

Ames Sailing Club

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NAME:

The organization shall be called the Ames Sailing Club (herein known as the Club) operating under the sponsorship of the Ames Exchange Council.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Club is to provide a forum for those interested in the art and sport of Sailing. The Club also exists to facilitate access to area sailing schools and charter companies and as a benefit to enhance the welfare and quality of life of Moffett resident staff and families.

MEMBERSHIP:

Club membership will be open to all Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA) resident agency employees and retirees (NASA, Army, contractor, military, etc.), their spouses, domestic partners, and immediate family, with an interest in boats and watercraft whose primary method of propulsion is sails.

Membership in the Club shall consist of Basic Members and Charter Members. Basic Members may participate in all Club activities and have all rights and privileges associated with Basic Club membership as defined by the Membership Committee. Charter Members are those members who desire more advanced sailing instruction and individual charter opportunities and as such, will have access to additional Club programs as defined by the Membership Committee.

Membership in the Club may be terminated for any of the following reasons: voluntary withdrawal, nonpayment of dues or assessments, or failure to uphold the objectives of the Club.

OFFICERS:

The Club shall be managed by four elected Officers and zero or more volunteer Directors (herein known as the Board). Terms of office are one year for Officers and two years for Directors. There is no limit to the number of terms.

The Officers and their responsibilities are:

President

The President shall have authority to direct and control the business and affairs of the Club. The President shall preside over all meetings and may call special meetings as warranted. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and represent the Club to all organizations and individuals, internal and external.

Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the president and preside in the President's place in the absence of the President. The Vice President's primary area of responsibility is to coordinate and facilitate sailing instruction and charter activities for the Club and as such will be Chair of the Activities Committee.

Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for the taking and publishing of meeting minutes, notifying members of any changes in schedule and keeping of the Club's records. Additionally, the Secretary will be Chair of the Membership Committee.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for managing Club finances. This includes collecting dues and other monetary support from the Ames Exchange Council as well as maintaining the Club account(s) at the Golden Bay Federal Credit Union. Additionally, the Treasurer will be Chair of the Budget Committee.

Directors

Directors are volunteer members-in-good-standing that desire to play an active role in the business aspects of running the Club. There shall be a maximum of one Director for every fifteen paid members. Members wishing to serve as a Director shall submit a letter to the Board signed by three other members.

The selection process for officers is as follows:

A nominating committee will be formed in August to assemble a slate of Officers from the current membership. This slate will be presented to the membership at the October General Meeting. Members may also nominate other members or themselves for the officer positions and present these nominations to the committee. The membership will elect the officers by majority vote of the members present at the November General Meeting

Officers may also be appointed by the Board to fill vacancies that occur during the year.

A volunteer committee will organize and get the Club started. The first election for Officers will be in March 1998. Subsequent elections will be held each November.

MEETINGS:

There shall be a general meeting of the Club each month, with the exception of December and January. Meetings shall be held at a place designated by the Board or membership. Special meetings may be called by the President or any 5 members, given at least 48 hours notice

Business meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m. At least 3 Board members must be in attendance for Club business to be conducted. Board members will each have one vote. Club members and other interested parties in attendance will be given time to make comments if they choose but will not have a vote.

COMMITTEES

- (1) Activities
- (2) Membership
- (3) Budget
- (4) Club Store
- (5) Skippers
- (6) Speakers/Programs
- (7) Communications (Publications, Web Site, Astrogram, P/R)

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The annual dues for Basic Membership shall be \$10.00. The annual dues for Charter Members shall be \$60.00.

Changes to the Club dues structure will be proposed by the Board, or special committee, based upon a determination of the minimum amount needed to cover Club expenses. Any changes will be subject to a majority vote of the membership present voting in the affirmative, providing that 30 days' written or electronic notice has been given to the entire membership.

