

DELTA VALLEY MODELERS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Delta Valley Modelers of Stockton, California.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purposes for which this organization is formed are education and recreation.

- A. To develop the art of modeling through the pursuit of such programs as the members feel are useful, to hold contests between club members and between other clubs, to acquaint the public with the high degree of safety and knowledge gained through this organization and to provide informative demonstrations when called upon to do so.
- B. To provide insurance protection to its members through a group policy of the AMA by being an AMA chartered club.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of this organization shall consist of all interested persons regardless of their age, sex, race, religion or national origin provided that they express a desire to join and pledge themselves to the Delta Valley Modelers constitution and bylaws.

- A. Anyone wishing to become a member shall make an application to the Board of Directors and pay the required club dues and the required AMA dues if applicable. If application is disapproved the amount of the club dues collected will be returned. All non-family juniors will pay 1/2 the normal adult charge for dues. All new members joining after November 1st will have membership privileges for the rest of that year in addition to the full following year. All AMA and club dues are due December 1st and are delinquent and are subject to a 50% penalty if not paid by the January meeting.
- B. Family memberships are available and families desiring this form of membership shall pay the required dues and membership fees as established by the Board of Directors.
  - 1. Family membership shall include the following;
    - a. Spouse
    - b. Offspring under the age of 19 years living at home
- C. All members shall have a current valid AMA license.
- D. All members must be reasonably available for appointments to committees and to aid in club functions.

- E. All members are required to attend at least one half of the regular meetings per year and participate in at least two work parties per year.
- F. All new members shall receive a packet containing the following: A copy of the club constitution and bylaws, a copy of club rules, a club patch and clubhouse key.
- G. All junior members must be sponsored by an adult club member.

SECTION 2. Removal of membership.

- A. Any member who knowingly abuses club rules will be subject to loss of membership or privileges at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- B. Any member making a complaint against another must make the complaint in writing to the president who, after contacting accused and feels it is necessary, will turn the complaint over to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SECTION 1. General business meetings of the club shall be held at least 12 times per year at such times and places as the Board of Directors shall approve. The meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules Of Order as a guideline.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall call meetings of the Board as necessary.

- A. The Board of Directors shall make all major decisions of the club after discussion with the general membership.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The officers of the club shall consist of a president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, 3rd vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms (who shall be the outgoing president). Officers shall move up through the ranks and new positions will be filled by appointment of the board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the club. All decision will be made by a quorum consisting of any four members of the Board. The president will have a vote when necessary to make a quorum or break a tie vote.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Club officers.

- A. President
  - 1. To conduct all club business meetings.
  - 2. Levy fines on members being out of order.
  - 3. To handle all written complaints.
  - 4. To serve as chairman of the Board of Directors.

- B. 1st Vice President
  - 1. To conduct all meetings in the absence of the president.
  - 2. To serve on the Board of Directors.
  - 3. To serve as chairman of the Board in the absence of the president.
  - 4. Act as safety officer.
- C. 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents
  - 1. To take over in the absence of the president and 1st vice president.
  - 2. To serve on the Board of Directors.
  - 3. 2nd vice president is in charge of all work parties.
  - 4. 3rd vice president is in charge of all fun flies.
- D. Secretary
  - 1. To keep minutes of all club meetings and handle all club communications.
  - 2. To serve on the Board of Directors and make minutes of the board meetings and in no event shall the term be longer than three years.
- E. Treasurer
  - 1. To handle all monies belonging to the club and to make financial reports to the club at each business meeting.
  - 2. To serve on the Board of Directors.
  - 3. The treasurer shall serve a one, two or three year term at the discretion of the Board and agreement of the treasurer but in no event shall the term be longer than three years.
- F. Sergeant at Arms
  - 1. To assist the president in maintaining order at all business meetings.
  - 2. To collect any fines levied by the president.
  - 3. To serve on the board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Duties of the board of Directors

- A. To consider all new membership applications.
- B. To approve all new rules and regulations.
- C. To appoint all new officers to the rank system.

ARTICLE VII REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER

SECTION 1. The absence of any officer for three consecutive Board meetings will be cause for removal.

SECTION 2. Any officer may resign from office providing he give good and valid cause.

ARTICLE VIII - DISASSEMBLEMENT OF CLUB

SECTION 1. Disassemblment of the club shall be by a vote of at least 3/4 of the membership in writing.

SECTION 2. All club assets will be sold at a fair price. All monies will be divided among the members in good in good standing.

A. Club members shall have the first chance to buy club

property.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL CLUB RULES

- SECTION 1. Non-club members will be allowed to fly as a guest with his own radio equipment provided he has a valid AMA license, and flies in the presence of the club member who invited him, and will be allowed to use our facility for a total of three times.
- SECTION 2. All guests flying with radio equipment of a club member will be the responsibility of that club member.
- SECTION 3. All model engines from size .09 shall be required to have a noise-limiting device in addition to a throttle and/or shut-off device.
- SECTION 4. Club rules.
- A. The bylaws, rules and operation standards of the AMA will supersede any rule or regulation of this club.
  - B. All members and guests must observe the official AMA safety rules.
  - C. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the flying site.
  - D. All members and guests must observe frequency controls as prescribed by the club.
  - E. Frequency flags will be displayed on all transmitters.
  - F. Club-provided frequency pins must be used whenever two or more persons are flying.
  - G. When two or more persons are flying, all transmitters must be placed in the impound area.
  - H. All incoming aircraft shall have the right of way.
  - I. A mature gentlemanly attitude and proper courtesy shall be shown to others.
  - J. No foul language will be permitted.
  - K. All litter shall be picked up and carried out and each flyer is responsible for their guests.
- SECTION 5. No member shall fly their aircraft in the presence of spectators or other members until they become a qualified flyer unless assisted by a qualified flyer.
- A. To qualify a flyer must make three consecutive take-offs and landings with controlled flight. A newly qualified pilot will then receive an AMA sport flyer patch.
  - B. No flyer shall fly their aircraft over the pit area, spectator area or clubhouse at any time. Violators of this rule are subject to loss of flying privileges.
  - C. Flying time at the Delta Valley Modelers flying site shall start 15 minutes after sunrise and end 15 minutes before sunset. One's plane must be visible for a minimum of 1,000 feet when flying.
- SECTION 6. All expenditures of club funds must be for the benefit of the club as a whole.

- A. All expenditures in excess of \$25.00 must have the prior approval of at least two Board Members.
- B. Any member who spends or authorizes expenditures in excess of \$10.00 for the benefit of the club shall be responsible for the payment of said charges.
- C. Any expenditure in excess of \$10.00 may be reimbursed by the club, if said expenditure is approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and/or a majority of the members of the club.

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