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The following motion carried by a unanimous vote at the May 1, 2007 meeting:

**Motion:**

*"Be it resolved that a new designation of membership be created called "Fixed Wing/Helicopter Member" and that the number of such memberships at any given time be limited and regulated by policies determined by the club Executive Committee in accordance with the best interests of the full club membership."*

In addition to the adoption of the above motion, the Executive has implemented several of the below helicopter policies. The 2007 season will be used as a transition year, and the policies/proposed policies below explain what needs to be done to become certified for helicopter operation in future seasons.

As well, we have outlined in this document newly-adopted policies that will also affect the operation of fixed-wing aircraft and address compliance with club rules for all members.

### **Limitations on Number of Members with Fixed-Wing/Helicopter Designations:**

**The club will limit the number of Fixed-Wing/Helicopter memberships to 10.** In the event that more than 10 current members apply for "grandfathered" fixed wing/helicopter certificate **before the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 deadline** (application form available in Library on website), certificates will be issued to all of those members; however, no additional certificates will be assigned after the deadline until the number of renewed fixed wing/helicopter certificates falls below 10. In addition, the following provisions will apply:

- Applicants for fixed wing/helicopter certificates must ensure that a slot is available before submitting an application.
- Helicopter pilots must renew their membership before the end of each flying season, or their slot will be re-assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- No guest helicopter pilots will be permitted to fly at the field.

### **Helicopter Certification Program:**

The club has implemented a certification program for helicopter pilots beginning this season. The program includes the following provisions:

- All helicopter pilots must be cleared to fly on fixed-wing aircraft before pursuing helicopter certification.



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- All helicopter pilots must have written proof of certification from an accredited helicopter training program as identified by the club. The Toronto Helicopter Club has a training program that will satisfy all Humber Valley training requirements; membership at the Helicopter Club (approx \$100) will be required to take advantage of their training program.
- Upon completion of a training program/presentation of proof of certification, all helicopter pilots must perform and pass a checkout flight in the presence of the club's Chief Instructor.
- Approved helicopter pilots will be issued a "Fixed Wing/Helicopter" pilot card, which ***must*** be displayed on the frequency board while flying at the club.
- Club members currently flying helicopters must be certified by an accredited program by the end of the 2007 flying season (Dec. 31, 2007) to receive "Fixed Wing/Helicopter certification.

### **Member Compliance with Club Rules:**

The Executive has implemented new policy that requires all current and new members to read and agree in writing to comply with club rules and regulations. Updated rules will be posted to the website shortly, and all members will be asked at that time to review and sign a declaration form.

If the Executive receives a formal complaint regarding rule violations, members will be subject to warning, reprimand or expulsion from the club. Additional signs will be posted at the field to remind members of key rules for both fixed-wing and helicopter pilots.

### **Limitations and Simultaneous Operation of Helicopters and/or 3-D Flying**

The Club is placing a limit on the number of helicopters in flight OR fixed wing aircraft performing 3D maneuvers to ONE at one time to comply with MAAC 3D regulations. No additional aircraft will be permitted to fly during this time.

### **Maximum Number of Simultaneous Fixed-Wing Flights:**

The Club Rules are being amended to allow a maximum of FIVE fixed-wing aircraft to be in the air simultaneously, except as otherwise indicated by the MAAC safety code.



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### **Cleared Pilots Flying on Student Nights:**

In order to provide students with ample opportunity to receive training on student nights without the distraction of larger and/or faster aircraft, cleared pilots will be discouraged from flying on those nights. It is understood however, that some pilots might not be able to fly other nights of the week (including the instructors themselves). To allow pilots to get some “stick time” on these nights, they can do so with the permission of the instructors in attendance and as long as it does not disturb the training of student pilots.

*If you have any questions about the above rule/policy changes, please contact a member of the Executive. Have a safe and fun flying season!*