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**DAVIS BRIDGE  
AEROMODELERS**



**AMA CHARTER # 4488**

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**ARTICLE I: NAME**

- A. The name of the club shall be DAVIS BRIDGE AEROMODELERS
- B. Location: 1684 Davis Bridge Road, Parkton, NC 28371  
GPS Coordinates N34.93180 W79.03637

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE:**

- A. Create sportsmanship, craftsmanship and fellowship.
- B. Encourage participation in the sport of radio controlled model aviation.
- C. To gather and disseminate information on all aspects of model aircraft, design, construction and flying techniques.
- D. Provide the organization and resources necessary for the performance of air shows and demonstrations for the public to promote the hobby of radio control model aviation.
- E. To further the sport of model aviation.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

**A. QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1. Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is mandatory for participation in the Davis Bridge Aeromodelers (DBA).
- 2. Membership in the DBA shall be considered after the prospective member has presented a completed DBA membership application and proof of valid AMA membership to a DBA Officer.
- 3. Membership may be granted by a simple majority vote at a DBA regular membership meeting after completion of qualification requirements.

**B. DUES**

- 1. A DBA Dues Schedule will be maintained by the DBA secretary and be available to all members.
- 2. The DBA membership cycle begins May 1<sup>st</sup> and continues for a period of one (1) year. (May 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup> )
- 3. The amount of dues to be paid for membership with DBA shall be determined by the DBA elected officers and with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the DBA membership.

4. Notification of changes in the dues schedule must be made to DBA members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the vote via email.
5. A proposed change will be posted at DBA Club field for at a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to a vote.
6. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances.
7. Refunding of dues for extraordinary circumstances can be granted by the DBA elected officers with the approval of a simple majority vote at regularly scheduled DBA membership meeting.

#### C. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the DBA.

#### D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the DBA shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

#### F. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or Members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

#### F. REINSTATEMENT

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the DBA.

### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

#### A. OFFICERS

1. The President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected by a simple majority vote at the regular DBA meeting in the month of April.
2. Safety Officer, Field Marshal, Program or Committee Chairman will be appointed by the DBA elected officers.
3. Newly elected officers will take office immediately after the April meeting.

#### B. TERM OF OFFICE

All officers of the DBA shall serve for a term of one year.

#### C. DUTIES

1. President - The executive head of the organization, the President presides at all General Membership meetings and other meetings he may call. Special officers may be appointed by the President to take charge of flying site, DBA projects, or DBA property.

2. Vice-President - The assistant to the President, the Vice-President performs duties assigned to him by the President, and acts for the President in his absence.
3. Secretary - The DBA recorder, the Secretary records executive decisions, appointments, votes of membership, is responsible for keeping minutes of General Membership meetings to provide the DBA with a historical record of acts and policy.
4. Treasurer - Responsible for DBA assets, the Treasurer receives and disburses funds and reports to the membership on his transactions.

#### D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

1. Safety Officer
  - a. Responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing safety rules are enforced.
  - b. Processes grievance forms and follows the existing grievance procedure documented in these bylaws.
  - c. Has the authority to halt DBA members, guests and general public individuals from using or continuing to use the field if they do not comply with DBA and AMA safety rules.
2. Program chairman. – As needed and directed.
3. Committee Chairman – As needed and directed.

#### E. VACANCIES

Elected and Appointed Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining Elected Officers.

### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

#### A. REGULAR MEETINGS

1. Regular DBA meetings will held on the second Sunday of each month at the DBA field unless otherwise designated.
2. All regular and special meetings shall be presided over by the DBA President.
3. If the DBA President is not available, the ranking elected officer present at the meeting will be responsible for conduct of the meeting.
4. A Quorum is seven (7) DBA voting members, one voting member must be an elected DBA officer.
5. DBA youth members do not have voting privileges.
6. Quorum is required to hold the meeting and conduct business.
7. Except as provided elsewhere in these bylaws, a simple majority vote of a quorum at a regularly scheduled DBA meeting fulfills the requirements to conduct general DBA business.

#### B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings will be held at the call of the President to conduct urgent or timely business. Minutes of any special meeting will be recorded and reported at a General Membership meeting.

### **ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING**

All DBA records are the property of the DBA and shall be passed on when new officers are elected or appointed.

## **ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES**

### **A. Safety Committee**

1. Safety is the responsibility of all members of the DBA.
2. All members of the DBA are members of the safety committee.
3. The Safety Officer will preside over all safety meetings.
4. A quorum of the safety committee will consist of a minimum of the Safety Officer and 4 members of the DBA.
5. All safety meetings will be announced in advance.
6. All members are encouraged to attend.

B. Standing and Special committees' membership will be appointed by DBA Club Officers on an as needed basis.

## **ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL**

### **A. NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for DBA Club Officers shall be made during the month of March.

### **B. ELECTION**

1. Nominations for officer position can be from the floor, mail or e-mail.
2. Elections shall be held during the April General Membership meeting.
3. Members who have voting rights but cannot attend the meeting can request mail-in ballots.
4. The Mail-in ballots must be returned before the April meeting.
5. The mail-in ballots will be counted as if those members were present at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **A. DBA STANDING RULES**

See Davis Bridge Flight/Safety Rules

### **B. GUESTS**

1. Current AMA members are welcome to fly at the DBA airfield as a guest.
2. Guests are limited to three (3) flying days per year.
3. A DBA member must sponsor the guest.
4. The Sponsor must be present during the guests' entire flying activities.
5. Flying by non-members without the presence of a DBA Sponsor is strictly prohibited.
6. Sponsor is accountable for the safe conduct of his/her guest.
7. The guest policy is not intended as a method to avoid paying DBA dues.
8. Delinquent DBA members or barred individuals may not fly as guests.

### **C. DISSOLUTION OF DBA**

1. The duration of the DBA shall be perpetual.
2. The DBA may be dissolved with the approval of two -thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

3. Liquid assets shall be applied to any outstanding debts.
4. Cash after debt shall be donated to the AMA National Headquarters.
5. Capital Equipment shall be sold with proceeds donated to the AMA National Headquarters.

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS**

- A. Any current DBA member may propose amendments to the Bylaws.
- B. Amendments must be submitted to the DBA officers in written form.
- C. At a regularly scheduled DBA meeting the proposed amendment shall be read to the membership.
- D. Approval for consideration of the proposed amendment requires a simple majority vote of members at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- E. If the proposed amendment is approved for consideration the proposed amendment shall be posted at the DBA airfield for a period of twenty-one (21) days.
- F. DBA members will be notified via email of the proposed amendment vote.
- G. During a regular DBA membership meeting, following the required 21-day posting, proposed amendment can be read as a motion, seconded and debated.
- H. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the DBA Membership is required for passage.

#### **ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

##### **B. FIRST VIOLATION**

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee and this will be recorded in the DBA records.

##### **C. SECOND VIOLATION**

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the DBA Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the DBA newsletter.

#### D. THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the DBA members via the DBA newsletter that the DBA will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the DBA only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

E. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

F. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the DBA. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the DBA Officers.

**AMENDMENTS:** The following amendments to these Bylaws were voted into effect on the date indicated by a majority of the DBA members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

- A. These Bylaws effective as of this date - January 10, 2010
- B. Previous versions of the Davis Bridge Aeromodelers Bylaws are null and void.

