

# CLUB BYLAWS: SKY HIGH SOARING SOCIETY

## AMA CHARTERED CLUB # 5587

### ARTICLE I: NAME

#### A. NAME

The name of the Club shall be Sky High Soaring Society

#### B. LOCATION

The Club shall be based on High Acre Farm, 76 High Acre Lane, Muncy, PA 17756 (41.149746, -76.678252)

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to maintain AMA Chartered Club status in good standing while advancing the hobby of model aviation with a core but not exclusive focus on RC soaring and scale sailplane aerotowing.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

#### A. QUALIFICATIONS

AMA membership in good standing is required for all members of the Club. Members must demonstrate proficiency in operating their models in a consistently safe manner. The Club shall have open membership as it relates to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age, or disability. Application to join the club must be sponsored by an existing club member. There shall be a probationary period.

#### B. DUES

Dues are \$100.00 per fiscal year for open members, and free for youth under age 17. From time to time the Club Officers may require an additional assessment of members for field maintenance.

#### C. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign their membership by giving written notice to the Club.

#### D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, their membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

#### E. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

#### F. REINSTATEMENT

A two-thirds vote of membership is required for reinstatement to the Club.

### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

## A. OFFICERS

The Club officers shall be President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer

## B. TERM OF OFFICE

The four primary Officers are elected annually. Terms may be renewed without limitation to the number of times a renewal is made.

## C. DUTIES

The President shall preside at all meetings, the Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, the Secretary records all minutes, and the Treasurer manages all Club funds and payments/reimbursements.

## D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

The Club shall have a Safety Officer with full authority as an empowered Club Officer.

## E. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining officers and communicated forthwith to all members.

# ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

## A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held in person at regularly scheduled flying events and as needed via teleconference/videoconference

## B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Any member in good standing with the endorsement of a second member in good standing, thereby providing a clear statement of purpose for the special meeting, shall have the ability to request of the President the scheduling of a special meeting of the membership. Notice of the special meeting shall be given by the President to all members at least five (5) days prior to the special meeting date.

# ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All Club records shall be passed on when new officers are elected.

# ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

There shall be a Safety Committee comprised of the Safety Officer, Vice President and two Club members in good standing. There shall be an Aerotow Events Committee chaired by an Events Director and as many Club members in good standing as that individual may select.

# ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

## A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer position can be made from the floor or by either physical or electronic mail to the President

## B. ELECTION

Elections are held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. Balloting/voting via email is permitted.

## **ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **A. ROBERT'S RULES**

To the degree practicable, all meetings shall observe Robert's Rules of Order.

### **B. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on 01 January and proceed under a calendar year format.

### **C. NEWSLETTER**

A Club newsletter is desired however it is not required and may be in the form of a quarterly or more frequent email delivered to all active members

### **D. CLUB LOGO**

If a Club logo is desired/created, approval for such logo shall be the purview of the Club Officers.

### **E. STANDING RULES**

Standing rules, if any, shall be advanced by the Club Officers, approved by a simple majority of members during a regular or special meeting and shall be communicated in writing to all members.

### **F. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB**

The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the active membership.

## **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS**

### **A. PROPOSED**

An amendment of the bylaws shall be made by any active member, with the second of another active member, and submitted to the Club officers in writing together with a clear rationale statement for the proposed amendment.

### **B. APPROVAL**

The Club members shall in a regular or special meeting be provided the opportunity for the proposed amendment to be made as a formal motion by the supporting member with second by the supporting member. Discussion shall occur moderated by the President or presiding officer at the meeting.

### **C. VOTING**

Discussion and voting will follow standard practice with approval requiring a true majority of active members in good standing at the time of the motion. Results of the vote shall be communicated to all members in writing by the Secretary and recorded in the club minutes. A revised version of the bylaws shall be created stating the revision number and date of the revision.

## **ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **(FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious

or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairperson. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in conducting action on the following:

a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairperson. At least one witness is required.

b. FIRST VIOLATION

The viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. The complaints' name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

c. SECOND VIOLATION

The complaints' name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter or via email communication to all active members.

d. THIRD VIOLATION

The Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter or via email communication that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion period.

e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period.

f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

**Articles I through IX reflect the full and complete bylaws as of 22 May 2024**

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