

SAN LUIS OBISPO SOARING ASSOCIATION



BYLAWS OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SOARING ASSOCIATION (SLOSA)

The general purpose of the San Luis Obispo Soaring Association (SLOSA) is to support and promote the sports of hang gliding and paragliding in a safe and orderly manner, promote quality standards for flying skill, and help preserve and maintain open lands for flying.

SLOSA membership is open to anyone interested in paragliding or hang gliding. It is not necessary for a member to be a pilot. As a formal club chartered by the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, Inc., (USHPA) as Chapter # 52, SLOSA encourages all members to be current members of the parent organization. Memberships with both SLOSA and USHPA are required for flying at our sanctioned sites.

I. LOCATION

SLOSA is not limited to absolute territorial bounds, but rather covers the area of San Luis Obispo County and surrounding associated areas such as Santa Maria and Lompoc.

II. MEMBERSHIP

There are two divisions of membership, Associated Membership and Full Membership. A member is anyone who has paid his or her dues and is in good standing.

- A. Associate Member – Has full flying privileges at all SLOSA regulated sites, but has no voting privileges.
- B. Full Member – Has full flying privileges at all SLOSA regulated sites and has full voting privileges. Full members must be a permanent resident of San Luis Obispo County or local vicinities such as Santa Maria, but no further south than Lompoc.
- C. Dues
 - 1. Collected on an annual basis for all members in January of each year.
 - 2. The minimum rate is \$20 per year, with a voluntary rate of \$30 for those choosing to do so.
 - 3. A \$5 per day rate is available for visiting pilots.
 - 4. Dues not paid after a 3-month grace period results in loss of membership.
 - 5. All monies collected go into the club general fund.
- D. Lapsed Membership – flying privileges at any SLOSA regulated site terminate immediately at the end of the year if dues have not been paid.

III, **MEETINGS**

- A. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month, or as called by the President.
- B. The meeting will be brought to order by the club President or another person designated by the President to act on his behalf.
- C. There is no quorum for a meeting.

IV. **Officers and Duties**

A. Club officers must be Full members.

- 1. President – Serves as the meeting chairman and is the highest ranking club executive. The President is empowered to represent the club, but cannot make major policy or policy changes which are not voted on by the club unless the circumstances are unusual. Such unusual policy must be voted on at the next allowable meeting, if it is to be binding.
 - a. Shall act as spokesperson for the club unless he appoints another to act in his behalf.
 - b. Shall keep a complete set of records, as outlined in “Records” of these bylaws.
- 2. Vice President – Serves as a support to the President and as President Protem in absence of the President.
 - a. Shall keep a complete set of records as outlined in “Records” of these bylaws while acting in behalf of the President.
- 3. Secretary – Custodian of records, shall generate minutes of meetings, and help keep track of events pertaining to the club.
- 4. Treasurer – Responsible for advising officers and members of any and all fiscal matters, and keep financial records. He or she should be prepared to give a financial report at the club meeting if so called for.

B. Officers Authority

- 1. The SLOSA Club Officers shall have the authority to manage and restrict actions of any of the SLOSA membership which are contrary to the bylaws or rules established for sanctioned sites or actions not otherwise specifically prohibited, but which are generally recognized as unsafe or harmful. The Officers may take, with just cause, those actions which are appropriate for the type and seriousness of the offenses. This authority includes, but is not limited to, revocation of SLOSA membership, restriction from sanctioned sites, and/or any other combination of measures necessary to protect sanctioned sites and the SLOSA. Any actions taken under this authority will require majority approval of the Officers. The SLOSA Officers will provide opportunity for any club member to rebut judgment; however, final majority ruling will be final.

V. VOTING/ELECTIONS

- A. Voting will be done by the full members, either in person at the meetings, or by absentee ballot.
1. The outcome of a vote will be determined by a majority of those participating in that vote, rather than a majority of the entire membership.
 2. Absentee ballots may be used for a vote on any issue or any election, but will only be accepted up to and including the time of the vote. Late ballots will not be counted.
 3. Voting at a meeting on matters other than determining club officers may be via a show of hands or another method agreed to by those in attendance.
- B. Club Officers will be elected by a simple majority of those participating in the vote.
1. Nomination of officers will take place in November with the election completed in December of each year.
 2. A notice of the election will be published in the minutes of the meeting preceding the meeting at which nominations will be made.
 3. Nominations / volunteers for club office may be submitted by mail or email or entered at a meeting by voice or by paper presented to the club officer conducting a meeting.
 4. Names of nominees will be published via email a minimum of thirty days before the election takes place.
 5. Voting for club officers will be done via printed ballots to protect the privacy of voters.
- C. The bylaws may only be amended, changed or dissolved by a two thirds majority of those participating in the vote.
1. Prior notice of all proposed bylaw changes must be published via email at least 30 days prior to the vote.

VI. CLUB FISCAL POLICY

The club or its officers may not incur a debt on the part of the club. Therefore, the club may not spend more than its assets.

VII. SITE REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations will be created for each insured site on an individual basis in the form of an addendum to the bylaws

VIII. RECORDS

Records accumulation shall be as follows:

1. Secretary – will generate and distribute minutes of each meeting consisting of:
 - a. Attending Members.
 - b. Headcount of any voting matter.
 - c. Description of subjects brought up, comments, conclusions, etc.

2. Treasurer – At each meeting will report on the club's financial condition including:
 - a. Month's expenditures, checks written, to whom, and for what purpose.
 - b. Money taken in for dues, etc.
 - c. Checking account balance.
 - d. End of year statement for December meeting.