

**The Shasta Sky Sailors**  
**Bylaws**  
Revised February 2004

ARTICLE 1. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization is the Shasta Sky Sailors, hereafter referred to as the Club.

Section 2. The Club shall have the following objectives:

- a. To engage in the study and use of hang gliders.
- b. To develop and disseminate knowledge about hang gliders and the sport of hang gliding.
- c. To study, develop and promote principles and standards of safety in all aspects of hang gliding. To maintain pilot proficiency and adopt programs which facilitate flight safety.
- d. To establish and maintain a uniform standard of eligibility among hang glider pilots in accordance with the rating system created by the United States Hang Gliding Association (USHGA) and to preserve amateur hang gliding in conformity with the highest ideals of the sport.
- e. To create a means of arbitration to consider and decide disputes.
- f. To establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other national hang gliding organizations: to foster good fellowship among pilots.
- g. To promote and maintain good standings with land owners, public agencies, the flying community and the general public with whom we interact.
- h. To present a united front in efforts which seek to preserve our right to fly.
- i. To be open to any individual, regardless of race, creed, age or sex, who shares an interest in hang gliding.
- j. Preserve and appropriately use the flying sites in Northern California.
- k. Sponsor qualified Club members on the Hat Creek Committee.
- l. Continue the decades old tradition the Shasta Sky Sailors have had at Hat Creek Rim which includes, but is not limited to; welcoming and assisting visiting pilots, expanding the site as necessary to accommodate increasing use, maintain all LZs to a standard that is uniform and continue to provide amenities such as the pilot bulletin board, porta potty, site advisories/guides and maps, and windsocks at the launches and in the LZs. In general, the Shasta Sky Sailors will maintain a high standard of commitment to the site and nurture and maintain it in our ongoing effort to provide a quality site for all recreational pilots and members of the Shasta Sky Sailors to visit, fly and enjoy.

ARTICLE 2. Affiliation

Section 1. The Club will be affiliated with the USHGA thru chapter membership.

### ARTICLE 3. Club Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Club shall consist of dues paying individuals and shall be open to any person interested in hang gliding, whether they fly or not.

- a. Members shall receive the Club newsletter when it is published.
- b. Members will be eligible to compete for the Terry Bill Award and any other award or competition, which might be created.
- c. Members gain voting privileges in the Club when the requirements outlined in Article 4 are met.
- d. Members of the Club are eligible for a seat on the Hat Creek Committee only when the requirements outlined in Article 7 are met.

### ARTICLE 4. Voting Privileges.

Section 1. The Club will, in the interest of preserving stability and consistency in our performance and endeavors, use the following procedures for attaining and maintaining voting privileges.

Section 2. A member is considered to be in good standing with voting privileges when:

- a. They are a current paid member and have 24 consecutive months of membership with the Club prior to a vote.
- b. Motions and proposals are encouraged and welcomed from all Club members that are in good standing (paid member), but the determining vote will be made by those who meet the time requirement outlined in Article 4, Section 2a.

Section 3. Those who are currently members of the Club (as of February 2004), and are short the required 24 months needed, are considered grandfathered in to the Article 4 Voting Privilege.

- a. Voting privileges are forfeited when and if your membership with the Club expires. There will be a 60 day grace period beyond the expiration date.
- b. Anyone joining the Club after February 2004 will need to meet the requirements of Article 4, Section 2a to gain voting privileges.

### ARTICLE 5. Club Voting Procedure

Section 1. When a vote is needed, the issue (s) will be outlined and sent to all voting members via the newsletter or other means, and a date and time designated to take a vote. As long as a minimum of (30%) of the Club's current qualified voting members attend this vote or make their vote known through proxy, the participants will be considered a quorum and the vote, valid.

- a. In rare cases, where a decision must be made promptly, as determined by the Club president, an effort will be made to notify all club members by phone or other means. Again, the respondents must represent no less than 30% of the club's qualified voting membership to validate the vote.
- b. The majority vote of the voting members determines the outcome as long as a quorum is met.

## ARTICLE 6. Club Officers and Elections

Section 1. An annual election will be held in early December for the purpose of selecting a president, a secretary/treasurer, editor and Committee members.

- a. The nominee receiving the most votes from the voting membership is elected.
- b. Absentee votes cast will be valid when the voter is a club member, and is qualified to vote as per Article 4, and is clearly identifiable in the tabulation results. (No anonymous absentee votes).

Section 2. The president will, along with any other needed duties, promote hang gliding and safety while acting as the club's primary representative in dealings with other clubs and the general public.

Section 3. The secretary/treasurer will, along with any other needed duties, be in charge of minutes at club meetings and will maintain a detailed account of club finances.

Section 4. The editor will, along with any other needed duties, promote and organize fly-ins, campouts and any other events which may be held...and may even publish a newsletter once in a while.

## ARTICLE 7. Hat Creek Committee Member Requirements – Hang Gliding.

Section 1. The Shasta Sky Sailors', as agreed by the USDA Forest Service in 1996, will provide Club members to fill the three hang gliding positions on the Hat Creek Committee. The role of the Hat Creek Committee member is a very serious one that can and does have a direct impact on our relationship with the Hat Creek community, the USDA Forest Service, the flying community, and the site. As such, the following is required of any member who is, or wishes to be, a Hat Creek Committee member.

Section 2. Hat Creek Committee members must;

- a. Be familiar with the history, commitment, obligation, and rich heritage the Shasta Sky Sailors have at Hat Creek Rim. For decades the Shasta Sky Sailors' have welcomed visiting pilots, expanded the site as necessary to accommodate the

growing number of users and provided many amenities such as the pilot bulletin board, site advisories and maps, and windsocks at launch and in the LZ's. In more recent times, the Club formed the Hat Creek Committee, implemented a fund raising program intended to maintain, improve and cover the annual operating costs, constructed a new LZ, launch area and web site, and lobbied for, and welcomed the Use Permit that went into effect in 1996. Since the mid seventies, the Shasta Sky Sailors' have consistently provided a high standard of commitment to the site. Our involvement and accomplishments have always come from a sincere desire to nurture the site and provide and improve a quality place for recreational pilots to fly.

- b. Read and comply with the requirements specified in the USDA Forest Service Special Use Permit for Hat Creek Rim, the Hat Creek Committee Standard Operating Procedure and the Shasta Sky Sailors' bylaws.
- c. Support the endeavors of the Club in keeping Hat Creek Rim well maintained, fiscally sound and open to recreational hang gliding.
- d. Meet at the flying site whenever requested by the USFS, the Club or other members of the Hat Creek Committee.
- e. Work respectfully and with good faith with the paragliding members on the Committee.
- f. Be a current voting member in good standing with the Club and have no less than three (3) consecutive years of membership with the Club (those with less than 3 years can apply for an exception to the 3 year requirement). Those who are currently on the Hat Creek Committee, as of February 2004, and do not meet the time requirements of a committee member, are considered grandfathered in. They must however, meet all other requirements of a hang gliding Hat Creek Committee Member.
- g. Hat Creek Committee members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner while at Hat Creek Rim and while acting as a representative of the Hat Creek Committee.
- h. Understand that a hang gliding Committee member can be removed by a majority vote of the Club and that you agree to support and comply with the requirements of a hang gliding Hat Creek Committee member as outlined in the Club bylaws, the Hat Creek Committee Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and the Hat Creek Committee Member Agreement.

Section 3. The USDA Forest Service requires the Hat Creek Committee appoint a liaison from within the Hat Creek Committee. That person's role is to communicate the wants and needs of the entire Hat Creek Committee to the USDA Forest Service. The role of liaison is required to alternate between the paragliding and hang gliding members each year. The method the Shasta Sky Sailor members of the Hat Creek Committee will use for determining who will be the liaison will be as follows;

- a. If an individual from the hang gliding portion of the committee is also the signee of the current Use Permit, that person will automatically be the liaison during the period the hang gliding members provide the liaison. If so desired, the committee

member who is the signee may designate a substitute liaison to act in his or her place.

- b. If a member of the paragliding committee is the signee of the Use Permit, then a hang gliding liaison will be elected by using the method described in Article 8 of the Club bylaws.

Section 4. Any voting member in good standing may apply in writing requesting that the 3 year requirement outlined in Article 7f, be waived if he or she does not meet the length of time requirement (all other requirements found in the bylaws are mandatory). The application should include any experience you have at administering a site of the caliber of Hat Creek Rim, your reasons for wanting to be a committee member, including a brief outline of what you think the future of the site should be and how you intend to be part of helping that happen. The application must be signed by the applicant. A decision will be made by a club vote as described in Article 5 or the Club bylaws.

Section 5. The term of a Committee member will be one (1) year with elections held annually as outlined in Article 6 of the Club bylaws.

Section 6. Committee members are eligible for a seat on the committee when they meet all the requirements of the Club bylaws and have signed and initialed the Hat Creek Committee Member Agreement. A Club vote as outlined in Article 5 will determine the Committee member.

Section 7. If at any time the conduct or actions of any Hat Creek Committee member becomes inconsistent with our bylaws, the Hat Creek Committee Member Agreement, the USDA Forest Service Use Permit, or the Hat Creek Committee SOP, that member can be removed and/or their vote overruled by a Club vote.

#### ARTICLE 8. Hat Creek Committee Voting Procedure.

Section 1. Any decision or action that deals directly or indirectly with the welfare and business of Hat Creek Rim requires a vote by the hang gliding members of the Hat Creek Committee before anything is done.

- a. If a vote is taken and a unanimous decision reached by the hang gliding members of the Hat Creek Committee, the vote will be considered valid.
- b. If a unanimous decision can not be reached by the hang gliding members of the Hat Creek Committee, the matter will be taken to the Club and a decision made via Article 5 of the Club bylaws.
- c. It will be the responsibility of the committee members to promptly keep the Club up to date with its decisions, whether unanimous or not, and or its intended endeavors or actions regarding Hat Creek Rim.
- d. The Hat Creek Committee members deal solely with the needs and business of Hat Creek Rim and are sponsored members of the Club. The Hat Creek

Committee can not, through vote or any other means, set Club policy or in anyway alter Club bylaws or the requirements for Hat Creek Rim Committee Members.

#### ARTICLE 9. Club Finances

Section 1. Money that is raised strictly for the Club thru dues, donations, and fees or otherwise will be held in a single bank account and the secretary/treasurer will be responsible for any information regarding totals or expenditures upon demand from club members. Club finances and Hat Creek Rim Finances are separate from one another. See Article 10 of the Club Bylaws.

Section 2. Any Club expenditure in excess of \$50.00 will not be made without prior knowledge and a majority vote as outlined in Article 5 or the Club Bylaws. The Club secretary/treasurer will keep a detailed accounting of all income and expenses of the Club and produce a detailed accounting report annually.

Section 3. The funds generated for Hat Creek Rim, thru donations or otherwise, are not available under any circumstance, to be spent, donated or used by the Club or in any way directed away from use at Hat Creek Rim. These funds are used exclusively to maintain, improve and facilitate Hat Creek Rim. See Article 9.

#### ARTICLE 10. Hat Creek Rim Finances

Section 1. The money raised by the Club, Committee Members or other means for Hat Creek Rim is to be used strictly for Hat Creek Rim, and must be used exclusively for maintenance, safety related issues, improvements and/or Hat Creek Rim business.

Section 2. The Hat Creek Committee will determine how the money in the Hat Creek Fund is used in the following manner;

- a. A unanimous vote of the Committee and expenditures can be made as per Article 10, Section 1 or the Club bylaws.
- b. If a unanimous vote can not be reached by the Committee, then a Club vote will be taken as described in Article 5 of the Club bylaws.
- c. The Club secretary/treasurer will keep a detailed accounting of all income and expenses for Hat Creek Rim and produce a detailed accounting report annually.

#### ARTICLE 11. The Terry Bill Award

Section 1. The purpose of this award is to honor the memory of Terry Bill and promote those qualities of skill and sportsmanship he is remembered for. The trophy will be

awarded in December of each year to the club member who has the longest flight originating from a local launch site.