

BY-LAWS of the
ANTELOPE VALLEY SOARING CLUB

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(Founded in 1955 - with subsequent amendments)

STATUS AND NAME

This organization, which is a corporation incorporated under the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of California, is named the Antelope Valley Soaring Club and shall hereafter be referred to as the Club

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the art of motorless flight in the Antelope Valley, California.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club shall be open to any person who has been invited to join the Club and has indicated acceptance of the invitation, and accepted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All applicants for membership under 18 years of age shall present a written statement that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will assume all responsibility for the applicant.

Any member may be terminated from membership of the Club by the Board of Directors for conduct detrimental to the Club. The affected member may at his/her request be heard at one meeting of the members, at which meeting two thirds of the Active, Owner Active, and Honorary Active Members in good standing (hereafter Voting Members) present and voting at such time may overrule the action of the Board of Directors. Conduct detrimental to the Club shall include, but not be limited to being 120 days past due in the payment of any sum to the Club.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be seven types of membership, Active, Owner Active, Honorary Active, Intern, Inactive, Honorary and Service. Any member in good standing may request his/her membership type be changed by submitting the request in writing to the Board of Directors

Active Member: An Active Member shall be entitled to participate in all Club activities and to utilize all Club facilities and equipment, subject to such rules and regulations that may be adopted from time to time by the Club Membership.

Owner Active member: An Owner Active Member has all the privileges of an Active Member. Eligibility for Owner Active requires a minimum 25 percent ownership in a currently operational sailplane or motorglider.

Honorary Active Member: An Honorary Active Member has all the privileges of an Active Member. The Board of Directors will recommend Honorary Active status for a member who has given extraordinary service for many years and is anticipated to continue to do so.

Intern member: An Intern Member has all the privileges of an Active Member. An applicant is a person who may remain with the Club for a limited time, and on election pays one half the normal Initiation Fee. The Intern membership is valid for up to one year; the member then has the option of resigning or paying the other half of the Initiation Fee and becoming an Active Member.

Inactive Member: An Inactive Member has no privileges to use Club facilities and equipment. Inactive status may be granted to those leaving the general area of Club activity, prolonged illness, or disability.

Honorary member: An Honorary Member has no privileges to use Club equipment. The Board of Directors will recommend Honorary Member status for a person whose achievements or service to the Club or the soaring community have been recognized by the Club.

Service Member: A Service Member is expected to provide a specific service for the Club as needed and when available. The Club Initiation Fee and Monthly dues will be waived. He/she has no voting privilege and may not use Club equipment other than that equipment needed for the service. He/she must abide by all FAA Regulations and Club rules

Membership shall be limited to 60 flying members, a combination of Active and Intern members limited to 45 and a combination of Owner Active and Honorary Active limited to 15 total.

Active, Owner Active, Honorary Active and Intern Members (hereafter Flying Members) shall maintain membership in the Soaring Society of America.

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be changed only by a two-thirds majority of all Voting Members. All Voting Members shall be notified at least 14 days before said vote.

The Rules and Regulations of the club may be changed only by a majority of the Voting Members present at any membership meeting. All Voting Members shall be notified of the proposed changes at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

FEES

The Initiation Fee and monthly Dues shall be as established by a vote of the membership.

RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership upon written notice to the Treasurer of the Club. Any member in good standing who resigns shall have the right to re-apply for membership without payment of an additional Initiation Fee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven Directors. Four of the Directors are the Officers and the other three are Directors-at-Large.

It shall be the duty of the Officers of the Club to carry out the objectives of the Club as determined by the Directors, and to that end the Officers may make or cause to be made for the Club and in its name any kind of contract into which the Club may lawfully enter and that is not contrary to the objectives and best interests of the Club, or in violation of the legal requirements for a social club under the Tax and Revenue Code of California.

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

The President is the chief officer of the Club. He/she shall preside at all meetings, he/she shall appoint committees, he/she shall be an ex officio member of all committees, he/she shall sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Club.

The Vice-President will assist the President in his/her duties. He/she will perform the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to continue in his/her duties.'

The Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to that office. These shall include executing all checks and depositing all receipts; accounting for all receipts, disbursements and balances on hand; corresponding with the Soaring Society of America for the purpose of maintaining membership lists and any other duties that he/she may undertake at the direction of the President.'

The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to that office. These shall include keeping the Bylaws and other such books and records as are appropriate; maintaining a current membership roster and any other duties that he/she may undertake at the direction of the President.

The Officers and Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Their term of office is the one calendar year beginning on January 1st. Vacancies on the Board of Directors or among the Officers shall be filled by action of the Board of Directors.

CHIEF CFIG

The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a member with a CFIG rating as the Chief CFIG. The Chief CFIG shall perform all the duties incident to that position. These shall include appointing other members as Club Check Pilots, keeping records of Flight Reviews, Club Annual Checkrides, and CFIG endorsements as required by the FAR's and the Club Liability Insurance Policy.

SAFETY BOARD

For each accident or incident involving either a member of the Club or any equipment belonging to the Club, a Safety Board shall be designated by any Director who is present at the time of the accident and is not involved therein, or, if no such Director is present, by the first Director apprised of the accident.

The Safety Board shall consist of three members of the Club who were not involved in the accident.

The Safety Board shall take all steps necessary to ascertain the facts, conditions, and circumstances of the accident; shall arrive at conclusions regarding the probable cause and the responsibility for said accident; and shall make known to the Board of Directors, and to all parties involved in the accident, its findings in the form of a written report.

MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of members shall be at such locations and dates as are agreed upon by the Club.

Special Meetings of members may be called at the discretion of the President or Members. All Voting Members must be given five days notice of Special meetings.

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held on the first Saturday of December.

The presence in person or by written proxy of a majority of the Voting Members in good standing is necessary to constitute a quorum of any membership meeting.

Each Voting Member in good standing is entitled to vote.

A majority vote of the Voting Members present or by proxy shall be controlling at all membership meetings, unless stated otherwise herein.

Only in the event of a tie shall the President cast a vote. All member meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Procedure.

Meetings of the Directors of the Club shall be called at the discretion of the President.

A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the presence of a majority and matters shall be decided by a majority of those Directors who are present and vote.

USE OF EQUIPMENT

All flying members in good standing shall have equal rights to the use of the sailplanes and equipment, in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Club.

INSURANCE

The Club shall carry liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars.

The Club shall maintain a self-insurance fund of liquid assets (Cash, Savings Accounts, CDs, etc.) of at least \$20,000. These funds shall be used for the sole purpose of aircraft repair, overhaul, or maintenance that exceeds the costs not otherwise covered.

LIABILITY

The Club does not accept liability for any injury or damage sustained by any member of the Club as a result of his/her participation in Club activities. No member shall be held liable by another member for any damages arising from a shared flight in a club owned aircraft.

All members and guests shall sign such waivers of liability and indemnity that may be adopted from time to time by the Club Membership.

DAMAGES

The Club will pay out of the treasury for all minor damages occurring through the normal use of the gliders or equipment by flying members in good standing.

The Board of Directors shall set, from time to time, the amount for which a member is to be held personally liable and responsible to the Club for damage to property of the Club. The Board of Directors shall publish the amount set for the information of members

INTERPRETATION

The interpretation of the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Club shall rest entirely with the Directors of the Club.

AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION

Additional aircraft may be purchased with funds exceeding the self-insurance requirement, by assessment of members, or member loans. All purchases shall be approved by the Directors and a majority vote at a membership meeting.

DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Voting Members.

Funds or assets of any type belonging to the Club at the time of dissolution shall, after all obligations of the Club have been paid, be given to another non-profit organization with similar interests.