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BYLAWS OF THE
SOARING UNION OF LOS ANGELES
A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 1
NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the SOARING UNION OF LOS ANGELES (SULA), HEREAFTER CALLED THE CLUB

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This shall be a non-profit organization for the purpose of social, educational and recreational activities pertaining to flying radio controlled model sail planes, electric powered model aircraft and rubber powered model airplanes.

ARTICLE 3
MEMBERS

SECTION 1: CLASSES OF MEMBERS. The club shall have one class of member. The qualifications and rights shall be as follows:

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS. Any person may apply for membership. Any person applying for membership shall be accepted, provided their application is not opposed by any member of the quorum present at a regular meeting. If membership is opposed, there will be a vote for acceptance, said acceptance will be determined by majority of the members present.

SECTION 3: QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS. (A) Applicants for membership shall be members in good standing or applicants of the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA). (B) Members operating models shall comply with local safety rules, club safety rules and AMA regulations at any given flying site. (C) All members radio equipment must be FCC approved and operated according to current FCC regulations.

SECTION 4: VOTING RIGHTS. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to the members.

SECTION 5: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS may terminate the membership of a member for cause after an appropriate hearing and by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted BOARD meeting.

SECTION 6: RESIGNATION. Any member can resign at any time.

SECTION 7: CLUB EQUIPMENT. Upon termination, resignation, or voluntary withdrawal of any member, all club equipment held by that member must be turned over to a member of the BOARD.

SECTION 8: TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the club is not transferable or assignable.

SECTION 9: BYLAWS. All members shall be provided with a set of current bylaws, membership roster and club rules.

ARTICLE 4
MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the members shall be held on the last Tuesday in the month of November for the purpose of electing club officers and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, or not less than 10 of the members, provided they notify the members of the time and place of the meeting.

SECTION 3: REGULAR MEETING. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at a place designated by the BOARD. (December excepted).

SECTION 4: QUORUM. The members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting

SECTION 5 VOTING. All matters presented for a vote at a meeting shall require an affirmative vote of 51 % of those members present (Quorum).

ARTICLE 5
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: GENERAL POWERS. The affairs of the club shall be managed by its BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2: TENURE AND QUALIFICATION. Each director shall hold office for 1 (one) year. Directors must be members of the club.

SECTION 3: REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS may be called by, or at the request of, the President or any 2 (two) Directors. The person or persons authorized to call such meetings shall fix the time and place.

SECTION 4: QUORUM. A majority of the BOARD shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the BOARD, but if less than a majority is present, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting.

SECTION 5: COMPENSATION. Directors as such will not receive any compensation or stated salaries for their services, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the club in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

ARTICLE 6
OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1: OFFICERS. The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Contest Coordinator. These officers shall be elected by the general membership on an annual basis. Any 2 (two) offices may be held by the same person, with the exception of President and Secretary. These officers shall constitute the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Any other officers deemed necessary by the BOARD, either on a temporary or permanent basis, shall be appointed by the BOARD (e.g., Newsletter Editor)

SECTION 2: REMOVAL. Any officer, elected or appointed, may be removed by the members whenever, in their judgment, the best interest of the club would be served. This will be done by a majority vote (51 %) of the members at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, after 30 days notice has been given in writing to the general membership.

SECTION 3: VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office, for any reason, may be filled by the BOARD for the unexpired term of that office by a member in good standing.

SECTION 4: PRESIDENT. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club, and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the club, in conjunction with the other members of the BOARD. All members of the BOARD shall have 1 (one) vote, of equal magnitude, on any issues concerning the club. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members and the BOARD. The president may appoint any committee to serve the club as needed as long as necessary.

SECTION 5: VICE PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the President or the BOARD.

SECTION 6: TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the club; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the club from any source, and deposit such monies in the name of the club in a federally insured bank account, and in general perform all duties that may be assigned by the President of the BOARD. Club expenditures in excess of \$500.00 shall require signatures of both the President and the Treasurer on all check drafts or for the payment of money in the name of the club, and shall be issued by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report at each club meeting and complete all filings with both state and federal agencies.

SECTION 7: SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the monthly BOARD OF DIRECTORS and club meetings in the books provided for that purpose, be custodian of all club reports, and perform all the duties that may be assigned by the President or the BOARD.

SECTION 8: CONTEST COORDINATOR. The Contest Coordinator is responsible for setting the yearly contest schedule, obtaining sanctions from the AMA, assigning qualified contest directors to run the contests, keeping a yearly standings record for each competition, and any other duties assigned by the President or BOARD.

SECTION 9: EDITOR. The Editor shall be appointed by the BOARD and shall be in charge of the publication of the monthly newsletter, which will be published on the SULA website.

SECTION 10: HISTORIAN. The Historian shall be responsible to keep records of all past club events, records, or publicity.

ARTICLE 7
CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. The BOARD may authorize any officer of the club to enter into any contract on behalf of the club. Any such authority may be general or confined to specific instances

SECTION 2. The BOARD may accept on behalf of the club any contributions or gifts.

ARTICLE 8
BOOKS AND RECORDS

SECTION 1. The club shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the meetings. They shall keep a record giving names and addresses of members entitled to vote. All books and records of the club may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any purpose at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE 9
DUES

SECTION 1: AMOUNT OF DUES. The annual member dues of the club shall be \$30.00 payable at the first of each year in full, in the case of continuing members. New members shall pay a 1 (one) time initiation fee of \$5.00 in addition to their annual dues for the first year of membership. The annual member dues for persons under 19 and over 85 years old shall be ~~free~~\$1.00. Family memberships are \$10.00. Life time memberships can be authorized by a vote of the BOARD. The club shall not operate at a loss due to insufficient dues payments.

SECTION 2: PAYMENT OF DUES. Dues shall be payable at the January meeting of each calendar year. Dues for new members shall be prorated. Membership after June 1st of the calendar year is percent of the year left at the prevailing rate. Membership before June 1st will be at the full amount. Dues are not refundable.

SECTION 3: DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. When a member shall be in default in the payment of his dues for a period of 2 ~~(two)~~ months from the beginning of the calendar year, their membership may be terminated, and they shall be responsible to return all club equipment.

ARTICLE 10
CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP. The club shall provide a certificate of membership in the club. Such certificates shall be signed by the President and Secretary and state the name of the member and date of expiration. The name and address of each member and the date of issuance of the certificate shall be entered in the records of the club. If the certificate is lost, stolen or mutilated, a new certificate may be issued.

ARTICLE 11

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

SECTION 1. Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any general meeting of the club, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least 4 (four) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Amendments must be passed by a two thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

