

Soboba Soaring, Inc. Bylaws

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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Soboba Soaring, Inc. hereafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2. The primary purposes of the Association is to encourage participation in hang gliding/paragliding through proper training, engage in the development, study and use of non-powered flight systems and aircraft capable of being launched by human power alone, to make knowledge relating to these subjects available, and to organize meets where the testing and flying of such systems and aircraft will be encouraged.

Article II: Affiliation

Section 1. The Association will be affiliated with other organizations of like purpose, such as USHPA, EAA, and other flying clubs, in a manner to be determined by the Board.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Association shall consist of the Association Members and individuals whose applications for membership have been accepted by the Association.

Section 2. Classes of membership shall consist of the following: Full Member, and Founding Member. Services, privileges and annual dues for each class of membership shall be as provided in these bylaws and as established by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any Full Member and any Founding member as a benefit of his dues will receive the use of Association operated flying sites and facilities, and may vote as provided for in these bylaws.

Article IV: Meeting of Members

Section 1. Semi-annual meetings shall be held on a regular date established by the Board of Directors. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be 20%. For the purposes of establishing quorum and voting on issues, proxies can be used in lieu of meeting attendance. A proxy holder must be a member in good standing at the time of the meeting and can vote on your behalf. Proxies must be signed by the member issuing the proxy. Votes may also be cast by written or e-mailed ballot so long as such mailed ballots are postmarked five (5) business days prior to the meeting and e-mailed ballots are dated 24 hours prior to the meeting. Meeting minutes will list members present by proxy, written and e-mailed ballot as being among those present for the meeting, with an appropriate annotation following their name.

Section 2. The Semi-annual meeting in January each year shall be the annual meeting for the purpose of electing the Board, and conducting such other business that is properly presented at the meeting.

Article V: Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors (the "Board") shall be composed of 5 members, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Project Director. It is possible for one person to hold more than one office if necessary.

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

Section 3. Regular and special meetings of the Board shall be called at a time and place determined by

the President.

Section 4. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at all meetings.

Section 5. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a special election by the Board at their next regular meeting.

Section 6. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation or reward.

Section 7. The business of the Board of Directors may be conducted by e-mail, teleconference, or other electronic means as determined suitable by a quorum of the Board.

Article VI: Officers

Section 1. Nominations for officers for the coming year will be solicited no later than 30 days prior to the January semi-annual meeting and shall close 7 days prior to the January semi-annual meeting. In the event there are no nominations for an office, the nominations shall remain open for that office until the voting for officers concludes at the January semi-annual meeting. Offices remaining open after the January semi-annual meeting may be filled by action of the Board under Article V, Section 5.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the votes cast at the January semi-annual meeting, and shall hold office for 12 months.

Section 3. Where elections for Board offices are contested, the candidate receiving the greatest total number of votes shall be declared the winner.

Section 4. 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 Association when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision over the management of all affairs of the Association.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence or disability of the President, shall serve as Activities Director, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, be responsible for all meeting notices and keeping of historical records for the Association, and shall perform such other duties as may be incident to the office of Secretary.

Section 7. 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 such other duties as may be incident to the office of Treasurer.

Article VII: Flight Committee

Section 1. The Flight Director and Safety Officer shall be chairman of the Flight Committee and shall appoint assistants as needed to aid him in the supervision of flight activity at Association operated flying sites and facilities, and shall perform such other duties as may be incident to the position of Flight Director.

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Article VIII: Special Committees

Section 1. Special committees may be formed by the President at any time as deemed necessary.

Article IX: Suspension, Expulsion, and Removal from Office

Section 1. A Full or Founding member may be suspended for a period to time, or expelled from the Association for cause, such as violation of any of these bylaws, or flight regulations, or other rules of the Association or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. Such action shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Board members, provided that a statement of the charges and a notice of the time and place of the meeting have been mailed to the member at least 15 days before the meeting, and that the member will have an opportunity to present a defense at the meeting.

Section 2. A disciplinary action of the Board may be appealed to the general membership at the next regular meeting. Notice of a request to appeal must be provided to the Board at least 35 days prior to the meeting and should include a statement to provide to the membership in the meeting materials. When a disciplinary action is appealed to the general membership, a statement of the charges and summary of the Board action will also be provided to the membership.

Section 3. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office, for cause, such as violation of any of these bylaws, or flight regulations, or other rules of the Association or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. Such action shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members in attendance at a regular meeting, subject to the standard requirement for quorum, provided that a statement of the charges and a notice of the time and place of the meeting have been mailed to the member at least 15 days before the meeting, and that the Board member will have an opportunity to present a defense at the meeting.

Article X: Finances

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. Founding Membership was only available until May 1, 2010. Membership dues and Day use fees shall be established annually by the Board at a regular meeting. Memberships expire annually on March 31.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the ballots cast at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments must be stated in the meeting notice and made available to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Article XII: Site Management

Section 1. The Association manages, in accordance with USHPA guidelines, the following site: 20766 Soboba Road, San Jacinto, CA.

Section 2. The Flight Committee shall establish recommended flying experience for each site, and enforce safety standards at Association operated sites or facilities.

Section 3. Pilots must have a minimum pilot rating for use of the site. The minimum unrestricted rating is P3/H3. P2/H2 pilots will be allowed unrestricted access if they are signed off by the corresponding flight director or instructor and possess a minimum of 10 hours. A P2/H2 may fly without signoff from the flight director if an advanced pilot (P4/H4) with site knowledge is supervising each flight.

Section 4. All Pilots must sign the liability waiver prior to flying at any Association operated flying sites or facilities.

Section 5. A minor must have the written consent of his parents or guardian and their signature on the Association's release of claims before flying at any Association operated flying sites or facilities.