

Southern Sierra Cyclists Constitution and By-Laws

Amended April 27, 2007

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I; Name

Section 1.

This organization shall be known as the Southern Sierra Cyclists.

ARTICLE II; Purpose

Section 1.

The purpose of this organization is to develop competence and confidence in cycling as a healthy sport. The club membership shall accomplish this primary purpose through -

- A. promotion of bicycling for recreation, health and pleasure, and for all levels and ages of riders;
- B. promotion and arrangement of bicycle rides suitable for riders of various skills, from novices to experts, and advertisement of these rides via the club's monthly ride calendar, which shall be distributed through local bicycle shops and the club's Internet website;
- C. sponsorship, co-sponsorship, or other appropriate support of cycling events such as rallies, family activities, and bicycle races; and
- D. encouragement of, and work for, the promotion of cycling safety. This shall include reasonable efforts, when and where appropriate, to educate the public about the benefits of the sport and the need for safe cycling environment on the streets and roads in our communities and counties.
- E. advocate for bicycle causes in Tulare County and surrounding area.

ARTICLE III; Membership

Section 1.

Anyone who pays dues shall be entitled to be a member of the organization. There shall be no limit on age. All duespaying members in good standing shall be entitled to be voting members and be able to take part in all activities. Privileges of membership shall include, but not limited to, subscription to the newsletter and listing in the team roster.

Section 2.

Only those members who are in attendance at the general membership meeting when elections are held will be allowed to vote for Directors or to vote on other matters pertaining to the club or team.

ARTICLE IV; Board of Directors

Section 1.

The number of Directors shall be determined at the January meeting of every year.

Section 2.

Each Director shall serve for a period of two (2) years beginning November 1.

Section 3.

Directors are expected to attend at least 75% of Board meetings. If attendance falls below this figure, the Board may vote to replace the Director.

Section 4.

If a vacancy should occur on the Board, it shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors and shall be effective until the term of office expires.

Section 5.

Six (6) voting Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Without a quorum, the only business to be transacted shall be a motion to adjourn.

ARTICLE V; Elections

Section 1.

Elections of officers will be every two (2) years at the October meeting.

Section 2.

The nominating committee is to be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors and shall consist of no more than ten (10) members.

ARTICLE VI; Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Web Master, and Newsletter Editor.

ARTICLE VII; Meetings

Section 1.

General business meetings shall be held monthly at such place and time as the Board of Directors shall designate. Notice of time and place of holding such meetings shall be given in writing to all members either by letter or notice in the organization's newsletter. A quorum for general meetings shall be 15% of the general membership.

Section 2.

A separate Board of Directors meeting shall be held monthly at such place and hour as the Board of Directors shall designate. Such meetings shall be open to all club members.

Section 3.

Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or by request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the club members.

Section 4.

All questions of parliamentary procedures not covered in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be decided by the latest edition of Roberts' Rules of Order. The immediate past President shall serve as parliamentarian during the ensuing year, interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws as needed to resolve questions which may arise in the course of club meetings or activities.

ARTICLE VIII ; Resignations and Expulsions

Section 1.

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary or any other officer of the organization, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or any other charges accrued and unpaid to this organization.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Board members, may suspend or expel a member for just cause after an appropriate hearing and by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, may terminate the membership, or suspend or expel any member for committing an offense prejudicial or injurious to the interest of the club.

Section 3.

Upon written request signed by a former member and files with any officer, the Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board may reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board deem appropriate.

ARTICLE IX ; Committees

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall designate standing and special committees that maybe necessary for the conduct and care of the. club's affairs.

ARTICLE X; Dedication /Dissolution

Section 1.

The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to promoting bicycling as defined in Article II (Purpose), and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private persons. Upon dissolution or winding up of this organization, its assets remaining after the payment of, or provisions for the payment of all debts and liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to another organization which is operated exclusively for social welfare purposes or to another organization which meets definitions of Article II (Purpose).

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I ; Duties of the Officers

Section 1.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors and shall be the chief executive officer of the club.

Section 2.

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President or any other officer.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors, and conduct correspondences for the club as needed.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall receive the money due the club and upon order of approval of the Board of Directors, shall pay money on behalf of the club. The Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the club in accordance with the instructions received from the Board of Directors. He or she shall prepare an annual financial statement to be presented at the October meeting of the club. Checks of the club shall be signed by either the President, VicePresident, Secretary or Treasurer.

Section 5.

The Membership Coordinator shall receive applications for membership and create a file listing all active members. Further, the membership coordinator shall promote the Club to prospective members.

Section 6.

The Web Master shall coordinate all modifications of the website and shall monitor the addition and deletion of information. Additionally, the Web Master shall ensure the website is running in optimal condition.

Section 7.

The Newsletter Editor shall review and distribute a monthly newsletter. Said newsletter may be distributed by electronic means. Further, the Newsletter Editor shall seek appropriate inputs from Club members and other competent resources for inclusion into the newsletter.

Section 8.

All additional Directors of the club shall participate in the decisions and operation of the club.

Section 9.

The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the affairs of the club. It shall be the duty of the Board to carry out the objectives of the club, and each Director may be assigned a specific function of the club activities for which he or she will be responsible.

Section 10.

Each year, the Board shall prepare an annual budget and schedule of events for approval by the majority of those in attendance at a general meeting.

ARTICLE 11; Dues

Section 1.

Dues shall be assessed annually for all active members and any sustaining or other classification of membership. Dues are payable on January 1 for that calendar year.

Section 2.

The amount and schedule of dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors attending a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

ARTICLE III; Amendments

Section 1.

By-Laws may be amended at any regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting of the club upon twothirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided ten (10) days previous notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to each member.

ARTICLE IV; Gain to Members

Section 1.

This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it is organized for non-profit purposes.