

CONSTITUTION

of the SOUTH WEST ASSOCIATED RADIO MODELLERS SOCIETY Inc.

1. NAME

1.1 The official name of the Club shall be "South West Associated Radio Modellers Society Inc".

2. AIMS OF THE ORGANISATION

2.1 To foster and promote the safe and pleasurable operation of Radio-controlled models, particularly aircraft, in Bunbury and adjacent areas.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 There shall be no limit placed on membership of the Society.

3.1.1 Application for Membership should be made to the Executive Committee on the prescribed nomination form.

3.1.2 The Executive Committee shall have the right to refuse to admit any person without assigning any reason for doing so other than to the applicant and the non acceptance shall be unanimous.

3.1.3 Upon acceptance by the Executive Committee the application shall be presented to the next General Meeting for ratification.

3.2 The Society shall have the power to refuse or rescind membership or discipline members. A proposal to rescind any membership shall be published in the newsletter and voted on by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the subsequent general meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, and such voting shall be by secret ballot.

3.3 Membership classifications shall be as follows:-

- (a) Senior Membership
- (b) Junior Membership
- (c) Social Membership
- (d) Honorary Membership
- (e) Associate Membership
- (F) Family Membership

3.4 Junior Membership shall apply to persons up to and including 17 years of age as at the 1st July each year.

3.5 Social Membership shall apply to persons not flying model aircraft and therefore not requiring Aeromodellers of W.A. (Inc.) Insurance cover.

3.6 Honorary Membership shall be awarded upon acceptance of a proposal at any full meeting of the society.

3.7 Associate Membership shall apply to persons flying model aircraft and requiring AWA (Inc.) affiliation but not using the Clubs facilities.

3.8 Family Membership shall apply to Senior Members, there companions and children there of and shall enjoy the same privileges as Associate and Junior Members.

4. FEES

4.1 Fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or an extraordinary Meeting, and shall consist of :-

- (a) Senior Membership Fee and Affiliation Fee with AWA (Inc)
- (b) Junior Membership Fee and Affiliation Fee with AWA (Inc)
- (c) Social Membership - fee only
- (d) Associate Membership Fee and Affiliation Fee with AWA (Inc)
- (e) Family Membership Fee and Affiliation Fee with AWA (Inc) where applicable.

4.2 Fees shall be due and payable on the 1st of July each year.

4.3 A nomination fee will apply to senior members on acceptance by the club and /or unfinancial members rejoining the club.

4.4 Members who have not paid their fees by the 21st of July will be prohibited for using the club facilities as well as being liable for the nomination. fee.

4.5 Members who have not paid their fees by the 21st of July will be deemed not to be a member of the club.

4.6 Subject to all other fees being paid, the nomination fee may be waived at the absolute discretion of the committee.

4.7 A new member paying fees from the 1st of April to the 30th of June will be deemed to have paid for the balance of the current year plus the next financial year. This applies to any person who has not been a member of SWARMS fort the previous five years.

5. OFFICE BEARERS

5.1 The Society shall be governed by a committee consisting of the following:-

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY OR SECRETARY/TREASURER

TRESURER

SAFETY OFFICER

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

and other committee positions as may be created from time to time.

5.2 All office bearers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting and will hold office for one year.

5.3 Nominations for each position on the committee shall be called for. Each office bearer shall be elected in turn by the members voting in secret ballot, and such ballot shall be scrutinised by a non-member of the Society acceptable to electors.

5.4 A casual vacancy may be filled by a vote at a General Meeting, provide such a vacancy has been notified in writing at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

6. FINANCE

6.1 The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Society.

No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Society, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or employee of the Society or to any person other than a member, in return for services rendered to the Society

6.2 All monies received will be lodged with an interest bearing savings account(s) with a recognised bank or building society, and cheques for the payment of society liabilities will be drawn against the account(s) on the signature of any two of the following :-

- (a) President
- (b) Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer
- (c) Treasurer

6.3 The Society shall close its accounts on the 31st May each year, and the accounts shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. An auditor shall be appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

6.4 Any proposed expenditure (including any quotations) for the purchase and maintenance of plant and equipment or capital works (but excluding normal operating expenses) shall be presented to the committee for discussion. Any expenditure up to a maximum of twice the seniors members subscription fee (ie excluding the insurance component) shall be able to be approved by a majority vote of the committee. Expenditure exceeding this amount shall be presented by the committee to the members for discussion and approval by a majority member vote.

7. MEETINGS

7.1 The Society will meet approximately bi-monthly, but in any case not at a greater interval than three (3) months since the previous meeting.

7.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held in June of each year.

7.3 Committee meetings may be called at any time by a member of the committee. Committee meetings shall be open to attendance by Society members.

7.4 For a committee meeting, three (3) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. For all other meetings a quorum shall be 20% of financial members including at least two (2) members of the committee.

7.5 An 'Extraordinary Meeting' can be called on the written application to the committee of at least five (5) members. Permission to hold such a meeting shall not be withheld, and members shall be notified in writing fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

7.6 Financial members present at any full meeting shall be entitled to vote.

8. NEWSLETTER

8.1 The committee will publish approximately six (6) newsletter per year. The newsletter may contain reports on past activities, coming events, items of interest and notices of forthcoming meetings.

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 The by-laws of the Society shall be the result of appropriate resolutions passed at General Meetings

9.2 The Secretary shall extract such resolutions for incorporation in a separate list of by-laws, and he shall keep such list current.

9.3 Any change of by-laws shall be published in the newsletter and voted on at a subsequent General Meeting.

10. FLYING SAFETY RULES

10.1 Flying safety rules shall be published for the safe conduct of Model Flying Operations.

11. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 Changes to the Constitution may only be effected by an Annual General Meeting, or an Extraordinary Meeting called for that purpose.

11.2 A notice of all intended changes must be notified in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which time the changes are to be voted upon.

12. COMMON SEAL

12.1 The Society shall have a Common Seal containing the names of the Society.

12.2 The common Seal of the Society engraved with the names of the Society shall be kept in the care of the president. The Seal shall not be used or affixed to any deed or other document except pursuant to the resolution of the committee and in the presence of the President and two (2) members of the committee all of whom shall subscribe their names as witnesses.

13. DISSOLUTION

The Society may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution passed by a 2/3 majority at any General Meeting or at a special meeting called for such purpose, provided that fourteen (14) days written notice of such motion has been provided to members.

If upon the dissolution or winding up of the Society, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, transferred or distributed amongst the members of the Society.

All monies and property shall be transferred to the State Body governing Aeromodelling in Western Australia, to be held in trust and made available to any organisation fostering and promoting the operation of Radio-controlled Model aircraft in the general Bunbury area notwithstanding that the final decision is at the discretion of the State Body.

This Constitution was ratified at a Special Meeting of the Society held on 4th August 2002.

SIGNEDPRESIDENT

.....SECRETARY