled Committee Meeting. The Committee's decision will be advised in writing to the Applicant. On approval of the application for Membership the Applicant shall become a Provisional Member.
  - g. Should a previous member of the club wish to rejoin, a joining fee will apply, providing that in the previous period of membership the joining fee was paid in full the joining fee will be one installment amount. If there is no evidence of the joining fee being paid previously then the full joining fee will apply. A Club application form is required. It should be noted that a member may retain membership status by changing to Social membership.
  - h. The Committee may expel from the Club or otherwise punish or penalize any member whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee is discreditable or injurious to the character, or interests of the Club, or who fails to comply with any request or direction of the Committee within a reasonable time or who fails to observe any direction or decision of any official or judge.

- i. Before any member is expelled or otherwise punished or penalized their conduct shall be investigated by the Committee and they shall be given the opportunity to defend themselves and to justify or explain their conduct. If a quorum is established, and if the majority of the Committee present when the matter is enquired into, is of the opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid, then the Committee may expel or suspend them from membership or disqualify or otherwise punish or penalize. In the event of a member being expelled from membership or of any member not obeying or complying with any other penalty imposed by the Committee, then their name shall be removed from the Roll of Members and shall thereupon cease to be a member. Within seven (7) days of an expulsion being imposed in accordance with this clause, a written report covering the charge or charges and the finding of the Committee shall be submitted to MASA.

## 5. MEETINGS

- a) The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club shall be held during June each year on a date to be decided by the Committee. All financial members will be advised by the Secretary in writing of the date, place and agenda at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Meeting.
- b) GENERAL MEETINGS shall be held at least once a month at times to be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING shall be convened by the Secretary on a requisition of four Club members.
- d) The object or objects of the meeting shall be stated on the requisition, fourteen (14) days clear notice of the Meeting shall be given by the Secretary in writing to all financial Club members.
- e) A Special General Meeting shall be held within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt by the Secretary of such requisition.
- f) A Quorum for the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting will be not less than one fifth of the total number of financial members recorded on the Roll of Members as at the date of the meeting.
- g) A Quorum for a General Meeting will be not less than one tenth of the total number of financial members recorded on the Roll of Members as at the date of the meeting.

## 6. BY-LAWS

- a) The Annual General Meeting may make or amend By-laws necessary for the proper administration of the Club.

## 7. FINANCE

- a) The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objects and no part hereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the members, provided that remuneration may be paid in good faith to officers and servants of the Club or other persons in return for services actually rendered to the Club.
- b) The Club monies shall be deposited in a Trustee Approved Investment as selected by the Committee in the name of the Club with any two of the President, Vice President Secretary, and Treasurer to operate.
- c) All accounts shall be paid by cheque. Recurring accounts including Council Rates, Electricity, Telephone, Water and MASA fees may be paid at the discretion of the Treasurer and one other approved signatory, and be reported at the next general meeting of the Club. Non-recurring accounts of an urgent or opportunity nature amounting to less than \$500 may be paid at the discretion of the Committee and be ratified at the next general meeting of the Club, and be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
- d) Proposals for any other non-recurring expenses shall be presented, for approval, to a general meeting before incurring the expense.
- e) A brief statement of receipts and expenditure and the bank balance shall be furnished monthly to members at a general meeting.
- f) The financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of June and end on the thirty first day of May I the following calendar year.
- g) The Treasurer shall present an audited Balance Sheet for the year ending thirty first day of May to each Annual General Meeting.
- h) The Committee shall have all powers granted by law including the power to purchase and sell real and personal property and to borrow money upon security of the property of the Club provided however that the exercise of the power to purchase and sell real property and to borrow money upon Security of the

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property of the Club shall be first authorized by a three-fourths majority of members of the Club attending and voting at a special general meeting called for the purpose.

- i) In the event of the cessation of activities of the Club for six (6) months, it shall be considered that the Club has disbanded.
- j) In this event all debts must be paid and the remaining funds and assets be held in trust by an appointed trustee.
- k) The Club shall be reformed on application of three former members of the Club to the trustee.
- l) If the Club is not reformed in five (5) years then all funds and assets shall become the property of MASA.

#### **8. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- a) This Constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting of Members or at a Special General Meeting of Members provided that the amendment is carried by a two thirds majority of those present and voting. Notice of motion must be given in accordance with clause 5 sub clause (a) or clause 5 sub clause (c) hereof. Such an alteration shall be registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission as required by Law
- b) The registered Constitution shall bind the Club and every Member to the same extent as if they had respectively signed and sealed the document and agreed to be bound by all of the provisions thereof.