

# **BALLOON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY, INC. BYLAWS**

**As amended March 8, 2007**

**1. NAME:** Balloon Society of Kentucky, Inc.

**2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the organization is to educate, to promote safety, to promote interest in aerostation, and fellowship.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP:**

All first-time members shall be voted on for membership as approved by a simple majority of members present.

Member applicants must be recommended by a member whose name and signature shall be on the application.

A pilot member shall be defined as a lighter-than-air licensed certified pilot, either commercial or private.

## **4. VOTING PRIVILEGES:**

Voting shall be open to membership except in the matters specifically related to the operation of aircraft, which shall be voted on by pilot members only. These matters shall be determined by an Executive Committee quorum.

Votes shall be taken at official meetings.

Votes shall be decided by a simple majority of members present.

## **5. OFFICERS AND DUTIES:**

Officers shall serve two calendar years.

The Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.

The offices of President and Vice President shall be held by pilot members. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor may be held by any member.

President – shall be responsible to the membership for upholding the terms of the bylaws. The President shall preside over all meetings and shall insure that all officers and chairpersons discharge their duties.

Vice President – shall serve in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for the program at each meeting.

Secretary – shall be responsible for keeping official minutes of the society and the official correspondence. The Secretary shall be accountable for all Balloon Society of Kentucky property.

Treasurer – shall keep securely the funds of the society, render a report at every meeting, and prepare a financial statement for the annual meeting.

Newsletter Editor – shall be responsible for publishing and distributing a newsletter.

No net profits from the organization will inure to the benefit of any of the officers in the event of dissolution. All funds in the treasury will be distributed equally on a per member basis.

## **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Election of officers shall be held biennially.

Voting shall be held in accordance with Section 4 of these bylaws except that votes may be cast for the election of officers either by members present at the November meeting or by absentee ballot received by the Secretary prior to the date and time of the November meeting of an election year.

Absentee ballot shall be placed in a plain sealed envelope, placed in another envelope, addressed and delivered to the Secretary with the voting member's name and return address on the outside envelope.

## **7. COMMITTEE DUTIES:**

Standing committees shall consist of Executive, Safety, Social, Public Relations, Landowner, Relations, Racing and Competition, and Historical.

Executive Committee – shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. An Executive Committee quorum shall consist of the President or Vice President and three other committee members. The Executive Committee shall hold an annual planning and budget meeting prior to the general membership meeting in March. They shall determine voting procedures, establish the yearly budget, and direct the activities of the society.

Safety – shall be responsible for the investigating and reporting to the membership matters pertaining to safety during all phases of aerostation.

Social – shall be responsible for the planning and execution of all social functions.

Public Relations – shall be responsible for media relations and all press releases

Historical – shall be responsible for keeping the history of ballooning, the Balloon Society of Kentucky, and the members of the society and to disseminate the information to the membership.

Landowner Relations – shall be responsible for investigating and reporting to the society all matters relating to landowner relationships.

Racing and Competition – shall be responsible for organizing and running the Balloon Society of Kentucky races and competition activities.

Other committees and their functions shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Committee chairperson(s) can be elected by a simple majority of members present or can be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Committees shall submit their budgets to the Executive Committee prior to February 1. Committees may spend up to their budget approved by the Executive Committee. Beyond that, spending must be approved by an Executive quorum.

## **8. MEETINGS:**

Meetings and dates shall be fixed by the membership, with a minimum of four meetings annually.

The first yearly meeting shall be in January.

The Annual meeting shall be in November.

Official meetings shall consist of the four regularly scheduled meetings. Additional official meetings may be called only with an attempt at prior notification to all members.

## **9. DUES:**

Dues and initiation fees shall be set by the Executive Committee.

Dues are payable on or before January 31 to be included in the printed roster. Dues must be current for privileges of membership to be extended.

Dues run for one calendar year. There are no prorated dues.

## **10. PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE BYLAWS:**

A motion may be made at any meeting to amend the bylaws. This will be considered a first reading.

Notification of the proposed amendment must be given to all members

The amendment is to be voted on at an official meeting following the first reading.

A simple majority of the members voting is required to pass an amendment. Voting shall be held in accordance with Section 4 of these bylaws, except that votes may be cast for or against the amendment to the bylaws either by members present at the meeting or by absentee ballot received by the Secretary prior to the date and time of the meeting.

Absentee ballot shall be placed in a plain sealed envelope, placed in another envelope, addressed and delivered to the Secretary with the voting member's name and return address on the outside envelope.