

# ***NACOGDOCHES AEROMODELERS CLUB***

## ***BY-LAWS***

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

- A. The name of the club is “Nacogdoches Aeromodelers Club.”
- B. The club, through a contractual agreement with the city, operates at the A.L. Mangham Regional Airport owned by the City of Nacogdoches, Texas. The club utilizes an abandoned and unused taxiway. The airport is located one mile outside Loop 224 off State Highway 7 west, Nacogdoches, Texas.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The membership of this organization shall be composed of hobbyists interested in the radio control of model airplanes and helicopters. It is a non-profit 501(c)(7) social club registered under IRS rules.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **A. QUALIFICATIONS**

Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is a mandatory requirement. AMA membership is a requirement of the contract between the city and the club. This applies to both members and guests. Continued use by the club of these facilities depends on our adherence to the contract.

#### **B. DUES**

Dues are established at the January general membership meeting. The clubs fiscal year starts January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues for 2011

were set at \$30.00. Dues are waived for anyone 16 years and under.

C. RESIGNATION

Members in good standing may resign their memberships by giving written or verbal notice to the club.

D. TERMINATION

Members who cease to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA thereby terminate club membership, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

E. EXPULSION

Officers may revoke membership of a person who willfully violates club or AMA rules or displays other unacceptable behavior. Expulsion requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.

F. REINSTATEMENT

Reinstatement requires a two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and three Safety officers. One Safety Officer, the designated Safety Coordinator, shall also serve as the contact for AMA.

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers will be elected at the January meeting and

shall preside for the period between annual elections. A majority vote is needed to elect officers.

### C. DUTIES

1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over the meetings of this organization, decide all questions of procedure and order, appoint all committees, see that all officers and committees properly respond to and perform all duties that may be placed upon them.

2. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assist the president in the discharge of duties and to occupy the chair in the president's absence. He or she shall direct, under the supervision of the president, the internal organization and operation of the club.

3. It shall be the duty of the secretary/treasurer of this organization to keep a true and correct record of all the proceedings of the club, have charge of all club records, and keep the minutes of all meetings. He or she also shall handle all financial matters of the club and report the finances of the club at each regular meeting, be a member of all committees of this club that may be required to receive or disburse money, submit the annual club Charter Renewal Application to AMA, and submit the documentation to the airport manager as required in the contract dated March 2, 2011.

4. It shall be the duty of the safety officers to review, understand, communicate and enforce the club, AMA, and airport rules.

### D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

There are no appointed officers.

E. VACANCIES

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of president, the vice president shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the existing term. In the case of a vacancy in the office of vice president, secretary/treasurer, or safety officer the president shall call a special meeting to elect a replacement.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

An annual meeting shall be held in January of each year. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and conduct the business of the club.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Any member may request the president to schedule a meeting to conduct club business. If a majority cannot be reached members shall be polled by phone or email if a vote is required.

ARTICLE VI. RECORDKEEPING

Records of the annual meeting, Regions Bank Checking Account, deposits and disbursements, AMA Charter Renewal Remittance, and the annual IRS 990 N electronic postcard submittal shall be the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer who shall hold the records until relinquishing office, at which time records shall be transferred to the Secretary/Treasurer elect.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

The president shall be responsible for the formation of committees and the appointment of committee members.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

A. NOMINATIONS

Members shall nominate candidates for officer position from the floor or, prior to the election meeting, by mail or email to the president.

B. ELECTION

Elections are held at the January meeting. Absentee members in good standing may vote by proxy. A majority of those voting is required.

ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

All meetings will be conducted in accordance with “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

B. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

C. NEWSLETTER

The club maintains a website rather than a newsletter. The website Domain Name is registered in the name of Nacogdoches Aeromodelers Club. The web address is: [www.nacaeromodelers.com](http://www.nacaeromodelers.com).

D. CLUB LOGO

The club logo is displayed on the club website and is copyright protected.

E. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

A. PROPOSED

Proposed amendments shall be made to the president, who will communicate the proposals to the membership for their consideration. A special meeting will be held to vote on proposed changes.

B. APPROVAL

Approval of proposed amendments requires a two-thirds vote of the membership.

C. VOTING

Voting will be at a special meeting scheduled within thirty-days of presentation of proposed amendments to the membership.

ARTICLE XI. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR INFRACTIONS OF FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES

To enforce safety rules, the grievance procedure provides a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the safety committee, which shall be composed of the three safety officers and the club officers. The procedure shall be as follow: (1) the complainant shall fill out a grievance form; (2) at least one witness besides the complainant shall be available; (3) both the complainant and the accused shall present

their arguments to the safety committee.

A. FIRST VIOLATION

The safety committee, upon finding the accused guilty, will verbally reprimand the member and will record the incident in the club records.

B. SECOND VIOLATION

If a member is found guilty of a second violation, the safety committee may suspend the flying privileges of the member for thirty (30) days. A written report will go into club records.

C. THIRD VIOLATION

Upon a third violation safety coordinator/committee will notify the accused in writing and the club members will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next or a special meeting. An expulsion will last for at least one year. A member may be expelled from the club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. The expelled member may re-apply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time. Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliation against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club. Retaliation includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action club members deem to be retaliatory.

