

SUPERSTITION RADIO CONTROL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this organization shall be the Superstition Radio Control Helicopter Association and shall hereafter be referred to and designated as SRCHA. (SEARCHA)

These BYLAWS are the definitive rules governing the Superstition Radio Control Helicopter Association, a non-profit organization, herein called THE CLUB. All special or local enterprises of the club shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and to the rules and regulations of the AMA covering such functions.

The principal office of SRCHA shall be located within the Mesa Metro area.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The primary objective of SRCHA is to promote and preserve the radio controlled helicopter hobby and to encourage camaraderie among people with similar interests. SRCHA will also advocate safety and sportsmanship and to foster educational and technical advancement of model helicopter flight.

This club is in compliance with and qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE III: METHOD OF GOVERNMENT

SRCHA shall be governed by Club Officers and by the authority granted to them by the general membership.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who indicates an interest in the building or flying of model helicopters or in furthering the purposes of SRCHA shall be eligible for membership.

All SRCHA members must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and agree to abide by the SRCHA Code of Ethics.

TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member accused of unsavory conduct by the club body can be considered for expulsion. Expulsion requires a majority vote of the general membership.

In order for a formerly expelled member to be reinstated, he/she must submit a written application to the club, which shall be subject to approval by a 2/3-majority vote of the general membership. A member can be reinstated only once.

DUES

The SRCHA Club dues are due by February 1 each year. Any member who fails to pay dues within 30 days after the due date shall be dropped from the club membership roster. Proof of AMA membership must be shown to the SRCHA Secretary at time dues are paid and during January of each year.

Membership Classifications:

Open: A member 19 years or older, \$25.00 per year

Junior: A member 18 years or younger, \$5.00 per Year

Family: Members of the same family 19 years old or older, \$50.00 per Year

Initiation Fee: \$25.00

New members who join after September 30 of the current year shall pay a pro-rated membership of 15 dollars in addition to the \$25.00 initiation fee.

Proof of application for current year AMA membership must be shown to the Club Secretary or Treasurer by January 1st of each year. Failure to do so will result in loss of flying field privileges.

ARTICLE V: BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Secretary shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of SRCHA activities. This includes all relevant paper work relating to Club Charter with the AMA, Flying Field Permits, membership roster and any Fun-Fly records or receipts.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record all Moneys of the club and of all club transactions.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Regular SRCHA club meetings shall be conducted monthly at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Elections will take place at the regularly scheduled club meeting in August of each year.

Any club member shall nominate candidates for Club Officers. All candidates must be current/active members and must have been a club member for a minimum of one year.

Votes for Club Officer elections shall be cast by a majority vote of hands or by written secret ballots.

ARTICLE VIII: CLUB OFFICERS

OFFICERS:

The executive officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Other elected non-executive officers shall consist of: Editor, Safety Officer, and Contest Director (CD). The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall establish other positions on an as-needed basis.

The Board Of Directors shall consist of the elected club executive officers and two (2) other members also elected. The two non-executive Board members shall each serve a two (2) year term on an alternating basis.

Club Officers and the Board of Directors shall be elected from the current membership with the responsibility to administer the business of SRCHA. The Officers shall have authority to control club business activities and club financial transactions, including special events.

Non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$100 per calendar month must be authorized by the general membership present at a club meeting or a special meeting.

OFFICER DUTIES:

PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act for the club in all matters pertaining to the club. He shall also make all appointments to committees and shall have full audit authority over the club treasury. The President also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice President shall assume the duties and exercise all authority of the President in the event the president is absent or unable to fulfill those duties.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all club meetings including attendance rolls. He shall also be responsible for all club correspondence including but not limited to all communications between the club and the AMA. He shall also maintain and update the BY-LAWS as it becomes necessary due to changes voted on and approved by the membership.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all Moneys of the club and keep an accurate record of all club transactions. He shall provide a financial report to the membership at regular monthly meetings. He shall be responsible for issuing membership cards.

The club Treasurer is subject to an audit at any time by the President or a majority vote of the club.

EDITOR:

The Editor will prepare and distribute to each club member the club newsletter at least once a month, and at least one week prior to the next monthly meeting. The newsletter shall contain a minimum of time, date, and place of the next club meeting.

SAFETY OFFICER:

The Safety Officer shall supervise all operations at the club flying field with particular attention being placed on safety. He is responsible for determining eligibility of potential users of the club flying field. He shall determine to his satisfaction that flying site users are club members or bona fide club guest. He shall determine that users of the club flying field, and aircraft to be operated from that field meet the requirements of the club in all respects. His decision is final, exception; any club member may refer his decision to the Board of Directors for review and determination.

CONTEST DIRECTOR:

The Contest Director (CD) shall be in charge of all contests and fun-flies sponsored by the club in accordance with the current AMA rules and regulations.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Decisions of the club shall be decided by the membership present at regular advertised monthly club meetings.

Votes for budget approval, and other SRCHA business shall be made by a simple majority of members.

The President or Vice President can call for special or emergency meetings as required. Notification of these types of meetings shall be the responsibility of the Club Secretary and the Editor.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall provide management and leadership to the club. They are responsible for presenting plans, projects and providing directions to and for club activities and business.

The Board shall have 2 Directors who shall serve for a two-year terms. Terms shall begin on the 1st of August and expire on the 31st of July. Each year one Director shall be elected before July 31 to replace the 1 expiring term.

There shall be no limit to the number of succeeding terms held by an Officer except that they cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

Officers shall be considered inactive and removed from office if they miss 2 consecutive or 4 cumulative business meetings during their term, without being excused by the remaining

Officers. A member shall fill a vacancy created by removal or resignation of a Director for the remainder of the term as follows:

1. Appointment by the Board if less than 1/2 of the elected term remains.
2. General membership election if 1/2 or more of the elected term remains.

The Officers shall meet monthly or more frequently if required, to carry out the business of SRCHA. The activity of the Officers, including a Treasurer's report, shall be reported to the membership in a club newsletter, or at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. Matters in the Bylaws, which required the vote of the general membership, shall be brought to the general club meeting after prior notification to the rest of the Club Membership. These matters include expenditures in excess of budget or allowable limits, elections of Club Officers and changes to the Bylaws.

A quorum of 3 Officers shall be required to conduct official SRCHA business.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws shall be effective when adopted by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the club membership. Thereafter, amendments to these Bylaws may be made by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the club membership.

ARTICLE IX: SAFETY

All SRCHA members will follow the AMA Safety Code.

The Safety Officer will be responsible for ensuring that all club members, guests and visitors are acting in accordance with established safety guidelines.

Violators will be informed to follow the guidelines and repeated violators will be subject to action by the Board of Directors.

SRCHA CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will conduct myself in an honest and straightforward manner and my behavior shall in no way embarrass my fellow club members.
2. I will maintain a respectable personal appearance and attitude.
3. I will not charge a fee or make any person feel obligated to me if I assist them in any way.
4. I will help promote safety and sportsmanship in the field of model Helicopters.
5. I will support club activities and functions to the best of my ability.
6. I will be courteous with frequency use when frequency conflicts exist.