

# PRETORIA RADIO FLYERS CONSTITUTION

As amended, up to and including the Annual General Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

## 1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be PRETORIA RADIO FLYERS (hereinafter referred to as the Club).

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To form a friendly association of Radio Control (RC) Modellers
- b) To promote RC modelling and the interests of persons engaged therein
- c) To provide facilities for members to participate in RC modelling at club level and support efforts at wider participation
- d) To co-operate with clubs, associations, and organisations with similar interests
- e) To actively promote new membership to ensure the longevity of the Club

## 3. LEGAL CAPACITY

The Club shall be a voluntary association, a *universitas*, with perpetual membership, mutually agreed to promote the recreational objectives in clause 2. above, with the assets and liabilities of the Club held separate from its members.

All the income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly to any member or members, provided that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the payment of bona fide remuneration to any servant of the Club or to any member in consideration of any service actually rendered to the Club.

## 4. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Club shall have the power to sue, or be sued, in its own name and the authority to institute or defend legal proceedings shall be signed by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, who shall have the power to represent the Club in all such proceedings.

## 5. LIABILITY of MEMBERS

The liability of each member shall be limited to the amount of subscription, due by such member in terms of **Clauses 9 and 10** of this Constitution, and unpaid, and beyond this no member shall be held personally liable for any debts of the Club.

## 6. POWERS

To give effect to its objectives, the Club is empowered to;

- a) Open and operate banking and other accounts
- b) Invest and employ funds, not immediately required by the Club, in such a manner as the Club shall deem fit
- c) Borrow or raise money
- d) Secure the payment of money, or the performance of any obligation of the Club in such a manner as the Club shall deem fit
- e) Accept donations, gifts, bequests and benefits of whatever nature or kind
- f) Purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any movable or immovable property, corporeal or incorporeal, rights or privileges
- g) Improve, develop, manage, sell, exchange, lease, donate, subdivide, consolidate, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Club
- h) Appoint sub-committees to investigate, report on and promote matters referred to them and to revoke any such appointment
- i) Appoint and dismiss any officials, agents, and employees and to determine and pay their remuneration
- j) Conduct any lawful business solely for the furtherance of the objectives of the Club
- k) Make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution
- l) Take such disciplinary action against a member as may be considered necessary in the interests of the Club

## 7. MEMBERSHIP

- a) **Ordinary**  
Shall comprise those persons interested in RC modelling, who apply in writing and are vetted by the Club Committee, subject to provisions in **Clause 8** hereto. Ordinary members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- b) **Student**  
Shall comprise bona fide learners at University or Technicon, interested in RC modelling, who apply in writing and are vetted by the Club Committee, subject to provisions in **Clause 8** hereto. Student members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- c) **Junior**  
Shall comprise of those who are under eighteen-years-old, interested in RC modelling, who apply in writing and are vetted by the Club Committee, subject to provisions in **Clause 8** hereto. Junior members will have no vote at Club meetings.

- d) **Temporary/ Day**  
Shall comprise non-members or guests with valid SAMAA membership, wishing to fly at the Club on a day, and who shall pay the landing fee (as determined by the Committee from time to time). The same person may use this facility three times per year.
- e) **Courtesy**  
Shall comprise those persons, whom the Committee determines may use the facilities, from time to time. This membership type shall have no vote at any Club meetings.
- f) **Pensioner**  
Shall comprise members over the age of sixty-five years.
- g) **Life/Fixed Term**  
Shall comprise members who have purchased term membership, subject to terms and conditions determined by the Committee.
- h) **Honorary Life**  
Shall comprise those persons over the age of seventy years, with ten years consecutive, unblemished membership at the Club.  
  
The members of the Club at an Annual General Meeting, may elect (with a two-thirds majority vote) a person, having rendered outstanding service to the Club, to be an Honorary Life Member.  
  
This category of membership shall have full voting rights.
- i) **Corporate**  
Shall comprise those entities who may use the Club facilities for a fee determined by the Committee and subject to the conditions set by the Committee.

## 8. CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- a) The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership without assigning any reason
- b) All persons accepted by the Committee shall become members on payment of the correct fees (joining and/or annual subscription)
- c) A probationary period of three months shall be served by new members, during which The Committee may cancel an applicant's membership without assigning any reason, monies to be refunded as per **Clause 9.b** of this constitution
- d) All members of the Club shall be in good standing with the South African Model Aircraft Association
- e) Regular modellers at the Club, as determined by the Committee, shall be in good standing with The Friends of Rietvlei

## 9. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall cease when:

- a) Subscriptions remain unpaid within thirty days of the member being informed
- b) The Committee decides to terminate membership during the probationary period, whereupon the joining and subscription fees will be refunded except for twenty five percent of monies paid
- c) A written resignation is received from the member, whereupon all joining, and subscription monies will be retained by The Club
- d) Provisions of **Clause 18** (Disciplinary matters) are invoked by the Committee, whereupon all joining, and subscription monies will be retained by the Club

## 10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) Shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, for the ensuing financial year
- b) Ordinary members shall pay full subscription fee.
- c) Student, Junior, and Pensioner shall pay half the ordinary subscription fee.
- d) Renewal subscriptions shall be payable within thirty days commencement of the new financial year
- e) New members shall pay the full joining fee and a commensurate portion of the annual subscription, dependent on their joining date
- f) A former member of PRF, wishing to re-join, may have the joining fee waived at the discretion of the Committee
- g) Immediate family of a member of PRF will not be required to pay a joining fee
- h) Life/Term, Honorary Life and Courtesy members of PRF shall not be required to pay the annual subscription fee
- i) Members shall be current with the South African Model Aircraft Association subscriptions
- j) Members who make regular use, as determined by the Committee, of the Club facilities shall be current with "Friends of Rietvlei" subscriptions

## 11. INSURANCE

Members of the Club shall simultaneously hold current membership of the South African Model Aircraft Association which body insures our Club members.

## 12. CLUB YEAR

The Club and Financial Year shall commence on the first day of September and terminate on the last day of August of the following year.

## 13. POWERS AND DUTIES of the COMMITTEE

- a) All the powers of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting, and comprising at least four elected members.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from this group of Committee members by the members at the Annual General Meeting

- b) The Committee shall appoint a Site Manager and a Bookkeeper, which paid positions shall be advisory, and non-voting, for Committee purposes
- c) The Committee shall have full power and responsibility to manage all the business affairs of the Club, acting in all things, for and in the name of the Club, and the Committee shall give effect to the provisions of this Constitution and the instructions of every Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting
- d) The Committee may appoint appropriately empowered sub-committees to give effect to objectives of the Club
- e) The Committee shall have the right to co-opt a member of the Club to fill a casual vacancy among its members. If more than half of the Committee members resign, the remaining members shall call a Special General Meeting for the Club members to elect a full Committee
- f) The Chairman of the Club shall convene a meeting of the Committee at least once every three months, whereat any Club member may also raise an issue or request attendance
- g) In the absence of the Chairman, for whatever reason, the Vice-chairman shall assume the office of Chairman; if necessary, until the following Annual General Meeting
- h) Three of the four elected Committee members shall form a quorum at any Committee meeting
- i) The Committee may dismiss a committee member and co-opt a member to replace the same, in terms of **Clause 18** of this Constitution, if the aforementioned fails to attend three Committee meetings without good reason, as determined by the other members of the Committee
- j) Changes to the composition of the Committee shall be communicated to the Club members and the South African Model Aircraft Association
- k) The Committee shall call a Special General Meeting of the Club members to examine any proposal that may require expenditure in excess of five percent of the capital or operating budget (as approved at the Annual General Meeting).

#### **14. PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a) The Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting for the Club, each year in September, at an appropriate place and time. Any member who wishes to have an item placed on the agenda shall request the same of the Vice-Chairman, seven days prior to the meeting
- b) Ten members shall form a quorum at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Club
- c) The voting members and their proxies shall elect at least four Committee members each year.  
From the elected Committee the Club members will then select a Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- d) The Club members, present and/or voting at the Annual General Meeting, shall approve the financial results of the previous year and the Club Budget for the coming year
- e) The Committee may call a Special General Meeting, if necessary, but as a matter of course, when requested in writing by at least ten members of the Club. The agenda for a Special General Meeting shall specify the matters to be dealt with and members' notification shall precede the meeting by twenty-one days
- f) If, within a half-hour from the appointed time of the Annual General Meeting, a quorum of ten members is not present, the members will stand adjourned and voting members present shall call a subsequent meeting, fourteen days hence, at an agreed time and place. Failing to achieve a quorum at the reconvened meeting, within a half hour, those voting members present shall go ahead and that meeting shall be considered legitimate.

#### **15. VOTING**

- a) At any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman shall preside, and voting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members eligible to vote. Ordinary members, Pensioner members, Honorary Life, Life/Term and Student members shall each have one vote, whether present, or by proxy.
- b) At Club Committee meetings each member shall have one vote and the Chairman may use his casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

#### **16. DUTIES OF CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- a) The Chairman shall represent all the members of the Club and promote all the objectives as specified in this Constitution
- b) The Vice-Chairman shall maintain a complete record of membership status, minutes of meetings and Club notices, budgets, and financial reports. He shall

- c) ensure effective communication of Club matters to and from members of the Club Committee and report on these matters at the Annual General Meeting
- c) Other Committee members shall assist with promoting the objectives of the Club

#### **17. DUTIES OF OFF-COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

- a) The Site Manager, a paid non-voting position, shall manage all the resources allocated to the care and maintenance of the Club's airfield facilities
- b) The Bookkeeper, a paid non-voting position, shall collect and deposit all monies received by the Club, maintaining accurate records of assets, income and expenditure and report regularly, to the Committee, on financial matters

#### **18. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- a) Any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, may be detrimental to the interests of the Club, may be expelled from the Club by a majority vote of the Committee
- b) Any member, thus expelled, may present a defence at the next Committee meeting. The Committee may reconsider the decision and lift the expulsion
- c) When the member is informed that the expulsion order still stands, after the member's defence, the member may, within twenty days, give notice to The Committee of his intention to appeal to the next Annual General Meeting. In the interim the member is prohibited from participating in any of the Club activities and the decision of the Club membership, voting on this issue at the Annual General Meeting, shall be final

#### **19. INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Subject to the Club's power to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, the Committee shall make the final interpretation of any rule contained in this Constitution.

#### **20. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

To affect any alterations, amendments or additions to the Constitution, all the Club members must be informed, at least twenty-one days prior, with details of proposed changes and the date of the Club Meeting. Any change to the Constitution will require a two-thirds majority of members eligible to vote.

#### **21. DISSOLUTION**

- a) The Club shall only be dissolved, by a two-thirds vote of members, at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, called for that specific reason. Notice of such meeting shall state clearly that The Club's assets are to be disposed of
- b) The quorum required, at such a meeting, shall be at least one-third of the members entitled to vote, failing which the meeting shall be postponed.

Subject to **Clause14** (procedures for meetings) the next meeting shall decide on the dissolution, with a simple majority, irrespective of the number of members in attendance.