

Southern Para Pilots

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of the Club is Southern Para Pilots, hereafter referred to as the Club.

Section 2. The primary purpose of the Club is to promote the sport of paragliding and hang gliding. To encourage participation through proper training, to promote safety within the sport, the acquisition and maintenance of flying sites, and to have fun.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of membership shall consist of Full Member, and Family Member. Services, privileges and annual dues for each class of membership shall be provided in these bylaws and as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Members will have use of all Club controlled sites, and may vote as provided for in these bylaws.

Section 3. The annual dues will be \$60. A member of the immediate family of a member may become a Family Member upon payment of 50% of the full membership dues. A Family Member receives the same benefits as a member.

Section 4. Anyone under the age of 18 must have the written consent of his/her parents or guardian before flying at any Club controlled site.

ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERS

Because of the diversity in home addresses among Club members, meetings may not have the majority needed to conduct business. Matters requiring member input and/or approval will therefore be handled by e-mail whenever necessary. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be 75%.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of five members; The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer.

Section 2. The duties and powers of the Board shall be to deal with all routine business which comes before the Club, draft an annual budget, evaluate and present to members all matters of special concern, and to report all actions of the Board to members.

Section 3. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 4. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a special election by the members.

Section 5. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation or reward, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers shall be elected by the voting members at the first meeting to be held each year, and shall hold office for 12 months or until their successors are elected. If the necessary 2/3 members are not present for this meeting, the remaining members may cast their votes by email or other means deemed acceptable by the board and communicated to the members.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen with the approval of the Board of Directors, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Club when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision over the management of all affairs of the Club.

Section 3. The Vice President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in the case or absence or disability of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, be responsible for all meeting notices and keeping of historical records for the club, and shall perform other duties as may be incident to the office of Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall keep the membership records, receive and deposit all funds, execute all checks for expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors, account for all receipts, disbursements and balance on hand each month, and perform other such duties as may be incident to the office of Treasurer.

Section 6. The Safety Officer shall review and maintain incidence reports, develop all safety related guidelines, approve site recommendations, raise the awareness of safety within the membership, and perform other such duties as may be incident to the office.

ARTICLE VI: SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A member may be removed from office, suspended for a period of time, or expelled for cause, such as violation of any of these bylaws, or flight regulations, or other rules of the Club or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Such action shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members, provided a statement of the charges has been provided to all members, and that the member will have had an opportunity to present a defense.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

The membership fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. Dues will be paid no later than January 31st. New members who join the club on or after October 1st of any year shall be deemed to have paid in full for the following year.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members. Amendments to be considered may be presented by members at any time, and will be duly considered by the Board.

ARTICLE IX: SITE MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Except as noted below, all pilots flying at Club controlled sites must be a member of the Club, hold a USHPA Novice (P2) or higher rating, and fly in a safe manner at all times.

Section 2. Prior to being accepted for Club membership, pilots must demonstrate to a Club Officer, or designee, that he/she is a safe pilot, with flying skills sufficient for flying the sites.

Section 3. Student Pilots may fly at Club controlled sites only when under the direct supervision of a USHPA Certified Instructor.

Section 4. Pilots must fly at all times with a reserve chute, helmet, adequate back protection, radio, and suitable foot wear.

Section 5. Flying hours are from sunrise to sunset. Sunset set is defined as the time when the sun sets behind the mountains.

Section 6. Any "altercation" at or near a controlled site or club function, be it an extreme verbal conflict or ANY physical action, with the intent to harm or threaten, will result in the suspension of all club privileges for a period of 3 months and a 1 year consecutive period of probation for the member(s) deemed to be at fault by the board. Any additional altercation during the probationary period will result in membership termination and the permanent termination of any and all club privileges. Under suspension you are not allowed to be present or near any club controlled site, event, or function. Any breach will result in formal charges to the full extent allowed under the law.

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