

# **TULIP CITY AIR FORCE BI-LAWS**

## **Holland, Michigan**

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### **Article 1: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section A: New Members**

- Part 1: An application must be submitted by all people wishing to join.
- Part 2: Members will receive a copy of the bi-laws, roster and rules.
- Part 3: Member will receive a membership card upon their acceptance by a majority vote of the membership in accordance with Article 4, Section B, Part 2.
- Part 4: A member may be dropped from the roster by a majority vote of the membership in accordance with Article 4, Section B, Part 2.
- Part 5: All members must be current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and/or American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) members.
- Part 6: All members will conduct themselves in a SAFE, COURTEOUS manner and will follow applicable AMA or AMYA rules and Tulip City Air Force club rules.

#### **Section B: Associate Members**

- Part 1: Flying Associate Members shall include any State of Michigan club member with dues paid, in good standing with his/her home club and is a current AMA member. Said members shall have unlimited flying privileges at our club field after paying 50% of normal Tulip City Air Force Club dues. An associate member will have no voting rights.
- Part 2: Sailing Associate Members shall include any State of Michigan club member with dues paid, in good standing with his/her home club and is a current AMYA member. Said members shall have unlimited sailing privileges at our club pond after paying 50% of normal Tulip City Air Force Club dues. An associate member will have no voting rights.
- Part 3: All associate members will conduct themselves in a SAFE, COURTEOUS manner and will follow applicable AMA or AMYA rules and Tulip City Air Force club rules.

#### **Section C: Consortium Member**

- Part 1: Consortium members shall include any State of Michigan club member with dues paid, in good standing with his/her home club, a current AMA member and whose club's field has been closed. Such member will be welcomed and allowed full flying rights at our club field for the remainder of the year. Following the end of the year, that individual can decide to apply for membership with the TCAF club provided required AMA membership obligations are met. A consortium member shall have no voting rights

### **Article 2: DUES**

#### **Section A: Amount**

- Part 1: Dues per calendar year are \$60.00. Any new members that join after September 1 of the current year will pay \$60.00 which includes the following year's dues.
- Part 2: Family members of current adult full members shall have a reduced membership fee, defined as follows.
- The spouse and or child under 21, and living in members home: the membership fee for such dependent will be \$10.00.
  - Children under 16 years of age will be accepted in the club at no membership fee.

- Part 3:* Lifetime member policy as follows: Current lifetime membership shall maintain their status (Grandfathered) in accordance with the previous Bi-Laws. No further lifetime memberships shall be awarded effective May 6, 2017.
- Part 4:* New members holding a paid 3-month membership to A.M.A. will receive a free membership to T.C.A.F. for the duration of the temporary A.M.A. membership. New members must be 19 years old or greater by July 1st, Current year.

### **Section B: Payment of Dues**

- Part 1: Yearly membership shall be due and payable by the November meeting for the following year.
- Part 2: Membership and flying privileges expire at the end of the calendar year.
- Part 3: Proof of current A.M.A. Membership and club dues paid are required for flying and all club privileges.

## **Article 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section A: Composition**

- Part 1: The board will consist of the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Safety Officer and a Macatawa Bay Model Yachting club representative (non-voting).

### **Section B: Duties of the Board**

- Part 1: President: presides over the club and its meetings.
- Part 2: Vice-President: Public relations with AMA, neighbors and members. Fulfill the position of any missing officer.
- Part 3: Treasurer: Shall collect and keep track of dues and who has paid them, and keep track of club funds and expenditures.
- Part 4: Secretary: Take minutes of meetings. Assist in correspondence where necessary.
- Part 5: Field Safety Officer: Responsible for field safety and maintenance.
- Part 6: Any decision by the board can be vetoed by a majority vote.
- Part 7: Macatawa Bay Model Yachting Club Representative: A non-voting board member to represent boating activities.

## **Article 4: MEETINGS**

### **Section A: Agenda**

- Part 1: Call of order
- Part 2: Roll call
- Part 3: Secretary and Treasurer's report.
- Part 4: Discussion and motions made on old and new business
- Part 5: Determine date and time of next meeting
- Part 6: Adjourn

### **Section B: Motions**

- Part 1: Motions that require a vote must be recorded, read and seconded by the secretary.
- Part 2: Majority consists of 50% plus 1 member of the total members present at a scheduled meeting.
- Part 3: Club meeting times are to be announced at the end of all current club meetings

## **Article 5: ELECTIONS**

### **Section A: Nominations**

- Part 1: Nominations and elections for all board positions will be held at the September meeting.
- Part 2: Nominees should have a least one-year accumulative membership in the club unless current board approves otherwise.

### **Section B: Voting**

- Part 1: Voting for club officers will be closed ballot.
- Part 2: The new board should consist of at least two members that have served on a previous board unless current board approves otherwise.
- Part 3: Absentee ballots for nominations are acceptable as long as they are turned in by the September meeting.
- Part 4: The newly elected officer's term will begin on October 1.

## **Article 6: AMENDMENTS TO BI-LAWS**

### **Section A: Procedures**

- Part 1: Motions to amend the bi-laws may be made and seconded only at a scheduled membership meeting. The motion cannot be voted on until the next meeting.
- Part 2: The motion will be published in the newsletter.
- Part 3: Passage of the motion must meet the requirements of Article 4, Section B, Part 2 of these bi-laws.

## **Article 8: EXPENDITURES**

### **Section A: Policy**

- Part 1: Expenditures under \$100.00 must be approved by the board and must obtain a receipt.
- Part 2: Expenditures over \$100.00 must be voted on by the members and passed according to the majority rule with the following exceptions: critical maintenance and/or repair expenditures up to \$500.00 can be approved by the Board with a super majority of all 5 members. Also, the treasurer can pay regular lease payments and mowing expenditures as due. (Receipts must be obtained.)

## **Article 9: DISSOLUTION**

### **Section A: Policy**

- Part 1: In the event, for any reason, Tulip City Air Force should be discontinued, all assets will be turned over to the parent organization (Academy of Model Aeronautics).

## **Article 10: TRAINING**

### **Section A: Policy**

- Part 1: Training will be provided by the Tulip City Air Force membership through a volunteer instruction program. The program will be administered by a club approved Flight Training Officer. All instructors will be required to pass a club approved flight test.