

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ROCKET CLUB

Rio Grande Valley of Texas BYLAWS

Article 1: NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the **Rio Grande Valley Rocket Club** and **Rio Grande Valley Section** of the National Association of Rocketry and may be hereinafter referred to as **RGVRC**.

Article 2: PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the RGVRC and Section to:

- a) aid and abet the aims and purpose of the NAR in locality.
- b) to operate and maintain a rocket range in accordance with NAR standards, applicable regulations, and the NAR Safety Code(s).
- c) to hold meetings for the purpose of aiding and encouraging all those interested in rocketry, and
- d) to engage in other scientific, educational, or related activities as the NAR, the Club, Section, or the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable in connection to the foregoing.

Article 3: MEMBERSHIP:

Membership for the RGVRC will be in five (5) classes:

1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General Membership with full privileges shall be granted to any individual in good standing with NAR, upon application and payment of RGVRC dues.

2. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family Membership shall be granted to any General Member's immediate family member(s) residing within the same household upon application and payment of RGVRC dues by the primary General Member. Only the primary General Member has voting privileges

3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership shall be granted to any individual that is not a member of NAR upon application and payment of RGVRC dues. Associate Membership does not confer General Membership, or voting privileges.

4. AFFILIATED GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Affiliated Group Membership shall be granted to any group or organization that is not a member of NAR upon application and payment of RGVRC dues. Affiliated Group Membership does not confer General Membership, or voting privileges upon individuals of the affiliating group.

5. HONARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership may be granted to individuals who have performed meritorious service for RGVRC. Honorary Membership for any period less than the life of the recipient may be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

TERM OF MEMBERSHIP. Except for Honorary Membership, the term of membership is concurrent with the fiscal year.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership will be terminated by non-payment of dues following a ninety (90) day grace period.

ARTICLE 4: DUES

Dues shall be \$15.00 per year, payable in advance. RGVRC dues may be pro-rated by quarters remaining in the fiscal year (April - June \$11.75, July - September \$7.50, October - December \$3.75). The RGVRC dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to NAR. All monies shall be kept in a General Fund utilizing good accounting practices by the Treasurer and shall be paid out by him/her only on the order of the RGVRC Board of Directors. Special assessments may be levied by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the RGVRC provided notice of such intent is given in writing to each member at least five (5) days preceding such a meeting.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

Meetings of the RGVRC will be held at least 1 time per year at times and places designated in writing and/or public announcements by RGVRC Board of Directors. Operation of the rocket range shall not be considered a meeting. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the membership of RGVRC. Meetings shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised"

ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall include three (3) officers and a Senior Advisor, if applicable.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

The officers of the RGVRC shall consist of a President, Vice President (Recording Secretary) and Treasurer, all of whom shall be General Members of RGVRC and NAR members in good standing. The term of office shall be for one (1) year.

ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS

Election of officers and members of the Board of Directors shall take place at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers and members of the Board shall serve a term of one year, Vacancies in office and on the Board shall be filled by nomination and election of General Member(s) in good standing to fill the un-expired term of office and shall take place at the meeting at which the vacancy is announced. Nominations will be made from the floor by General Members and the candidate having the largest number of votes of General Members shall be elected.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

There shall be three (3) Standing Committees of the RGVRC, plus additional committees as the President and or Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable. The Standing Committees are as follows:

1. Operations Committee shall be in charge of the RGVRC rocket range, shall monitor the experimental technical activities of the RGVRC members, and shall act as Safety Inspectors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be a Senior member of the NAR in good standing, and shall act as Range Safety Officer under NAR standards, regulations and Safety Code(s).
2. Contests and Records Committee shall be in charge of all arrangements for contests and shall monitor all national record attempts by members.
3. Activities Committee shall be in charge of making all arrangements for all RGVRC meetings, activities, for conducting membership campaigns and for carrying on public relations.

The RGVRC President shall be an ex-officio of all committees.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those RGVRC General Members present and voting at any meeting of the RGVRC, providing written notice of the pending amendment has been sent to the membership of RGVRC at least five (5) days in advance of such meeting. No amendment of these bylaws shall be in force until and unless approved by NAR Headquarters.

Adopted: January 15th, 2000

Signed: _____
Randy Ashley, President