



September 2015 Part 2

Your Board Members and Officers

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Web Master.....Dan Etcheto

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4, 2015 “Franken - Plane” Fun Fly (**Will Your most horrible creation fly?**)

October 13, 2015 - Club Meeting: Nomination of Club officers and vote on additional changes to the Bylaws

November 10, 2015 - Club Meeting: Election of Club Officers

December 8, 2015 - Christmas Party and Installation of New Club Officers

Fellow Club Members,

While the Bylaws are available on the Club Website I thought it would be helpful to include them in this newsletter for all to readily see. The current version was approved at the club meeting on September 8th. The most notable changes are: the schedule change for the nomination, election and installation of new officers; and the grievance procedure to address flight and safety violations.

You will see one more proposed change to the bylaws listed below. The current proposed change is to clarify what the various voting requirements are and allowing for the use of proxies in certain circumstances. This will be voted on at the next meeting to be held October 13, 2015 at El Aero.

You will also note that this is the meeting for the nomination of new officers. It should be a fun meeting! FYI one of the vacancies to be filled without an incumbent is the Newsletter Editor. I am longer able to do this duty.

Dave Vandenberg

Proposed Bylaw Change

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING

For motions made at a regular meeting, each member shall have one vote. Motions shall pass with a two thirds vote of the members present.

For election of officers a simple majority of votes is required at the meeting, including proxies.

In the case of expulsion of a member, except as provided for in Article 9D, and reinstatement of a member, two thirds of the full membership is required. Members may vote from the floor or with a limited proxy.

The proxy holder is legally required to cast the vote the way he has been designated by the member. A member may revoke his proxy at any time before the meeting. A proxy form for voting is listed as Appendix A. A proxy form for expulsion or reinstatement is listed as Appendix B

Proposed Bylaw Change

Appendix A

HIGH SIERRA RADIO CONTROL CLUB LIMITED POWERS PROXY FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned member hereby constitute and appoint the Secretary of the Club, his designee, or _____, as nominee, and proxy without powers of substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to appear, represent, and cast votes only as I specifically instruct in reference to the following matters to come before the High Sierra Radio Control Club meeting to be held on _____.

_____ I hereby specifically authorize and instruct my proxy to cast my vote in reference to the following matters.

Election of Officers

Please check the name you would like to see elected for each Officer.

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Newsletter Editor:

Safety Officer:

Field Marshall:

This proxy shall be considered null and void if I personally attend the above mentioned meeting.

Dated: _____

Member _____

Appendix B

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_____ I hereby specifically authorize and instruct my proxy to cast my vote in reference to the following matters.

Expulsion of member or Reinstatement of member.

Name of member _____.

Expel: Yea _____ Nea _____

Reinststate: Yea _____ Nea _____

This proxy shall be considered null and void if I personally attend the above mentioned meeting.

Dated: _____

Member _____

High Sierra Radio Control Club Bylaws

ARTICLE ONE - PURPOSES

This non-profit corporation is formed to promote education in the science of aeronautics and to enhance knowledge in the art of aviation through the development of building and flying skills utilizing model radio controlled aircraft. This program targets all ages. Young people particularly are helped as they explore aviation as a field of career potential. Additionally, the senior population is benefited through the exercise of fine motor skills, complex problem solving and utilization of physical reactions. No member of this non-profit corporation shall acquire pecuniary gain or profit of any kind from association with the High Sierra Radio Control Club.

ARTICLE TWO - MEMBERSHIP

A) Membership in the corporation for those that wish to fly their aircraft is limited to persons who are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

B) Non flying persons may join the corporation as associate members. From time to time honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals as voted upon by the membership.

C) Classes of membership are as follows: Adults - 19 years and over; Junior - 18 years and under. Annual dues shall from time to time be altered by the membership.

D) Resignation - Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

E) Termination - If a member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

F) Expulsion - Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership if in the Officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

G) Reinstatement - A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE THREE - DIRECTORS

The elected officers of the corporation shall constitute the Board of Directors. The elected officers are:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Safety Officer and Newsletter Editor.

The elected officers of the corporation shall also constitute the Safety Committee, and will appoint two (2) members in good standing to the committee.

Nomination of Corporation Offices shall take place in October. Nominations for officer positions can be from the floor or by mail. Election of corporation officers shall take place in November, with installation in December of each calendar year.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING

Each member in good standing shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of two thirds of the members present at a regular club meeting.

ARTICLE FIVE - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club presiding at all regular membership meetings and board of directors meetings. He shall appoint all committees not provided for in these bylaws and shall have power and authority to sign contracts, deeds and other legal documents on behalf of the Club. The President shall have the authority to appoint officers to fill vacancies that occur between annual elections.

Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President in planning programs and other activities as requested by the President, and in the absence of the President, shall preside at meetings. In addition, the Vice President shall control the annual and monthly raffles and the planning of the Christmas party.

Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the regular meetings. The Secretary shall have custody of the records pertinent to this office.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep full and complete records pertaining to the funds of the corporation. He shall deposit funds in the institution designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay out money as authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall present a Treasurer's Report at every regular membership meeting.

Field Marshall. The Field Marshall shall be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the corporation's flying field with particular emphasis placed on safety. From time to time the Field Marshall may call for working parties and/or individuals to help in his duties.

Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for insuring that all flying and events at the flying field are carried out in a safe and sane manner. Members and guests shall be warned of unsafe maneuvers and, with persistent violations of field rules, shall be recommended for revocation of flying privileges. The Safety Officer and other officers of the corporation have the authority to issue on field warnings to individuals compromising safety. The Safety Officer, from time to time, shall submit safety articles to the Newsletter Editor for publication.

Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall publish the corporation's newsletter one week prior to the regular meetings. Articles of interest for the education and edification of the members shall have priority for publication. Annually and as required a complete roster of members shall be published.

ARTICLE SIX - MEETINGS

Regular membership meetings shall be held, the date, time and location will be determined by the Board of Directors. From time to time, special meetings may be called by the President based on occurring events and situations.

ARTICLE SEVEN - RULES

All proceedings of the High Sierra Radio Control Club, Inc. shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's "Rules of Order" except when they are in conflict with these bylaws.

ARTICLE EIGHT - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular membership meeting. Proposals for amendment shall be published in the Newsletter prior to the next regular membership meeting. This publication shall constitute the official notification of the proposal prior to voting.

ARTICLE NINE - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A) A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

B) FIRST VIOLATION - Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

C) SECOND VIOLATION - Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

D) THIRD VIOLATION Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

E) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

F) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

ARTICLE TEN - DISSOLUTION

The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. The Corporation may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. Upon Dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be dedicated to a qualified non-profit organization determined by the members in good standing.

Adopted May 15, 1987

Amended July 9, 1992

Amended January 12, 1999

Amended October 10, 2013

Amended September 8th, 2015

Field Repairs

Johnny Mercer donated his truck and time from about 11:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 3, 2015. His truck was well suited to the task, as was Johnny. Overall the whole process worked out wonderfully. The field now cosmetically looks great, the drainage channels made by erosion from the flood runoff are filled, and of course there are no weeds in sight. The floated dirt surface will be "soft" for awhile, as the surface was "packed" via the precipitation. So, the heavier planes with thinner wheels may sink into the dirt, here and there, for awhile..



September, 2015

SAFETY NOTES

This month's safety suggestion:

This month I would like to initiate a change to my usual safety report. The reason I would like make this change is simple. I want to hear more from you, the members to find out what concerns you most. We can then address these concerns more effectively at the meetings and work together to correct any situation that requires change. Plus, I am only at the field on weekends and miss a lot of the action. You, the members who fly more often, may have concerns that I am unaware of. So, starting this meeting I will be asking for your comments and concerns.

PS, I will still be offering safety suggestions and voicing my concerns (when I have them) through this report and at our regular meetings.

**Your Safety Officer,
Paul Ciotti**

SAFETY NOTES

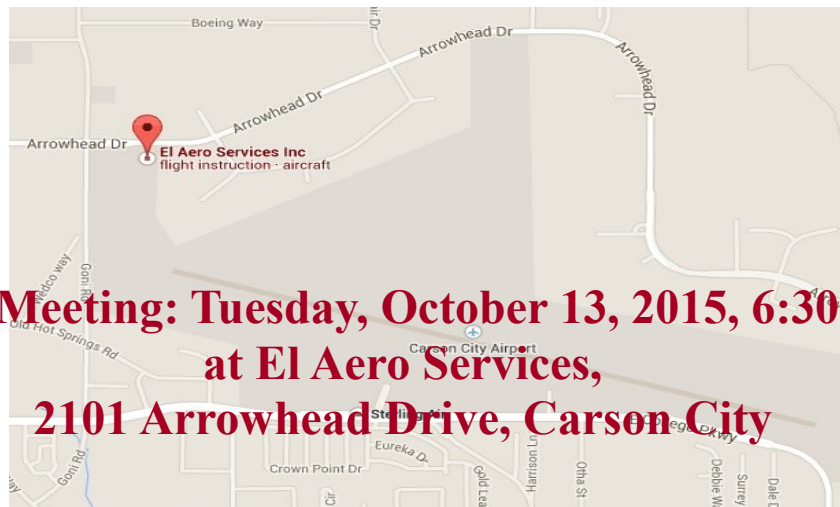
As discussed at the September meeting, apparently ‘the Club’ has a safety initiative already in place which states that all pilots will be evaluated on flight proficiency. This initiative and probably others are located only in previous minutes rather than a central location and as such, myself and other members were unaware of these policies. I will be reviewing this and any other safety initiatives already in place and will begin implementing them in the coming months.

Pilot proficiency, I feel, is the most important thing in regards to safety at the club field. Therefore, I will begin evaluation of every member ASAP. This will be a simple matter of all pilots demonstrating their ability to take off from the runway, fly once around the field and then land. No big deal, right. Once this is done, the evaluation will remain on record indefinitely or until the pilot’s ability is called into question by more than two members of good standing.

At this time, I will not discuss what actions will be taken if a pilot does not pass the proficiency exam because I’m certain everyone will pass this most basic set of skills. This and other safety concerns will be discussed at future meetings.

**Your Safety Officer,
Paul Ciotti**

If you are a new, old or prospective club member please join us for our monthly meetings. We try to hold them the second Tuesday of the month in the evenings.



**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:30 pm
at El Aero Services,
2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City**



This month I want to thank Bob Sullivan for his photos and article