
Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Skylarks of Sharon
affiliated with the
Academy of Model Aeronautics
U.S. Representative of the Federation Aéronautique Internationale for model aviation.

Constitution

Article 1 - Name

The name of this club shall be "Skylarks of Sharon".

Article 2 - Purpose

Section 1: The objective of this club shall be to promote the building and flying of model aircraft in the Shenango Valley area, and to aid, insofar as possible, the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and other AMA activities continuing to seek advancement of equipment, model design, model construction and the improvement of performance in all classes of model aviation.

Section 2: All special or local enterprises of the Skylarks of Sharon shall conform to the policies and regulations of the AMA in regard to model aviation activities.

Article 3 - Membership

Section 1: All persons residing in the tristate area shall be eligible for membership in the Skylarks of Sharon.

Section 2: All members, with the exception of associate members, must hold a current AMA license.

Section 3: A member in good standing shall be considered as a paid-up member possessing a current AMA license.

Section 4: Total membership will be limited to 25 active members(excluding Junior members) as long as the current flying site is located in Transfer, Pa. at the end of Pleasant View Dr.

Section 5: There shall be no limit to the number of Associate or Junior members.

By-Laws

Article 1 - Officers

The officers of the Skylarks of Sharon shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. A Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers of the club and the immediate past President. In the case of the unavailability of the past President the past Vice-President will be the fifth member of the Board.

Article 2 - Duties

A. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, carry out the policies of the club as established by the Board of Directors, and act as spokesperson for the club in all matters pertaining to the club.

B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the club in the absence of the President, and in the event of the inability of the President to perform his duties for any period of time, the Vice-President shall act in the Presidents place without the consent and direction of the President.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings, including attendance, shall attend to all normal club correspondence and notify all members of regular business affairs and meetings of the club.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies due, received and disbursed by the club. He shall also attend to all financial matters, including payment for services or goods purchased by the club. Purchases of goods and payment of bills must be approved by the membership. A monthly financial statement must be presented to the membership.

All club funds must be kept in a bank account and all bills over one(1) dollar must be paid by check.

E. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general club policy.

Article 3 - Term of Officers

Section 1: All officers of the Skylarks of Sharon shall serve for one(1) year from the date of election.

Section 2: The election of officers of the club shall be held annually. All nominations will be made from the floor. Balloting will be done by secret ballot when more than one(1) runs for office.

Section 3: Upon election of a new President, the retiring President shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors, filling the fifth position on the Board. In the event the current President shall be re-elected, the fifth position of the Board shall continue to be filled by the member currently in that office, subject to ratification by majority vote of the members present at the election meeting.

Article 4 - Vacancies

Section 1: A vacancy of an office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. Appointees shall complete that specific term of office.

Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall schedule a minimum of one(1) club meeting each month.

Article 6 - Regular Business

Section 1: All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by the club shall be directed by the Board of Directors, except that at any time as required, the President or Board may call a meeting of the membership to decide any problem which has arisen in the interim.

Section 2: At any club meeting, a constituted quorum shall be 51 percent of the members in good standing. A Board meeting quorum shall be four fifths(4/5) of the Boards personnel.

Section 3: Only members in good standing may vote at meetings.

Article 7 - Dues and Fees

Section 1: Annual open membership dues to the club shall be;

- A. Annual payment of \$30.00 due at the January meeting.
- B. New members shall pay a partial payment determined by the month in which they are accepted for membership.

January 1 - August 31	\$30.00
September 1 - December 31	\$15.00
- C. A one time initiation charge to every new member of \$10.00.
- D. There shall be no club dues for junior members.

Section 2: Annual associate membership dues to the club shall be;

- A. Annual payment of \$6.00 due at the January meeting.
- B. New associate members shall pay a partial payment determined by the month in which they are accepted for membership.

January 1 - August 31	\$6.00
September 1 - December 31	\$3.00
- C. Associate members will not be charged the \$10.00 initiation fee.

Section 3: No special assessment shall be levied upon the club membership at any time, except by vote of the membership as a whole, and then only upon majority vote of two thirds(2/3) of the entire membership. Notification shall be mailed at least 30 days in advance of any special assessment to be voted upon so that all members shall have full knowledge of any assessments to be considered.

Article 8 - Special Funds

Section 1: The Treasurer of the club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual member or institution, to be applied to the general operating expenses of the club.

Article 9 - Committees

Section 1: Standing committees, or special committees, of the club shall be appointed by the President

as required by the affairs of the club.

Article 10 - Membership Requirements

Section 1: There shall be three(3) grades of membership.

- A. Open membership- for those members 19 years or older on July 1 of the current year.
- B. Junior membership- for those members that have not yet reach their 19th birthday by July 1 of the current year.
- C. Associate membership- for those members that are non-flying members. Associate members will not have a vote in club elections.

Section 2: Candidates for membership shall fulfill the following requirements, with noted exceptions, before being considered for membership:

- A. Complete a written application for membership.
- B. Furnish proof of having, or having applied for an AMA license.(Except Associate members).
- C. Attend three(3) consecutive meetings as close together as business or work commitments permit. This requirement may be set aside by the Board of Directors, at the discretion thereof, upon petition by the candidate to the Board of Directors requesting such action.

Section 3: Acceptance to club membership of candidates shall be automatic after completion of the above membership requirements in the absence of any formal objections brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. The Board will have sole discretion in the disposition and effect of any such objection.

Section 4: Those members not having their dues paid in full by the end of January or not having a current AMA membership shall be dropped from the club by written notice of the Secretary.

Section 5: Members may resign from the club for cause and be assured of re-admittance at a later date without prejudice or penalty.

Section 6: Before being allowed to fly solo new flying members must demonstrate to a designated club instructor their ability to fly their aircraft in a responsible manner, under control at all times, land, takeoff, etc. They may be verbally written off by the instructor and duly noted at the next club meeting.

Article 11 - Amendments

Amendments may be made to this Constitution and these By-Laws at any general meeting of the club membership by a majority vote of the members present, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least seven(7) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be provided to all members of the Board of Directors and to any member who may request same.