

Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club

Bylaws

November 23, 2014

Last Amended March 4, 2025

Article 1: Name

- A. Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club
- B. 913 Arambel Dr., Patterson CA. 95363

Article 2: Purpose

- A. To further the sport of model aviation, to help Veterans and California Law Enforcement personnel, & to promote good will in our area.

Article 3. Membership

- A. New member open enrollment period:
 - 1. Veterans and First Responders - enrollment open year round
 - 2. Others - enrollment opens December 1st, closes March 1st
 - 3. All new members will be subject to a 3-month probation period starting from the date their membership was accepted. If during this probation period the new member is not meeting the qualifications as outlined in section C, Qualifications. If by majority vote of the Board, the membership will be revoked and a 75% return of dues paid will be refunded.
- B. Renewing members open enrollment period:
 - 1. All renewing members enrollment opens December 1st, closes March 1st
- C. Qualifications:
 - 1. A.M.A. membership is required to be a full member of the Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club. Non A.M.A. members do not have RC flying privileges.
 - 2. When someone makes a significant positive impact on the Modesto Vets Center RC Flying Club, the board may wish to extend an offer to the person to be an "Honorary Member". "Honorary Members" follow all the rules of a club member without the need to pay dues. Any club member can propose a person to become an Honorary Member. A majority vote by the board is needed to approve the request. All Honorary Members will be voted on annually at the January board meeting to extend the honorary status.
 - 3. All applicants are voted by club officers to determine if they are accepted as a member.
 - a. Voting acceptance criteria
 - i. How can the applicant positively impact the club

- ii. What can the applicant contribute to the club's objective of supporting United States Veterans
- iii. Does the applicant display a positive attitude that is in concert with other club members, and the RC Community

4. All renewing members may be reviewed by the Board to determine if they are still acceptable as a member. This voting process is to identify any members that are deemed by the board as no longer a good fit for the club. A majority vote by the board can reject a members new or renewal application.

D. Dues:

1. Annual Dues will be paid during the period of December - February each year or due when joining Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club. Annual dues will be determined by the board. Youth members (under 18) and "Honorary Members" dues are \$0.00.
2. Dues money & any extra monies collected or given to the club are used for club expenses.

E. Resignation:

1. Any member in good standing may resign his or her membership by giving written notice to the club.

F. Termination:

1. If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the A.M.A., his or her membership in the Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

G. Expulsion:

1. This section provides for enforcement of the club rules and/or activities or behavior that can have adverse effect on the relationship between Stanislaus County and the Vets Center RC Flying Club. The club rules include terms of these Bylaws, the Rules of the A.M.A., and the Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club field rules.
2. If a member is observed performing a violation, the observing member can report it to a board member for enforcement consideration. The board will investigate the violation and determine appropriate action.
 - a. Actions can be;
 - i. A verbal warning
 - ii. A written warning which will be given to the member for an infraction, the warning will be handed to or sent by email to the member that was responsible for the violation. The warning will reference the date of the incident, and describe the violation.
 - iii. Expulsion from the club which requires a majority board vote

H. Reinstatement:

1. If a membership is revoked by expulsion, a minimum of 365 days from the last warning must pass. After that time the person can re-apply for club Membership. If a member has been expelled from the club and re-applies, a unanimous vote of the board is needed to allow the member to rejoin the club.
2. If you are expelled from the club you are not able to be a guest of another member at the field.;

Article 4. Officers (also known as the “Board”)

A. Officers:

1. There will be a minimum of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Safety Officer and a Treasurer. In addition, there will be up to four elected officers known as “Officers at Large”. A maximum of two non veterans can be voted for one of the “Officer at Large” positions.
2. All of which MUST be members in good standing in the A.M.A. Because this club was created to help Veterans, the President of the club must be a Veteran (or Active Duty Military) residing in Stanislaus or San Joaquin counties.
3. If one or more veterans accepts nomination for a board position, non veteran nominations for the same board position will not be accepted.

B. Term of Office:

Officers are elected annually.

C. Duties of said Officers:

1. President shall:

- Preside over all club meetings
- Schedule and preside over work parties at the field
- Manage keys used by the club for field access
- Responsible for county meetings related to our club
- Representative of Veterans needs
- Take over Treasurer duties in an emergency if treasurer is not available
- Manage and change to the club bylaws.

2. Vice-President shall:

- Fill in for President when absent
- Manage membership applications and membership related AMA interactions
- Manage visiting pilot requests

3. Secretary shall:

- Record all minutes of ALL club related meetings.
- Manage email communications with club members
- Manage communication between county and club

4. Safety Officer- shall:

- Manage the field rules document. All changes to the document must be approved by a majority vote of the board before being put in effect at the field.
- Report unsafe situations at board and general club meetings

5. Treasurer shall:

- Make all board approved payments and deposits from/to club accounts
- All payments not included in the budget must be approved by the board by vote.
- Maintain club budget that is agreed to by a vote of the board

6. Officers at Large shall:

- Be a liaison for pilots not represented by the other board members. Examples are turbine jet pilots, pylon racing pilots, and IMAC pilots.
- Provide assistance to the other board members as needed.

D. Appointment of Directors to assist the board:

1. Communications Director (reporting to secretary), Membership Director (reporting to vice president), and any others deemed needed to assist the Board in running various club functions. The Club President will appoint the Director positions.

E. Vacancies:

1. Officer vacancies are to be filled by a vote of the remaining club officers.

Article 5. Meetings

- A. Regular Meetings will be held every month, unless changed by Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club Board.
- B. Special Meetings will be called, as needed, by the President or Vice-President of the Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club.
- C. All elected Officers will have voting privileges on policy to run the club, and club expenses.
- D. All members in good standing attending meetings will have the right to speak or provide input at meetings, and at the Board's discretion may be asked to participate in voting for policy and expenses.

Article 6. Record Keeping:

- A. All Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club records are to be passed on to new officers when they are elected by the membership.

Article 7. Committees:

- A. Committee membership, Standing Committees, and Special Committees will be appointed as needed.

Article 8. Nominations, Elections, and Recalls

- A. Nominations:
 - 1. Nominations for officers position can be from the floor or by email;
 - 2. Nominations will be held during the October and November meetings. All email nominations must be received before the November meeting
- B. Elections:
 - 1. Elections will be held at the December regularly scheduled meeting.
 - 2. Active members are invited to vote for the officer positions at the December meeting.
 - 3. If an officer position has only one nominated person, a majority of the voting body must vote for the person to be elected. If the majority is not reached the board position will be left unfulfilled.

Article 9. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. Robert's Rules will be in effect during all meetings.
- B. Fiscal Year will be from January to December of each calendar year.
- C. A newsletter will be periodically distributed.
- D. A Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club logo will be used for club members and activities.
- E. Dissolution of Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club:
 - 1. The duration of the Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club will be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the club membership.

All assets of the Flying Club will be donated equally to the following organizations at the time the club is dissolved.

- Delta Vet Center

1327 Historical Plaza Way

Manteca, CA 95336

209-825-8320 Office

- **ShadowChase Running Club**

P.O. Box 3605

Modesto, CA 95352

info@shadowchase.org

- Welcome Home Hero's

WHHF Administration: 209-955-8055

- All Relations United

P.O. Box 13794, Las Cruces, NM 88012

Article 10. Amendment of the bylaws for Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club:

- A. Proposed amendment to the bylaws of Modesto Vets R/C Flying Club will be present to the membership, in writing, during a regular called meeting or by email notification.
- B. If after two (2) months where no changes are made to the amendment, the amendment will be ready for a final vote. The amendment will be voted on during the next regular meeting of the club or after 30 days if a meeting cannot be held for legal reasons. If any change requests are proposed during the waiting period, the board will vote to accept or reject the proposed change. If a change is accepted the original amendment is rejected and the version with the change starts its own two month cycle.
- C. Simple majority vote of all members present at the meeting will decide if the proposed amendment passes or fails.