

# HYNER HANG GLIDING CLUB INC., BYLAWS

## Chapter #23

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### ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSES

*Section 1.* The name of the organization is the Hyner Hang Gliding Club, hereinafter referred to as the “Club.”

*Section 2.* The primary purposes of the Club are to:

- a) Encourage participation in hang gliding/paragliding through proper training
- b) Engage in the safe use of non-powered flight aircraft capable of being launched by human power alone
- c) To establish friendly relationships with:
  - Landowners
  - Government, state and local officials
  - Spectators
  - Visiting pilots and other aviation related organizations
- d) To organize events where the flying of such aircraft will be encouraged

### ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION

The Club will be affiliated with the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA) and comply with USHPA bylaws.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

*Section 1.* The membership of the Club shall consist of individuals whose applications for membership have been accepted by the Club and have paid Club dues. **The following is required in order to conduct flying activities on club sites:**

- a) Current USHPA member.
- b) Hold an intermediate (H3/P3) rating. Novice pilots (H2/P2) may fly only under direct supervision of a qualified observer or instructor.
- c) A helmet and parachute must be worn at all times when flying.
- d) Flight pass must be displayed on helmet.

*Section 2.* **Membership will consist of two classes:**

- a) **Annual, coincident with the calendar year. Half fees may be charged after Labor Day weekend.**
- b) **Monthly, from the date of payment**

*Section 3.* A member **will have access to the club roster and other non-public web publications**, use of Club operated flying sites and facilities, and may vote as provided for in these bylaws.

*Section 4.* **Dues for the calendar year are from January 1 to December 31. There is no early-renewal discount. A \$10 late fee charge will be charged after April 1. Registration after Labor Day may be prorated to half price. Membership dues may be adjusted at the beginning of the year by a vote of the membership at either a Club meeting or e-mail without requiring an amendment to these bylaws.**

*Section 5.* A member may be removed from membership, suspended for a period, or expelled for cause such as:

- a) Violation of these bylaws
- b) Violation of flight regulations
- c) Conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or USHPA

Such action shall require a majority vote of the membership attending a regular meeting, provided a statement of the charges and a notice of the time and place of the meeting have been circulated to the membership, and to the accused member, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, and that the member will have an opportunity to present a defense at the meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETING OF MEMBERS

Club membership meetings shall be held, but not limited to, holiday fly-ins, which include the weekends of Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day and the Ox Roast.

**Meetings by remote means may be called at the discretion of the president, with voting conducted by any channels appropriate to poll the membership.**

#### ARTICLE V: ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

*Section 1.* Elected Club Officers shall be composed of (4) club members, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the voting members at the Labor Day meeting, and shall hold office for twelve (12) months or until their successors are elected

*Section 2.* The duties and powers of the Officers shall be to deal with all routine business which come before the Club, maintain annual budget, evaluate and present to the members all matters of special concern, and to report all actions of the Officers to the members.

*Section 3.* Regular and special meetings of the Officers shall be called at a time and place determined by the President.

*Section 4.* A majority of the Officers shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at all meetings.

*Section 5.* Any vacancy on the Officers shall be filled through a special election by the members at their next regular meeting.

*Section 6.* Each Officer shall serve without compensation.

*Section 7.* Any one or more of the Officers may be removed from office for any cause by a vote of (2/3) majority of the Club members at any regular meeting. Notice of intended action must be circulated to all Club members at least fourteen (14) days before the regular meeting

#### ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Section 1.* The board of Directors shall be composed of (5) members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **Safety Director**.

*Section 2.* The duties and powers of the Board shall be to deal with all routine business which comes before the Club, evaluate and present to the members all matters of special concern, to do all matters necessary to carry out the purpose of the Club, and to report all actions of the Board to the members.

*Section 3.* Regular and special meetings of the Board shall be called at a time and place determined by the President.

*Section 4.* A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at all meetings.

*Section 5.* Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a special election by the members at their next regular meeting.

## ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

*Section 1.* The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen with the approval of the Officers, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Club and shall have general supervision over the management of all affairs of the Club.

*Section 2.* The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence or disability of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the President.

*Section 3.* The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, be responsible for all meeting notices and keeping of records for the Club, shall receive and keep the membership applications.

*Section 4.* The Treasurer shall execute all checks for expenditures authorized by the Officers, account for all receipts, disbursements and balance on hand each month, and receive and deposit all funds.

*Section 5.* The Safety Director is responsible for promoting flight safety via maintenance of site risk management plans, actively promoting club actions that enhance safety, and closing sites to flight activities when conditions warrant.

## ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees may be formed by the President at any time as deemed necessary.

## ARTICLE IX: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

## ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

*Section 1.* Amendments to these bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting member present at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments must be stated in the meeting notice.

## ARTICLE XI: SITE MANAGEMENT

*Section 1.* The Club manages, in accordance with USHPA guidelines, the following sites:

- a) Hyner View
- b) Kennedy
- c) Bald Eagle Training Hill
- d) Bethel (501)
- e) Elizabethville
- f) Sacramento

*Section 2.* The Club shall establish recommended flying experience needed for each site, enforce safety standards at Club operated sites, maintain launching and landing areas to ensure proper and safe procedures, and maintain relations with landowners/ land caretakers to continue aviation at these facilities.