

BY-LAWS OF ROGUE VALLEY WINDCHASERS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be

ROGUE VALLEY WINDCHASERS

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the organization shall be to educate the public in the art, history, technology, and practice of building and flying kites; to advance kiting, its joys and its values, in all regards. This organization shall:

- 1) Share information about kiting and provide avenues of communication among kites;
- 2) Promote kiting as a rewarding form of art, sport, utility, scientific study and family fun for all ages;
- 3) Facilitate coordination and planning of kiting activities;
- 4) Provide an educational resource for the development of kiting in this area;
- 5) Seek interchange with various other kiting organizations.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Membership shall be open to any person agreeing to abide by club by-laws and who agree to observe basic kite safety rules. It is open to anyone who shares an interest in any aspect of kiting.

Section 2:

Membership classifications shall be as follows: **Individual, Family and Honorary**. An Honorary Member is a person the organization wishes to recognize by conferring membership without requiring payment of dues. Nominations for Honorary Membership are to be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Honorary Membership is entitled to all privileges of membership and continues indefinitely unless terms or conditions are specified, or unless rescinded by the Board of Directors. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year for all classifications other than honorary.

Section 3:

No person shall be discriminated against for admission to membership or election to office. Participation in any club activity shall not be denied or regulated by race, color, creed, national origin, religion, political orientation, gender or age.

Section 4:

General membership refers individuals or families who joined the club by paying dues. Paid members have the right to vote and to attend all functions, meetings, and activities. Paid members must be paid within 90 days to receive the benefits of membership.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Members may be terminated for just cause by quorum vote of the Board of Directors. A closed board meeting of at least 2/3 of the board will be called to determine just cause as well as disciplinary action to be taken. Once this has been determined, another closed board meeting will be called and set for the purpose of disciplinary action hearing. The member(s) under consideration will be notified of the impending board meeting as well as complaints against them as soon as possible after a meeting date is set, but no less than one week before the meeting date. The member(s) under consideration will be invited to attend this hearing and offer testimony to refute the complaints. At this hearing, the board will consider **no** complaints other than those for which the hearing was called and the member(s) informed. Once testimony has been heard, the member(s) will be asked questions by the board of directors. The board will then retire in private to consider the verdict. The member(s) will then be advised of the outcome, which will be confirmed in writing. The member(s) will be given an opportunity to discuss the outcome with the board and offer any further testimony that may be beneficial to their case. The board will consider this testimony and will render either 1) a new outcome or 2) a stay on the outcome. The hearing will then be concluded.

Section 5:

A Charter Member is one of the original members who joined the club and paid their dues within the first two months of the organizational meetings. The first two months of this club organization shall be designated as June, 1998 and July, 1998. A Charter Member may use the word "Charter Member" on club logos and correspondence.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

General meetings are open to all. The Club welcomes family, friends, guests and prospective members. Meetings shall be held the first Thursday of each month. Locations will be announced. Meetings shall consist of club business, video presentations, "show and tell", discussion of Fun Flies, future events, and other kiting activities.

Any serious problems that could be disruptive concerning events or club business should first be presented to the president and/or Board of Directors rather than at monthly club meetings.

Newly appointed officers and Board of Directors should have a scheduled board meeting at least 1 month into the new leadership to ensure everything is running smoothly. A board meeting, however, can be called at any time by the president or 4 members of the board with proper notice given for the time and date of the meeting for any concerns that may come up in regard to the club.

ARTICLE V. DUES

Annual dues shall be collected in June or at such time and amount as determined by the Board of Directors. The dues established for this club shall be: \$15.00 per year.

If a member joins the club between March and June, \$15 carries to June of the following year. Otherwise, \$15 carries to the regular dues collection time in June. If dues are not paid by September (90 days), membership in the club is cancelled until dues are paid.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Directors)

The officers shall consist of the following elected positions. Duties for each position are as described:

1) PRESIDENT: The President shall serve as the presiding officer at Board and general membership meetings. The President shall act as coordinator of all club activities and serve as liaison officer. The President shall be available to discuss with any member problems or ideas concerning the club and determine what shall be placed on the Agenda for discussion at meetings. The President shall superintend all club business and perform such other acts and duties as the Board may direct. Tie votes will always go the direction of the President. The president can approve up to \$50.00 without the approval of the entire board.

2) VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall coordinate the club inventory for meetings, festivals and fly-ins. This person may designate others to assist but ultimately shall be held responsible for the location and upkeep of all inventory owned by the club. An inventory list shall be updated and provided to the Board annually.

3) SECRETARY: The Secretary shall serve as recording officer of the club with the responsibility of maintaining all records of meetings.

4) TREASURER: The Treasurer shall act as comptroller of the club with the responsibility of maintaining all fund records. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer plus either the President or a designated Board Member. Checks shall be issued upon presentation of a paid receipt for approved expenditures by the club. The signature card at the bank shall be updated after each election. The Treasurer shall provide a detailed report to the Board of Directors at the end of the club year of all funds received and dispersed. The Treasurer shall handle the appropriate IRS and State laws concerning taxation matters. Duties shall also include handling any contracts for the club as directed by the Board of Directors.

5) FIVE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEMBERS: In addition to the four officers listed above, there shall be five Board Members elected from the general membership who will be available for board and club meetings. The Board may provide for payment of reasonable compensation to members or others for services rendered.

6) PAST PRESIDENT: The Past President shall remain on the Board of Directors until the current president is no longer in service, at which time he/she will become the past president/6th board member.

VACANCIES: If the president no longer is able or wishes to serve, the vice president shall become the president and will appoint a member of the Board of Directors to fill the remaining vacancy. In the event that any officer or Board of Directors member does not wish to take a different position, a special election will be conducted to fill the remaining vacancy. Any resignations should be made in writing where possible. If any member resigns within two months of election time, their position will offered to the other person who was nominated for that position. If that person does not wish to serve or there was not another nominee, the position will then be filled by any member who wishes to assist in that manner until such time as elections take place.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

The president shall appoint a nominating committee, or nominations will be taken until the April meeting. Elected officials must be 18 years or older.

Ballots shall be made and sent out to the entire membership. Votes will be tallied at the May meeting. Newly elected officers and board members will assume positions in June.

ABSENTEE VOTES: Members not present at the May meeting may vote via email or written letter. These votes must be in printable form for verification if required. Absentee votes can be sent to the president or the secretary. Any votes made via email or written letter will have 2-person (1 officer and 1 member of the board of directors) accountability to ensure accuracy of tallied votes. Any member who votes via email or written letter but physically attends the meeting when elections are held will vote at that meeting and their email or written letter vote will be disregarded.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

- A member may be nominated for as many offices as are available. However, the member nominated will then be required to select which office they wish to run for and serve in, if any.
- Any member nominated for a position will be contacted by an officer or a member of the board of directors to ensure that nominated member is willing to serve. If nominated member does not wish to serve, nomination will be withdrawn.
- Nominations will be taken from the March meeting until the April meeting with all accepted nominations being finalized by adjournment of the April meeting.

OFFICERS: The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected positions for a two-year term. All officers shall serve for not more than one consecutive two-year term unless voted on by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall consist of five members elected by the membership. The past president shall remain on the Board of Directors until the current president is no longer in service, making him/her the sixth board member. Every year two or three members that have served their two year term rotate off the board. Two or three new members are then nominated and elected for a two year term.

Any decision of the Board shall be final.

ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

"Outside activity" other than regularly scheduled meetings, Fun Flies, or kids' kite making, shall be approved by the Board of Directors and presented to and voted on by the club before it is scheduled. If the membership agrees to perform such "outside activity," club participation will be needed.

ARTICLE IX: VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Membership chairperson
- Kite making director
- Club photographer
- Webmaster

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Any changes to bylaws should be first approved by the Board of Directors, then a final approval by passing of majority vote of the attending membership including any mailed or emailed votes by paid members 30 days later. Notice of a bylaws vote is to be given to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the vote. Copies of the bylaws with changes shown will be electronically available, mailed, or handed out in person with such notice. Any changes will be shown as any content to be changed in "red" and anything to be removed as a "~~Strike-Out~~". Any recommendations by board members for content to be changed or stricken from the bylaws must submitted to the president or board member before the next scheduled board meeting.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

If the Club should dissolve, all assets are to be used to first pay any incurred debts of the club, and the remainder is to be donated to a non-profit organization to be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of dissolution.

The above By-Laws were amended and approved by the Board of Directors dated April 5, 2018, and a majority vote of the membership on May 3, 2018.