

PUGET SOUND SILENT FLYERS

Bylaws

Revision 7

Section I: Name

The name of the Club shall be the Puget Sound Silent Flyers.

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be to encourage and engage in, as well as educate the public about, safe remote controlled (RC) aero-modeling practices using electric power and other forms of silent propulsion.

Section III: Safety

Safety of Club members and others will be the first priority of the Club. This will be demonstrated by:

- A. Carefully adhering to the safety rules provided by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- B. Beginning each Club meeting with a safety topic and discussion and documenting these in the minutes.
- C. Maintaining a complete and adequate first aid kit at the field and making certain all members are made aware of its location and proper use.
- D. Developing a field physical-injury emergency plan and displaying it at the field.
- E. Publishing and distributing safety information in an annually updated Members Packet.
- F. Maintaining a PSSF Club Safety Manual that shall contain all club specific safety rules, procedures, and other safety related policies. This manual shall be kept at the flying site.
- G. Having a Board appointed Club Safety Coordinator whose duties shall be listed in the PSSF Club Safety Manual.

Section IV: Membership

A. Full membership in the Club is available to all individuals satisfying the following requirements:

1. Member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (to include either Open or Park Pilot memberships).
2. A willingness to adhere to all safety rules and other regulations of the Club as they may from time to time be established pursuant to the Bylaws [and the PSSF Club Safety Manual](#).
3. Payment of dues for the current period.
4. Youth members of the AMA will be eligible for club membership for payment of dues of \$12 per year.
5. Guest privileges will be offered to prospective members who possess a current AMA membership card. Guest privileges will be limited to three flying sessions per year.
6. AMA members visiting from other areas may be offered unrestricted guest field privileges

during their stay.

B. Termination of membership in the club may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Voluntary resignation, either verbal or written, to the Club President.
2. Involuntary termination of membership may be:
 - Automatic for non-payment of dues after April 30 of each year.
 - By a majority vote of the Board of Directors for flagrant or continued violations of Club safety rules or regulations.

C. Reinstatement of terminated members may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Members who resign in good standing may be reinstated upon satisfaction of all membership criteria and approval of the Board of Directors.
2. Persons whose membership was involuntarily terminated at the direction of Board of Directors and who wish to have their membership reinstated must apply in writing and attain the approval of the Board.

Section V: Officers

A. The Officers of the Club shall consist of the following elected positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer (the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined)
5. Three Directors elected at large for the term of three years with one Director being elected each December.

B. Nominations: Nominations for Club Officer/Director will be held in the months of November and December. Candidates must either be present or consent in writing to accept nomination.

C. Elections: The election of Club Officers will be held at the December meeting.

1. Newly elected Officers will officially take office at the January meeting.
2. The term of office shall be one year for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and shall be three years for Directors.

Section VI: Duties of Officers

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all Board of Directors and General Meetings of the Club.
2. Act as spokesperson for the Club.

B. The Vice President shall act for the President when he /she is unable or unavailable to serve.

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all Board of Directors and General Meetings of the Club.
2. Carry out the official correspondence of the Club.
3. Maintain a file of Club correspondence, insurance records, Corporate Charter and so on.
4. Maintain a computer archive of all Club minutes.
5. Report annually to the State of Washington on the Club's non-profit status.
6. File and maintain all requisite forms pertinent to retaining Chapter Membership in the AMA.
7. Record and report the outcome of Club votes on motions and Club elections showing count "for," "against," and "abstaining."

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Collect all moneys due; distribute same as approved by the Board of Directors, and keep accurate records of all transactions.

2. Present a report of all transactions to Board of Directors meetings and be prepared, as required, to report at General Meetings of Members.
3. Keep all Club funds as approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Along with the President or Secretary, have co-authority to issue checks and will be co-named in the Club checking account.
5. Disburse no funds except as authorized by a vote of the Club members or as identified as line item in the annual budget.

Section VII: Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors will consist of the following: PSSF President, PSSF Vice President, PSSF Secretary, PSSF Treasurer, and three (3) elected at large Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors has no authority except that granted it by the Club membership.
- C. The Board of Directors shall review, conceive, and present for Club action such material as is referred to it by the Club membership, as may be defined in the Club's Bylaws, or as initiated by the Board.
- D. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as needed, and not less than twice each calendar year, to address matters that are referred to it or that it may see as relevant to the Club's wellbeing.
- E. The election of the at large Board of Directors members will take place at the same time and be governed by the same rules as the election of the Club Officers.
- F. In the event that a Board member should vacate his/her office, a new member will be elected by the Club members within one month of the vacancy.

Section VIII: Club Meetings

- A. Club meetings will be held at least six times throughout the year.
- B. Club business will be conducted at club meetings except that an All-Member Vote will be conducted when the matter under consideration is:
 1. A Bylaw change including a change in club purpose
 2. Voting for Club Officers or Board members when one or more positions are contested
 3. A financial commitment spending greater than ten percent (10%) of the uncommitted treasury balance at the time of the motion
 4. A change in sources of Club revenue including a change in Club membership dues
 5. A change in flying field location or a change in terms of agreement with a flying field owner
 6. An All-Member Vote shall be conducted by presenting the question to be decided by vote to all current Club members by email or similar communication along with an announcement of the deadline for voting and means for receiving votes, the deadline being not later than the time of the vote to be taken in a regular meeting after discussion of the proposal(s) in that meeting.
- C. The members present at any regular meeting or voting in an All-Member Vote shall constitute a quorum.
- D. A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall consist of two-thirds of the Board of Directors members (five people), one of which must be a member at large.
- E. All Club actions proposed by the Board of Directors or presented and seconded by the membership at regular meetings shall be approved by a simple majority of members present at the meeting or a simple majority of those voting when an All-Member Vote is being taken.

Section IX: Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented to the membership by special notice at least fourteen days prior to the next regular meeting. Decisions will be based on a simple majority of votes cast. Written proxies will be accepted.

Section X: Dissolution

A. The Club may be dissolved upon recommendation of the Board of Directors to the membership in writing mailed to all members 60 days in advance of a meeting called to vote upon such recommendation.

B. The Club shall be dissolved upon an affirmative vote of a majority of members present at the meeting called pursuant to A above.

C. Upon dissolution, the outstanding balance in the treasury shall be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.