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PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1. Name

The name of the Association is the **Canberra Model Aircraft Club Incorporated**.

2. Interpretation

(1) In these rules, unless a contrary intention appears -

"The Club" means the above named association;

"Committee" means the Management Committee of the Club;

"Financial Year" means the year commencing on 1 July in any one year and concluding on the succeeding 30 June;

"Member" means a person who has been admitted to membership of the Club;

"Associate member" means a person who is a current financial member of another club affiliated to the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia and has been admitted to membership of the Club;

"Life member" is a special membership class conferred by members in recognition of special services to the Club;

"Junior member" means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years during the current financial year;

"Ordinary committee member" means a member of the committee who is not an office bearer of the Club as referred to in paragraph 15 (1) (a);

"Secretary" means the person holding office under these rules as Secretary of the Club or, where no such person holds that office, the public officer of the Club;

"The Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1991;

"The Regulations" means the Associations Incorporation Regulations.

(2) In these rules

(a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty;

(b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority or the performance of the duty.

(3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act 1967 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

3. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONS

This constitution repeals the previous constitution but shall not except as expressly or by necessary implication provided herein, affect any right, duty or liability or any matter or thing done, commenced or acquired or imposed under or by virtue of the previous constitution.

4. BASIC OBJECTS

The basic objects of the Club are:

To further and provide facilities for the enjoyment of the sport of aeromodelling and associated activities.

and:

To promote, protect, organise and encourage in every way, the flying and development of model aircraft.

PART 11-MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership Qualifications

A person is qualified to be a member if

- (a) the person is a person referred to in paragraph 21(2) (a) or (b) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the Club at any time after incorporation of the Club under the Act; or
- (b) the person:
 - (i) has been nominated for membership in accordance with sub-rule 6(1); and
 - (ii) has been approved for membership of the Club by the Committee of the Club.

6. Nomination for membership

(1) A nomination of a person for membership of the Club:

- (a) shall be made by a member of the Club in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules; and
- (b) shall be lodged with the Secretary of the club.

(2) As soon as is practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the Secretary shall refer the nomination to the Committee which shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.

(3) Where the Committee determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Secretary shall as soon as practicable after that determination notify the nominee of that approval and request the nominee to pay within 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these rules by a member as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.

(4) the Secretary shall, on payment of the amounts referred to in subrule (3) within the period referred to in the subrule, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee shall become a member of the Club.

7. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the Club:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and

- (b) terminates upon cessation of the person's membership.

8. Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the Club if the person:

- (a) dies;
- (b) resigns from membership of the Club;
- (c) is expelled from the Club; or
- (d) fails to renew membership of the Club.

9. Resignation of membership

- (1) a member is not entitled to resign from membership of the Club except in accordance with this rule.
- (2) A member who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the Club may resign from membership of the Club by first giving notice (being not less than 1 month or, if the Committee has determined a shorter period, that shorter period) in writing to the Secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- (3) Where a person ceases to be a member, the Secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

10. Fee, subscription etc.

- (1) The entrance fee to the Club is \$1, or if any other amount has been determined by resolution of the Committee, such other amount.
- (2) The annual ordinary membership fee of the Club comprises a club fee plus an affiliation fee payable to the ACT Aeromodellers Association and is \$2, or if any other amount has been determined by resolution of the Committee, that other amount;
- (3) The annual associate membership fee of the Club shall be the Club fee portion of the annual ordinary membership fee, or if any other amount has been determined by resolution of the Committee, that other amount.
- (4) The annual life membership fee of the Club shall be the ACT Aeromodellers Association affiliation fee, or if any other amount has been determined by the Committee, that other amount.
- (5) The annual junior membership fee of the Club shall be a junior affiliation fee payable to the ACT Aeromodellers Association, or if any other amount has been determined by the Committee, that amount;
- (6) The annual membership fee is payable:
 - (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 July in any calendar year; or
 - (b) where a person becomes a member on or after 1 July in any calendar year, before 1 July in each -succeeding calendar year.

11. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the Club as required by rule 10.

12. Disciplining of members

(1) Where the Committee is of the opinion that a member:

- (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these rules: or
- (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club,

the Committee may, by resolution:

- (c) expel the member from the Club; or
- (d) suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of the Club as the Committee may determine for a specified period.

(2) A resolution of the Committee under subrule (1) is of no effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under subrule (6), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

(3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under subrule (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member:

- (a) Setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
- (b) stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
- (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
- (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:
 - (i) attend and speak at that meeting;
 - (ii) submit to the Committee at or prior to the date of that meeting, written representations relating to the resolution.

(4) Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a meeting of the Committee mentioned in subrule (12), the Committee shall:

- (a) give to the member mentioned in subrule (1) an opportunity to make oral representations;
- (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the Committee by that member at or prior to the meeting; and
- (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or revoke the resolution of the Committee made under subrule (1).

(5) Where the Committee confirms a resolution under subrule (4), the Secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of that confirmation and of the member's right of appeal under rule 13.

(6) A resolution confirmed by the Committee under subrule (4) does not take effect:

- (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise right of appeal within that period; or
- (b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with subrule 13(4).

13. Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal to the Club in general meeting against a resolution of the Committee which is confirmed under subrule 12(4), within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notice under subrule (1), the Secretary shall notify the Committee which shall convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice or as soon as possible after that date.
- (3) Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a general meeting of the Club convened under subrule(2):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the Committee and the member shall be given the opportunity to make representations in relation to the appeal, orally or in writing, or both; and
 - (c) the members present shall vote by the secret ballot. on the question of whether the resolution made under subrule. 12(4), that the resolution is confirmed or revoked.
- (4) If the meeting passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution made under subrule 12(4), that resolution is confirmed.

PART 111- THE COMMITTEE

14. Powers of the Committee

The Committee, subject to the Act, the Regulations, these rules, and to any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting:

- (a) shall control and manage the affairs of the Club;
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by the Club in general meeting; and
- (c) has the power to perform all acts and do all such things as appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Club.

15. Constitution and membership

- (1) The Committee shall consist of
 - (a) the office bearers of the Club; and
 - (b) 6 ordinary members of the Club; each of whom shall be elected pursuant to rule 16 or appointed in accordance with subrule(4).
- (2) The office bearers of the Club shall be:
 - (a) the President;
 - (b) the Vice President;
 - (c) the Secretary; and
 - (d) the Treasurer
- (3) Each member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election,. but is eligible for re-election.

(4) In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the appointment.

16. Election of Committee members

- (1) Nomination of candidates for election as office-bearers of the Club or as ordinary Committee members:
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Club and be accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form); and
- (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons shall be taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office bearers and ordinary Committee members shall be completed at the annual general meeting in such manner as the Committee may direct.
- (7) A person is not eligible to simultaneously hold more than 1 position on the Committee.

17. Secretary

- (1) The Secretary of the Club shall, as soon as practicable after being elected as Secretary, notify the Club of his or her address.
- (2) The Secretary shall keep minutes of:
- (a) all elections and appointments of office-bearers and ordinary Committee members;
- (b) the names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a general meeting; and
- (c) all proceeding at Committee meeting and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceeding at a meeting shall be signed by the person presiding at the meeting or by a person presiding at the next succeeding meeting.

18. Treasury Duties

- (1) The treasurer of the Club shall:
- (a) collect and receive all moneys due to the Club and make payments authorized by the Club; and
- (b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.

19. Vacancies

- (1) For the purposes of these rules, a vacancy on the office of the Committee occurs if the member:
- (a) dies;
 - (b) ceases to be a member of the Club;
 - (c) resigns from office;
 - (d) is removed from office pursuant to rule 20;
 - (e) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law;
 - (f) suffers from mental or physical incapacity;
 - (g) is disqualified from office under subsection 63(1) of the Act; or
 - (h) is absent without the consent of Committee members from all meetings of the Committee held during a period of 6 months.

20. Removal of Committee members

The Club in general meeting may by resolution, subject to section 50 of the Act, remove any member of the Committee from the office or member of the Committee before the expiration of the member's term of office.

21. Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The Committee shall meet at least 4 times in each calendar year at such place and time as the Committee shall determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the Committee may be convened by any member of the Committee.
- (3) Oral or written advice a meeting of the Committee shall be given by the Secretary to each member of or by a the Committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting..
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under subrule (3) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the Committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any 5 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (6) No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the day in the following week.
- (7) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (8) At a meeting of the Committee:
 - (a) the chairman or in the absence of the chairman, the deputy chairman shall preside; or

(b) if the chairman and the deputy chairman are absent, 1 .of the remaining members of the Committee may be chosen by the members present to preside.

22. Delegation by Committee to Sub-Committee

(1) The Committee may, by instruction in writing, delegate to one or more Sub-Committees (consisting of such member or members of the Club as the Committee thinks fit) the exercise of such functions of the Committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:

(a) this power of delegation; and

(b) a function which is a function imposed on the Committee by the Act, by any other law of the Territory, or by resolution of the Club in general meeting.

(2) A function, the exercise of which has been delegated to a Sub-Committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the Sub-Committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

(3) A delegation under this rule may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.

(4) Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.

(5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a Sub-Committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had done or suffered by the Committee.

(6) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.

(7) A Sub-Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

23. Voting and Decisions

(1) Questions arising at the meeting of the Committee or any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the. votes of members of the Committee or Sub-committee present at the meeting.

(2) Each member present at the meeting of the Committee or any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

(3) Subject to subrule 21(5), the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

(4) Any act or thing suffered , or purported to have been done or suffered, by the Committee or the Subcommittee appointed by the Committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the Committee or Sub-Committee.

PART IV - GENERAL MEETINGS

24. Annual general meetings - holding of

(1) With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the Club, the Club shall, at least once in every calendar year and within the period of 5 months after expiration of each financial year of the Club, convene an annual general meeting of its members.

(2) The Club shall hold its first annual general meeting:

- (a) within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act; and
- (b) within the period of 5 months after the expiration of the first financial year of the Club.
- (3) Subrules (1) and (2) have effect subject to the powers of the Registrar of Incorporated Associations under section 120 of the Act in relation to extension of time.

25. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the Club shall, subject to the Act, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the Committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting shall be:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) to receive from the Committee reports on the activities of the Club during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to elect members of the Committee, office-bearers; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports that are required to be submitted to members pursuant to subsection 73(1) of the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it in accordance with rule 27.
- (4) An annual general meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

26. General Meetings - calling of

- (1) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a general meeting of the Club.
- (2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 10 percent of the total number of members, convene a general meeting of the Club.
- (3) A requisition of members for a general meeting:
 - (a) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
 - (b) shall be signed by the members making the requisition;
 - (c) shall be lodged with the Secretary; and
 - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more members making the requisition.
- (4) If a Committee fails to convene a general meeting within one month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a meeting to be held not more than three months after that date.
- (5) A general meeting convened by a member or members referred to in subrule (4) shall be convened as nearly as practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the Committee and any member who thereby incurs expenses is entitled to be reimbursed by the Club for any reasonable expense so incurred.

27. Notice

- (1) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the Secretary shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by

pre-paid post to each member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

(2) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in subrule (1) specifying, in addition to the matter required under that subrule, the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

(3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to subrule 25(2).

(4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that notice from the member.

28. General Meetings - procedure and quorum

(1) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.

(2) 10 members present in person (being, members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

(3) If within half an hour of the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of the members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members, given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

(4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 10) shall constitute a quorum.

29. Presiding member

(1) The President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, preside at each general meeting of the Club.

(2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from the general meeting, the members present shall elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting.

30. Adjournment

(1) The person presiding at a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

(2) Where a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the Club stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

(3) Except as provided in subrules (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

31. Making of decisions

(1) A question at a general meeting of the Club shall be determined on a show of hands and unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the person presiding that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a

particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Club, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

- (2) At a general meeting of the Club, a poll may be demanded by the person presiding or by not less than three members present or by proxy at the meeting.
- (3) Where the poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken:
 - (a) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the person to preside at the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or
 - (b) in any case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the person presiding directs, and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

32. Voting

- (1) Subject to subrule (3), upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Club a member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than five proxies.
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the person presiding is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the Club has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

33. Appointment of proxies

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to these rules.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

34. Funds - source

- (1) The funds of the Club shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting and subject to section 114 of the Act, such other sources as the Committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the Club shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the Club's bank account.
- (3) The Club shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

35. Funds - management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, the funds of the Club shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the Club in such manner as the Committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the Committee or employees of the Club, being members of the Committee or employees authorized to do so by the Committee.

36. Alteration of objects and rules

Neither the objects of the Club referred to in section 29 of the Act nor these rules shall be -altered except in accordance with the Act.

37. Common seal

(1) The common seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

(2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the Secretary.

38. Custody of books

Subject to this Act, the Regulations and these rules, the Secretary shall keep in his or her control all records, and other documents relating to the Club.

39. Inspection of books

The records, books and other documents of the Club shall be open to inspection at a place in the Territory, free of charge, by a member of the Club at any reasonable hour.

40. Service of notices

(1) For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Club upon any member at the member's address shown in the register of members.

(2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary be proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post.

41. Surplus property

(1) At -the first general meeting of the Club, the Club shall pass a special resolution nominating:

(a) another Association for the purpose of paragraph 92(1)(a) of the Act; or

(b) a fund, authority or institution for the purpose of paragraph 92(1)(b) of the Act, in which it is to vest its surplus property in the event of the dissolution or winding up of the Club.

(2) An Association nominated under paragraph (1) (a) must fulfill the requirements specified in subsection 92(2) of the Act.