

SUPERSTITION RADIO CONTROL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS Effective March 04, 2024

Superstition Radio Control Helicopter Association (SRCHA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to charitable and educational purposes as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization's mission includes sponsoring youth programs such as Devil Pups, providing collegiate scholarships, supporting STEM education initiatives, and mentoring new RC helicopter pilots through senior-level guidance. SRCHA is required to file IRS Form 990N annually on or before May 15th.

These BY-LAWS are the definitive rules governing the SRCHA, a nonprofit organization. All special or local enterprises of SRCHA shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and to the rules and regulations of the AMA covering such functions.

1.0 MEETINGS:

The general membership meetings shall take place at the flying field on the Last Sunday of each quarter (March, June, September, December). Starting time is 8:00 a.m. May through September; 9:00 a.m. October through April. Times may be changed by the Board if necessary. In case of severe weather, the Board may elect to move the meeting to an indoor location or to postpone the meeting to an alternate date. Notice to be posted via the SRCHA messenger club chat when possible.

1.1 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

A general membership meeting requires a minimum of three board members.

1.2 SPECIAL MEETING:

In the case of situations deemed urgent which cannot wait for resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting a Special Meeting may be called by the Board to convene no sooner than 72 hours after the notification.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP:

Any person who is active in model building and flying, or is genuinely interested in learning to do so, may apply for membership at any regular meeting or to any Club officer. Upon meeting the requirements of SRCHA BY-LAWS and payment of the fees required in these BY-LAWS, the applicant will become a member in good standing of SRCHA.

2.1 APPLICANTS:

Non-members of the AMA and are required to apply for membership to AMA and will not be permitted club privileges until proof of membership is shown to any Club officer.

2.2 CLUB DUES (EXISTING MEMBERS):

The annual dues for new or existing members are \$50.00 per calendar year regardless of month joined. Member dues are due by January 31st of each year or existing member will be dropped from the roster.

2.3 CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP:

Proof of current AMA membership must be shown to or verified by a Club Officer prior to any flight operations at the field. Failure to have current AMA or MAAC membership will result in suspension of flying field privileges until it is renewed.

2.4 SAFETY:

SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY MEMBER OF SRCHA. All Club members are expected to study the Official current AMA Safety Code and Club safety rules as outlined in section 7 of SRCHA By-Laws and consciously practice those rules while operating model aircraft.

2.5 MEMBERSHIP REMOVAL:

Proceedings may be initiated against any member who compromises his or her fellow member's safety or brings disgrace upon SRCHA or injury to its reputation or violates its established BY-LAWS. Decisions regarding member removal shall require a majority vote of the ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2.6 SRCHA EVENT REGISTRATION FEES:

SRCHA event registration fees will be waived for active members in good standing, with the expectation that members attending will assist with the event. This applies to registration fees only and is exclusive of other fees (e.g. camping fees).

2.7 TAX DEDUCTIBILITY:

SRCHA membership dues, donations, and other contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, pursuant to the organization's 501(c)(3) status.

3.0 ORGANIZATION:

The elected executive officers and members of the Board of SRCHA shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer.

3.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Club executive officers.

3.2 DISSOLUTION CLAUSE:

Upon the dissolution of SRCHA, any remaining assets shall be distributed exclusively for charitable purposes to another 501(c)(3) organization or to a government entity for a public purpose, as required by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4.0 ELECTIONS:

All Officers of SRCHA shall serve a one-year term from January 1st to December 31st. The annual nominations shall take place during the November meeting and the elections shall take place during the December meeting.

4.1 ELIGIBILITY:

Elected officers are restricted to current General members in good standing. All members, regardless of membership classification, are eligible to vote in officer elections and on all regular Club business. Voting will be based on the one person one vote rule. No absentee ballots will be permitted.

4.2 SPECIAL ELECTIONS:

A meeting to recall Club officers or fill vacancies in Club offices may be called by the Board of Directors. Such special elections may be advertised in SRCHA newsletter and/or sent to the Membership in electronic format, i.e. email, and posted on the board at the field as priority agenda items, and provisions of sections 4.0, 4.1, and 4.2 shall prevail.

4.3 PRESIDENTIAL VACANCIES:

In the event of a presidential vacancy, the office shall be assumed by the Vice President. A special election shall then be held to elect a new vice president, as per sec 4.2.

5.0 OFFICER DUTIES:

ALL CLUB OFFICERS SHALL BE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE BY-LAWS AND SAFETY CODE DOCUMENTS.

5.1 PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at all meetings of SRCHA and shall act for SRCHA in all matters pertaining to SRCHA. He or she shall also make all appointments to committees

and shall have full audit authority over SRCHA treasury. The President also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

5.2 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. Also, the Vice President shall assume all other duties as assigned by the President or as directed by the Board of Directors.

5.3 SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Club meetings including attendance rolls. He or she shall also maintain and update the BY-LAWS, including any changes voted on and approved by the membership. He or she shall also be responsible for all Club correspondence including but not limited to all communications between SRCHA and the AMA and the webmaster.

5.4 TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all Moneys of SRCHA and keep an accurate record of all Club transactions. He or she shall provide a financial report to the membership at regular monthly meetings. Treasurer is subject to an audit at any time by SRCHA President. An annual budget shall be prepared and presented at a Club meeting the first quarter of the calendar year.

5.5 SAFETY OFFICER:

The Safety Officer annually shall supervise and make known all safety rules as stated in Section 7 of the BY-LAWS and the AMA Safety Code.

6.0 CLUB BUSINESS:

Decisions by SRCHA, other than those amending the By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority vote of the membership present at regular advertised monthly Club meetings. Decisions to amend SRCHA's By-Laws shall be presented to the Board of Directors with sufficient time for the Board to review the proposal and make a recommendation to the membership for approval/disapproval. The Board's recommendation must be published to the membership a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled general membership meeting. The adoption or rejection must be decided by a 2/3 majority vote by members present at the regularly scheduled meeting.

6.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

6.2 URGENT ACTIONS:

Any urgent actions, particularly changes in safety rules, review of Safety Officer decisions requested by Club members, or any Club business deemed too urgent to wait for the next Club meeting may be decided and acted upon for SRCHA by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The President shall call a special meeting of the Board for urgent action as deemed necessary by the President, or the President may employ the telephone or other means to contact the Board members. Any expenditure made as a result of these urgent actions shall be limited to \$400.00.

7.0 SAFETY/FIELD RULES:

THE AMA SAFETY CODE AND ALL REGULATIONS SHALL BE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

7.1 ALCOHOL:

No consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind will be allowed at SRCHA flying field. No person under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs shall be permitted to fly.

7.2 SAFETY OVERSIGHT:

Absence of the elected Safety Officer during flying sessions shall be filled by the first member in good standing arriving at the field and shall continue until the elected Safety Officer arrives or until the temporary Safety Officer is relieved by a Club officer. Such temporary Safety Officer shall act with all authority designated to the elected Safety Officer.

7.4 VIOLATIONS:

Club members are required to abide by the SRCHA safety / field rules as well as all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, statutes, and city of Mesa. Violations should be brought to the attention of the person committing the violation immediately by the observer of the violation. Repeated violations are due cause for loss of field flying privileges, or removal from SRCHA membership rolls as outlined in Section 2.8.

7.5 CHILD AND ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of any member of SRCHA who brings his or her child or pet to the flying field to see that the child or pet is staying within the spectator area where they will not hurt or distract other flyers. SRCHA cannot and will not be responsible for injuries suffered by children or pets at SRCHA flying field.

7.6 GENERAL FIELD RULES:

These rules are in addition to the official AMA Safety Code. Exceptions to these rules must be pre-authorized by the Safety Officer. Courtesy and common sense is expected from all members and users of SRCHA flying field. Pick up your own trash, props, broken aircraft parts, rubber bands, rags and other items. The last person leaving the field should scout the area for lost articles. That person should bring the found articles home and promptly notify SRCHA President.
ALL SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN IN THE SPECTATOR AREA.

7.7 FLYING GUIDELINES:

- Unsafe and reckless flying is prohibited.
- Pilots test flying or flying extensively rebuilt aircraft will inform the safety officer.
- Club pilots who agree to test fly someone's new or rebuilt aircraft are not to be held responsible for damages incurred to the aircraft.
- On take-off your initial turn must be directed away from the pit area. Avoid flying aircraft over spectators, the pit area, and vehicles. Intentional flying over these areas is prohibited.

8.0 FUNFLY'S:

8.1 Southwest Heli Rodeo

SRCHA will hold a Funfly called the Southwest Heli Rodeo, generally the Thursday - Sunday preceding Veterans day, but may vary depending on other Funfly dates.

8.2 Funfly expenses including but not limited to site rental, equipment and vehicle rental, fuel, snacks and drinks for attendees and staff, supplies, raffle prizes will be paid for from SRCHA's existing funds.

8.3 Funfly processed will be deposited into SRCHA's bank account.

8.4 SRCHA may hold additional Funfly's as discussed and voted on by the membership.