

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **Pikes Peak Soaring Society** AMA Charter Club Number 1657

#### **Article 1 - Name**

The official name of this organization shall be "Pikes Peak Soaring Society." The Club is often referred to by the acronym of the official name: "PPSS" and is a not for profit corporation chartered in the State of Colorado. The Club shall have a mailing address of the currently elected Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Article 2 - Purpose**

It shall be the purpose of this organization to support and promote the sport of Radio Control Model Sailplane flying by design, construction, and piloting to encourage further participation and appreciation in the hobby, to foster competition among sportsmen and between groups of sportsmen, to provide logistical and other support for the Radio Control Soaring movement and to reward outstanding performances by individuals as well as groups within the Colorado Front Range area and visiting modelers from out of state. Additionally, this organization shall encourage education, collaborative research, and to sponsor competitive events to promote the design and flying techniques of the sport. Pikes Peak Soaring Society shall be a chartered model airplane club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and shall be governed in all of its operations by the Constitution and Bylaws of that Society.

#### **Article 3 - Membership**

Any current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) shall be eligible for membership in this organization. There shall three classes of membership:

1. Full Membership – entitles the individual to all club privileges.
2. Family Membership – entitles a family to all club privileges.
3. Subscription – entitles member to all copies of the newsletter only.

Membership entitles the member to be a voting member, use of the Club flying fields, and receive newsletters and copy of the bylaws.

#### **Article 4 - Officers and Elections**

The officers of the Club shall include a President, Vice President, Safety Officer and Secretary/Treasurer. The Club also shall maintain, as required, additional Club coordinators to assist the Club leadership in their endeavors. Any member in attendance at the annual Executive Committee or selected by an open nomination shall be eligible for an officer position elected by a majority vote of members attending the monthly meeting following the Executive Committee meeting. The Club officers shall appoint additional coordinator positions. The term of office for Club officers and Club coordinators shall be two years with all officers and coordinators eligible for reelection. There is a consecutive term limit of the president and vice president of four years. Upon completion of the President's term of office, the outgoing president shall be the Club Safety Officer and may be called upon to participate in officer meetings. The Club Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Club Safety Officer, all Past Presidents and a member-at-large

#### **Article 5 - Duties of the President**

The President shall preside at the Executive Committee and monthly meetings of the Club, shall authorize expenditures of Club funds, and shall promote in every reasonable way the interests of the Club. The President shall represent the Club with local governmental agencies and shall appoint committees as required to promote the interests and successful completion of related duties of the Club. Such committees shall serve through the duration of the specific need as defined by the Club and may be re-appointed at the discretion of the President.

#### **Article 6 - Duties of the Vice President**

The Vice President shall assist the President of the Club to ensure the goals and duties of the President. The Vice President shall serve as President in absence of the President at any meeting, or in the event the President is unable to serve out his term of office.

## **Article 7 - Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall take meeting minutes during the annual Executive Meeting and make available for all Club members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain current membership roster and maintain the mailing list. The Secretary/Treasurer duties shall include maintaining all Club financial records, collect dues from all members, and maintain the Club bank account. The Secretary/Treasurer shall represent the club to the AMA. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for safekeeping of all Club funds, including maintaining a Club bank account and provide a written or verbal report of the Club finances at each Club meeting. This officer shall ensure that Club financing obligations are promptly met. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the current Charter and other official documents of the Club.

This leadership position shall be exempt from the two consecutive term limits if any incumbent desires to retain this position at the approval of the majority of the voting club members at the appropriate elections.

## **Article 8 - Finances**

Necessary expenses of the Club shall be paid from the treasury. Income sources for the Club shall include but not be limited to dues, contest fees, and donations. No officer or member of the Club shall have authority to incur expenses in the name of the Club, except as specified above. All major expenditure needs must be reviewed and approved during the Annual Executive Committee Meeting or with a simple majority vote at a monthly meeting.

## **Article 9 - Meetings**

The Club shall conduct one business meeting per year. This meeting shall constitute an Executive Committee business meeting format to discuss and vote on open issues, selection of officers and coordinators, and establishes the yearly contest schedule. This meeting shall be held in October each year. The November meeting following shall be the membership-voting meeting.

## **Article 10 - Newsletter**

The newsletter shall be published a minimum of four times per year, preferably at such time as to call attention to Club business and events. The Club newsletter shall be made available for a subscription fee to any person desiring it. The Club newsletter shall be informative as to upcoming activities, past activities, and the sharing of technical knowledge in support of the sport of Radio Control Soaring.

## **Article 11 – Contest Directors**

It is preferable that a maximum number of Club members be qualified with the AMA as Contest Directors (CD's).

## **Article 12 – AMA Sanctioned Contests**

The club shall sponsor multiple sanctioned contest events per year. The club may sponsor additional contests, record trials and/or fun flies as approved by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 13 – Revocation of Membership and Officer Status**

In the event of any member not acting in the best interest of the Club, Academy of Model Aeronautics, radio control soaring, or its membership, the member may be subject for removal from membership or officer status. Any member of the Club may present to any member of the Executive Committee a written protest describing of the event(s) indicting a person for possible expulsion form the Club or removal from office. The Executive Committee must contact the indicted member and obtain from that person a written statement of their view of the situation. After reviewing both sides of the issue, the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, counsel the indicted person or put the issue up to a vote of the Club.

For this election a quorum shall be the number of members present at the monthly meeting. A 2/3 majority vote is required to enact revocation of membership or removal from office. Any person whose membership has been revoked shall be barred from entry to the flying field, even if such a person remains a member in good standing of any other AMA Chartered Club.

## **Article 14 - Amendments**

Proposals to amend these Bylaws may be made by members at the annual Executive Committee meeting of the Club. Members shall vote on such proposals at the club meeting following the annual Executive Committee meeting. The Club Executive Committee may take emergency action to enact temporary amendments as required to deal with special situations. These actions will expire at the next annual Executive Committee meeting.

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