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TWIN LAKES PARK
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NEXT MEETING:

Sept. 28, 2011

7:00 PM

Sarasota RC Squadron

Board of Directors

Paul Jantzen,
President 366-3200

Jim Martin,
VicePres. 925-1618

David Speed,
Sec'y. 926-9660

Steve Sundheimer,
Treas. 400-5255

Jim Holloman 727-5670

Don Janssen 488-3370

Al Jensen 377-5431



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Board of Directors will present proposed by-law amendments at the September 28th Membership Meeting. As required by the SRQ by-laws, proposed amendments to the by-laws must be posted in writing prior to the membership meeting. The proposed amendments are now posted on our website, www.sarasotarc.com. The September Newsletter will also carry the full text of the proposed by-law amendments.

We have members who do not have access to a computer. If you know of any SRQ member who does not have access to our website please inform them of the proposed by-law amendments to be voted on at the September 28th membership meeting.

Hard copies of the proposed amendments are available in the Operations Building at the field.

The 2012 budget will also be presented at the meeting

This is an important meeting, please plan to attend.

The Board

The 2012 SRQ Membership Applications will be mailed shortly. We are sending the applications earlier this year because AMA will now renew your 2012 membership on September 15th. We have changed our "Membership Year" from October 1 to September 15 to be in lock step with AMA. Both the SRQ and AMA memberships will be good through December 31, 2012

Please apply for your 2012 AMA membership now. Don't wait for your AMA card to renew with SRQ. You do not need to send a copy of the AMA card along with the SRQ application. Just send the email confirmation or any other proof you have of your 2012 AMA membership.

Please use the preprinted SRQ application that you will receive.

Click this link for the AMA-Join/renew website. [https://
www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx](https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx)

Question? Call or email Al Jensen

941-377-5431
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ajensen34@verizon.net

We would appreciate your including a request to the membership that they address their renewal early, well prior to the December deadline, to assist us is the expeditious processing of the applications and distribution of the 2012 badges.

Thanks in advance.

Steve Sundheimer and
Al Jensen

SARASOTA R/C SQUADRON

BY-LAWS

Revised September, 2011

ARTICLE I - Club Name

The name of the club shall be the SARASOTA R/C SQUADRON, INC. and the acronym "SRQ".

ARTICLE II – Purpose and Philosophy

- A. Its purpose shall be to bring together all persons interested in promoting and fostering a common interest in the building and flying of all radio controlled model aircraft and the securing and maintaining of flying sites.
- B. All regular and/or special undertakings and activities of SRQ shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the regulations of that organization governing model aircraft contests.

ARTICLE III – SRQ To Be Chartered

Each year SRQ shall secure and renew a charter from the AMA.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

A. Any person desiring to become a member of SRQ shall submit a written application to the treasurer or any current board member together with the current initiation fee and a minimum of the yearly dues then in effect. The term of membership shall commence upon acceptance of such application and dues and shall terminate upon expiration of the applicable dues period, unless renewed. All renewing members shall present **proof of renewed AMA membership** to the SRQ treasurer. Flyers requiring an AMA waiver, such as a turbine engine waiver, shall also provide a copy of the waiver to the treasurer upon application for membership. Flyers operating on an FCC amateur radio band shall submit a copy of their FCC license to the treasurer upon application for membership.

B. Membership in SRQ is available to all individuals satisfying the following requirements:

1. Members with flying privileges must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Members over 19 as of July 1st shall maintain a full year Open membership. Members under 19 as of July 1st shall maintain a Youth membership.

A Park Pilot Program membership is not sufficient to join SRQ.

2. Agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of AMA and SRQ.
3. Pay an initiation fee and membership dues for the current period.

C. Termination of membership in SRQ may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Failure to timely pay dues.
2. Improper conduct and/or failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations of SRQ.

This forced resignation to be effected by a majority vote of the total membership present at a general membership meeting.

3. Failure to renew AMA membership when due.

D. Reinstatement of terminated members may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Members **who leave** the club in good standing may be reinstated if they can produce a valid AMA membership and pay the requisite dues for the current dues period.
2. Persons dropped from the membership in accordance with paragraph C.2. above will not be considered for reinstatement without the approval of **a majority of the members present at a monthly membership meeting.**

E. The following types of SRQ memberships are provided:

1. Regular members**ships** with flying and voting rights.
2. Junior members**ships**, under the age of 18 with flying and voting rights at a reduced initiation fee and membership dues.
3. Family memberships with flying and voting rights for each family member at reduced membership dues.
4. **Associate memberships with neither flying nor voting rights. No AMA membership is required.**
5. Honorary members with flying and voting rights and no initiation fee or membership dues. Such members will be **elected by a majority of members present at a monthly membership meeting.**

ARTICLE V – Club Officers and Board of Directors

A. Officers to be elected by the membership shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition to these elected officers, the President elect shall appoint a Safety Officer for each flying site used by SRQ.

B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members of SRQ elected at large.

C. A Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) SRQ members shall be appointed during the general membership meeting in August of each year. The Nominating Committee shall then select at least the requisite board and officer nominations from current SRQ/AMA members in adequate time for all candidates' names **to appear in the SRQ newsletter prior to the October general membership meeting.**

D. Officers and board members shall be elected at the November meeting with due notice of this meeting having been given to the membership. A plurality vote of the members in attendance at this meeting shall be required to be elected. No officer or director shall hold the same office or director's position more than two (2) consecutive terms.

E. Newly elected directors and officers shall assume their duties on January 1st of the year following their election. An installation ceremony of the new officers and board members shall be held at the December **general membership** meeting.

F. Newly elected officers and board members shall hold a joint meeting with the previously elected officers and board members in December **to become familiar with** their duties.

G. Duly elected officers and board members may only be removed from office by a majority vote of the board at a special meeting held for that purpose only, with a quorum being present. The action of the board must be confirmed by a majority vote of the members present at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting. Notification of the membership of the impending vote shall be via the club newsletter. No name will be published. The effected member shall be notified by registered letter of the date and time of all meetings scheduled to remove him from office.

H. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Membership Chairman. The Membership Chairman will maintain a single database that contains pertinent membership information. The Membership Chairman shall be responsible for periodically publishing a club roster, publishing membership badges and coordinating with the Orientation and Training Chairman to assure that no new member receives their flying privileges without proof of qualifications.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of Officers

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all board and general meetings.
2. Act as spokesman for SRQ.
3. Appoint chairpersons of all committees subject to board approval.
4. As Chairman of the Board, assure a quorum of five (5) voting members of the board for any requisite vote and be responsible for proxies.
5. Authorize emergency or special expenditures not exceeding fifty (\$50) in any one instance.
6. **Replace officers and board members who are unable to fulfill their required duties.** Replacements will finish out the unexpired term of the replaced board member. Replacements must be approved by the Board.
7. Call appropriate executive groups as needed to carry out necessary business.

Such group members need not be members of the Board.

8. Cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

B. The Vice President shall:

1. Act for the President when he is **absent**. If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to serve, then the line of succession will be Treasurer, Secretary then longest serving Board member.

2. Coordinate programs for the monthly membership meetings.

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all Board of Directors and general meetings of SRQ.

2. Cause to be carried out the official correspondence of SRQ.

3. Maintain a file of SRQ correspondence, insurance records, corporate charter and so on.

4. File and maintain all requisite reports pertinent to retaining charter membership in the AMA.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Collect all monies due, disburse same and keep accurate records of all transactions.

2. Present a report of all transactions at Board meetings and be prepared, as required, to report at general membership meetings. Present an annual financial statement to the membership within sixty (60) days following the beginning of each calendar year.

3. Keep all SRQ funds in a checking and/or savings account as approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

- A.** The general membership shall meet once a month as determined by the Board based upon the availability and time of a meeting location. The minutes of the previous general membership meeting shall be read or published for approval or revision. The President or Vice President shall give a brief report of Board activities. The Treasurer shall provide a written report of all income expenditures and all current SRQ account balances as appropriate.
- B.** The Board of Directors shall meet once a month at a regularly scheduled time. It shall be the responsibility of the Board members to keep abreast of the opinions and ideas of the general membership in order that SRQ activities and direction are in the best interests of SRQ and its members. Additional Board meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President.
- C.** The conduct of these meetings shall be in accordance with regular parliamentary procedure per “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

ARTICLE VIII – Flying Sites

Flying sites designated by SRQ will be approved by the membership and insured by the AMA.

ARTICLE IX – Flying Site Regulations

- A.** Each SRQ member should be aware of the fact that the obtaining and keeping of flying sites is a prime purpose of this club. To accomplish this, in addition to the current AMA model aviation safety code, SRQ field guidelines will be provided. It is also the intent of the AMA safety code and field guidelines to provide safety not only for spectators, but for members as well.
- B.** The Safety Officer shall enforce these rules and regulations and is charged with the obligation of bringing any infractions of these rules and regulations to the attention of the membership
- C.** Because the rules and regulations change from time to time, as flying sites change, these rules and regulations covering flying sites, safety and general conditions shall be provided separately and each member shall be responsible for obtaining the latest copy.
- D.** A copy of the Rules and Regulations shall be posted in a prominent place at each flying site.
- E.** Guest pilots shall be members of AMA. A guest pilot may fly three (3) calendar days per year.

ARTICLE X – Amendments to the By-laws

The General Membership shall be notified in advance, in writing (via the SRQ newsletter or special notice) that amendments will be considered at the next General Meeting. Proposed changes to the by-laws shall then be published in their entirety in the Newsletter. Voting on the proposed amendment shall occur at the membership meeting following publication. Proposed amendments to the by-laws of SRQ may be made by the Board or any member in good standing. Amendments to the by-laws will require a two-thirds vote of SRQ members in good standing present at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XI – Voting

- A.** All voting at meetings shall be by show of hands except for election of officers and directors. Election of officers and directors shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- B.** The Nominating Committee shall supervise, count, and report the results of all voting for elections of officers and directors.
- C.** A member who is unable to attend a meeting where an issue is to be voted upon by written ballot may vote by proxy. **The proxy vote must be in writing. The proxy vote must be signed and delivered to SRQ via U.S. Mail. Walk-in votes or those delivered by hand will not be accepted.**

ARTICLE XII – Financial

- A.** The Treasurer shall make only those expenditures of SRQ funds authorized and approved by the membership in the current budget. The Board of Directors is authorized to approve expenditures of up to \$500. All proposed expenditures of above \$500 must be approved by a majority of SRQ members present at a general membership meeting or stated in the current budget.
- B.** The Treasurer shall set aside forty percent (40%) of all SRQ membership dues collected each year for a capital improvement reserve fund. Expenditures from this capital improvement reserve fund shall only be made for that purpose and only after the general membership has been notified in advance, in writing (via the SRQ newsletter or special notice) that such an expenditure will be considered at a general meeting. Approval for any such expenditure will then require a two-thirds vote of SRQ members in good standing present at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XIII – Dues and Fees

A. The annual membership dues shall be **proposed** by the Board to the membership in conjunction with a proposed budget for the upcoming year submitted for approval by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the September general membership meeting. The general membership shall be notified in writing (via the Newsletter or special notice) that the dues and budget are being **proposed** at this meeting for membership consideration. A change in dues shall become effective on the first day of October next following any approved change.

B. No special assessments shall be levied except upon the recommendation of the Board and approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing present at a general membership meeting.

C. The fee for initiation into SRQ shall be established annually by the Board.

D. Any **member** delinquent in paying next year's dues by December 31st of the current year shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership and will be dropped from SRQ in good standing until all dues and fees are paid.

ARTICLE XIV – Insurance

The Board of Directors shall maintain liability and property coverage on the buildings and contents. Contents coverage shall be based on an annual inventory of the existing records. The records and insurance policies will be kept by the Secretary.

SRQ shall purchase and maintain a Directors and Officers Liability policy with a policy limit of \$1,000,000 or more. The premiums shall be paid by SRQ.

ARTICLE XV – Dissolution

A. The corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership.

B. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Treasurer shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation **in accordance with IRS regulations.**

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Minutes
SRQ Board Meeting
September 7, 2011

Members Present: Paul Jantzen, Jim Martin, Steve Sundheimer, David Speed, Al Jensen, and Don Janssen.

Absent: Jim Holloman

Guests: Dick Bobb, George Jenkins

The meeting was called to order by President Jantzen @ 7:05 P.M.

President's Report: None.

Safety Officer Report: A member received a cut on his finger by reaching into the prop arc of an unfamiliar aircraft. His tendon was cut requiring surgery to reattach the tendon. All members are reminded that our airplanes can be very dangerous. Please be careful. A report of injury will be filed with the AMA.

A member's airplane is suspected of exceeding the club's limits on noise. The member will be notified he must schedule a test with the safety officer and a member of the Board to certify that his plane is within club requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sundheimer presented the August financial report. The financial report was accepted as presented.

The proposed 2012 budget was presented to the Board. The Board will recommend to the membership that there will be no change in the initiation fees or dues for 2012. The Board will recommend to the membership that the new Associate Membership will have dues of \$20.00 per year.

Al Jensen reported we currently have 292 members.

Old Business:

The new SRQ membership application form has been updated to include the new Associate Member classification. The Board reviewed the application and approved it for publication.

SRQ's participation in AMA's Gold Leader Club was discussed. There were several items that prevented SRQ from qualifying for membership. The Board decided SRQ would complete the necessary actions to become a member of the Gold Leader Club. This includes providing a Model Airplane News subscription to the Fruitville library and reviewing the AMA safety code at a future membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded to subscribe to Model Airplane News and have the subscription mailed to the Fruitville library. The subscription will be paid for by SRQ. The motion passed and George Jenkins agreed to implement the motion.

George Jenkins reported for Dave Hasler that the Light Plane and Golden Age Fly-in is on schedule. There will be Belly Busters for lunch along with ice cold soda and water. George Jenkins has mailed flyers to other clubs and posted flyers in the hobby shops. There will be a plane for the raffle. Please come and support your club events.

The Open House scheduled for October 1st is also on schedule. Notices have been placed on several websites and on Craigslist. SRQ will invite the County Commissioners, Parks and Recreation County Officials, and Waste Management Officials.

We ask that the members bring as many old R/C related magazines to the next membership meeting for distribution at the Open House. We would like them at the meeting so we have an idea of how many we have to give out. Tell your spouse. They will help you carry them to the car.

George Jenkins showed the new signs that will be posted from I-75 to the field showing how to get to the air show. They have the county logo, so they should not be removed by the county. They are very nice and much sturdier than our past signs. The Board thanks George for his efforts.

SRQ intends to have a schedule of demonstrations posted at the field for the Open House. The intent is to inform the public at exactly what time they can see demonstrations of a jet, helicopter, gaggle of T-28s, etc.

We need some helicopter pilots to fly at the event. If you are willing to fly, please contact Jim Martin.

All of the events other than the Light Plane Fly-in, will be catered by an outside vendor. We are negotiating pricing and commission.

The county has indicated the club must apply for permits for all events. Paul Jantzen has agreed to negotiate with the county on this item. If we are going to have overnight parking of RVs, permits are required and must be applied for and paid. George Jenkins will handle this item.

The proposed by-law changes are complete and will be published on the website and the Newsletter. There will be copies available in the operations building as well. Approval of the changes by the membership will be sought at the September membership meeting.

New Business:

Ron Nash has notified the Board that personal commitments prevent him from continuing to be our Newsletter editor. The Board understands the time commitment required and, on behalf of the entire membership, we thank Ron for all the great Newsletters he published.

Fred Bigio has agreed to be SRQ's new Newsletter editor. Fred will edit the Newsletter, but will need contributions of articles, photos, etc. Please help Fred out. The membership thanks Fred for taking on this responsibility.

Al Jensen made a proposal that SRQ change its membership application period to coincide with the membership application period of AMA. The AMA recently allowed new memberships or renewals to be submitted on 9/15 of the year prior to the membership year. A motion was made and seconded to permit new or renewal applications of SRQ to be accepted on 9/15 of the year prior to the membership year. The motion passed.

The membership asked the Board to review its decision to require pilots to fly from one of the existing pilot stations. For safety reasons, the Board affirmed its decision to require all flights to be conducted from one of the six pilot stations.

The Board received an inquiry as to whether additional pilot stations could be installed. One would be at the east end and the other would be placed at the west end of the runway. After discussion, it was decided to keep the pilot stations as they are.

The books have not been audited for the year 2010. We have no volunteer to audit the books and after review of the by-laws and IRS regulations, it was determined there is no requirement to audit the books. If a member with qualifications is willing to volunteer to perform an audit, please contact a Board member.

The feasibility study being conducted into removing 35' of the north side of the runway and replacing it with grass continues. The Board would like information on which county officials were contacted during the feasibility study. President Jantzen will gather that information.

SRQ has been informed the water line that brings the water up to our field in the responsibility of SRQ. The water line does not appear to be on the land that is leased by SRQ. This presents a potential problem as SRQ cannot control the county trucks that may drive over and break "our" water line. President Jantzen is working with the county to resolve the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

David M. Speed
SRQ Secretary

Minutes
Membership Meeting
August 24 ,2011

The meeting was called to order @ 7:01 P.M. by President Paul Jantzen.

He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 36 members present.

New members or guests: Gary Durham is a new member from Pennsylvania. The membership welcomed Gary to the club. Brian and Mike from the hobby shop in Port Charlotte were guests.

Program: SRQ had a special guest this month, so the program portion of the evening was moved to the beginning of the meeting. V.P. Jim Martin introduced Polly White who was a member of the Woman Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during WWII. The WASPs were used to ferry aircraft within the United States and other non-combat duties to free up the male pilots for combat duty. Although 25,000 women applied to be a WASP, only 1,830 were accepted and of them, 1,074 passed the training and were accepted as WASPs. We were in very special company. Polly was qualified to fly single engine aircraft up to and including the P-40. She was stationed at the Foster Air Force Base in Texas. She spent most of her time towing targets with an AT-6. The membership spent time asking Polly questions about her service and time in the WASPs. SRQ thanked Polly White for her service in WWII and for coming to visit us and telling us her story.

Announcements: David Speed reminded the membership of the semi-annual swap meet that will take place at Graves Hobby in Orlando on September 10th. It starts at 9:00 A.M. All items in stock at the store are 10% off during the swap meet.

Castle Creations has recalled their Phoenix HV ESCs. They warn you not to fly with one until it is repaired. If you are using one, please go to their website for instructions.
www.castlecreations.com

Mike and Brian Hague from The Hobby Shop in Port Charlotte announced they will be opening a new hobby shop in Sarasota called Gator Hobbies. It will be located on the south side of Clark Road next to Tire Kingdom. The store will be about the same size as the one in Port Charlotte and the plan is to be open by October 1st.

Solo Certificate: Cliff Root presented a solo certificate to David Christian. Cliff Root was David's instructor. David Speed performed the check out flight. Congratulations David Christian!

President's Report: Paul reported the paving of our road is still in the works. We watch, we wait. When the current road washes out, some members have driven off the road and onto the grass. Since this is against county policy, if you get stuck, do not call the county to get you out. Call your own wrecker company or make other arrangements.

There was a leak in the water line coming from the bottom of the hill to our facility. The leak was repaired by the county, but SRQ received a water bill for about \$572 dollars. Dick Bobb negotiated a settlement with the county where the county would absorb \$500 dollars and SRQ would pay the balance.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the July minutes as published. During the discussion period, several members pointed out that a statement made at July's meeting, and reported in the minutes for that meeting, specifically "The area that has been referred to as the "grass runway" does not meet the AMA requirements for a runway" was not accurate. President Jantzen agreed that the statement was not accurate. The motion to

accept the minutes was approved with the understanding that the incorrect statement would be noted in the current minutes.

Additional discussion on whether the area at the east end of the paved runway could be used as a runway continued. President Jantzen indicated the issue was one of safety. After further discussion, President Jantzen agreed to have the Board revisit this issue at the next Board meeting.

Joe Wright asked if the Membership Manual could be published in its entirety on the club website. It was agreed that after the new Membership Manual is completed, it will be published in its entirety in PDF format on the club website.

Please remember that all SRQ members are safety officers. The Board knows everyone is not comfortable in approaching another member if they see a safety violation. If you are not comfortable in doing this, please tell a Board member and they will address the issue.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sundheimer presented the July financial report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Dave Hasler showed the new flyer for the Light Plane and Golden Age Fly-In. The event will take place on 9/17/2011 and the flyer is available on the club website. David read the names of the volunteers and their assignments. Frank Tiano has seen to it that every pilot will receive a product from his ZAP line of glues. Thanks to Frank for supporting our club, again!

At the July meeting, Vince Veltri proposed the idea of removing 35 feet X 500 feet of the north side of the runway and replacing it with grass. Vince reiterated his proposal and indicated that he had started his investigation of what it would take to complete such a project. This would include buying a new reel mower to cut the grass, installation of an irrigation system to keep the grass watered during the dry season, permits, etc. A motion was made and seconded to have Vince Veltri complete a feasibility study on removing 35 feet X 500 feet of the north side of the runway and replace it with an irrigated grass runway of the same dimensions. The motion passed.

Jim Martin discussed the upcoming Expo that will take place on October 1st. Jim is looking for volunteers to assist in making displays for the public on electric aircraft, radio systems, training systems, scale aircraft, turbines and other facets of our hobby. Please contact Jim if you can help with ideas or displays.

New Business:

It is a requirement of the club to appoint at least three SRQ members to a Nominating Committee at this meeting. Volunteers were requested and the following SRQ members

were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Vince Veltri, Jim Behanna, and Jim Holloman. The committee will notify the membership of the individuals running for the Officer and Board positions, preferably by the October general membership meeting.

The raffle was conducted by Steve Petitto. This month's raffle was for a Cub that was donated by Eric Hall and John Stileman. The prize was won by Cliff Root.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

David M. Speed
SRQ Secretary



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