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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Jersey Kite Flyers, herein referred to as SJKF or the "Club".

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the SJKF, a non-profit, charitable and educational organization, shall be to educate the public in the art, history, technology and the practice of building and safely flying kites, and to advance kiting, its joys, and its values. To that end, the SJKF shall work to:

1. Share information about kiting and provide avenues of communication among kites.
2. Promote kiting as a rewarding form of art, sport, utility and scientific study for all ages.
3. Facilitate coordination and planning of kiting activities.
4. Provide a source of education as it pertains to safe kiting.
5. Seek the interchange of information with other kiting organizations, particularly the American Kitefliers Association, its parent organization.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership is open to all persons who favor the purposes of the SJKF, as stated In Article II.

Section 2. Types

- a. REGULAR MEMBER. A dues-paying person entitled to all privileges of membership.

- b. LIFE MEMBER. A person who receives all privileges of membership for life upon payment of a fee as established by the Board of Directors. Availability of this class may be closed and reopened at any time, for any period of time, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

- c. HONORARY MEMBER. A person the SJKF wishes to recognize for outstanding and/or long

term contributions to the SJKF, may be conferred an Honorary membership which does not require the payment of dues for a specified period of time. Honorary membership is awarded by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors. No person may be named to Honorary status while serving in office. Nominations for Honorary membership are to be submitted to the Board of Directors by any member in good standing. Honorary members are entitled to all privileges of membership unless rescinded by the Board of Directors.

d. HOUSEHOLD MEMBER. Any member living in a dues-paying household, that was listed on the membership application.

Section 3. Privileges of Membership.

- a. Subscription to the SJKF publication "WINDWRITERS."
- b. Annual card of membership.
- c. Upon request, a copy of the SJKF By-laws.
- d. With the exception of those under the age of twelve, the right to vote when present, at all general membership meetings.
- e. The right to nominate a member who has agreed to serve in the position.
- f. To participate in workshops and such other services as might be provided by the SJKF.
- g. To attend all official Club functions.

Section 4. Term of membership shall be as delineated in Article VII, Section 1.

Section 5. Termination or Withholding of Membership. The Board of Directors, by a 3/4 vote of all Board Members, may terminate or withhold a membership, which in their judgment would be detrimental to the SJKF organization

Section 6. Membership is not transferable, assignable or negotiable, although purchase of memberships for gift giving is acceptable.

Section 7. Membership shall lapse 45 days after dues expiration.

Section 8. Removal from Office. Any board member may be removed from their position for not fulfilling their duties by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The SJKF shall be managed by 7 voting Board of Directors consisting of:

- President (Elected by General Membership)
- 1st Vice-President (Elected by General Membership)
- 2nd Vice-President (Appointed by Elected President)

Secretary (Appointed by Elected President)

Treasurer (Appointed by Elected President)

Director at Large (Elected by General Membership)

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The Board of Directors shall always consist of an odd number of members.

Section 2. The duties and responsibilities of these officers shall be as follows:

President- Presides as chair of all meetings; oversees the operation of the Club; appoints committees to carry out such functions as required to meet the goals outlined in Article II PURPOSE; is ex-officio a member of all committees; signs all legal documents on behalf of the SJKF; Calls Board of Director meetings as required; appoints a Membership roll chairperson for the purpose of determining quorum status at each General membership meeting.

1st Vice-President - In the absence of the President, presides at all meetings; carries out such duties as prescribed by the President; may call for a Board of Directors meeting if he/she deems it necessary.

2nd Vice-President - carries out such duties as prescribed by the President; presides at general membership meetings should the President and 1st Vice-President be unable to do so.

Secretary - Takes minutes of all official club meetings, and is prepared to present them for approval at the next meeting. Retains copies of all official correspondence, Club records and files for SJKF, with the exception of financial records and membership rolls; makes provisions for the carrying out of these duties in case of absence.

Treasurer- Maintains records of all SJKF financial transactions; maintains a checking account in the name of the "South Jersey Kite Flyers"; makes deposits into and writes and signs checks against such account; receives all payments made into the SJKF; provides a monthly financial statement consisting of: previous month's balance, monthly receipts, monthly expenditures and new balance; Provides direction and guidance of the Club's activities to ensure compliance with tax-exempt status under Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code; makes provision for the carrying-out of these duties in the event of absence at meetings or official functions.

Directors at Large - Shall represent the membership at all meetings; organize and provide management of those kiting projects designated to them by the President; shall assist in all areas of club activity for which they are particularly qualified; shall attend and vote at all Board of Director meetings.

All members of the Board of Directors must be members in good standing.

Section 3. Resignations and vacancies. Should the President no longer be able to serve, the 1st Vice-President shall become the President. The President will appoint members to fill vacancies.

Resignations should be made in writing where possible.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Section I. General membership meetings are open to the public and shall be held at a predesignated time, date and place. As often as possible the day shall be the same each month, i.e. the third Sunday of the month, and will be determined by a majority vote of the General Membership.

a. A minimum of 6 General Membership Meetings shall be held each year.

b. In the event a Quorum isn't in attendance, the meeting will be changed to that of a Board Meeting

Section 2. All general membership meetings shall be conducted by the President or his designee, according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3. A quorum of 10% of the total voting membership must be present at a meeting in order for the Club to conduct business.

Section 4. Except as noted within these by-laws, all motions made at any business meeting, shall pass or fail by a simple majority vote, taken by a show of hands, or a voice vote of "yea" or "nay".

Section 5. "Special" general membership meetings may be called by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of resolving any special problem that may arise requiring immediate action. At such meetings only the emergency situation will be discussed and voted upon. All regular members shall be notified of such "Special" meetings in sufficient time as to permit their attendance at the meeting.

Section 6. Meetings, electronic or person to person, of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or, in special circumstances, by any member of the Board of Directors. For a vote to pass there must be at least 5 out of 7 votes in favor.

Section 7. Except for "Closed Sessions", as called for and voted upon by the Board of Directors, all members shall have the right to attend Board of Director meetings. However only Board of Directors shall have the right to vote at Board of Director meetings.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall appoint and announce a nominating committee of at least three members at a

General Membership Meeting. The nominating committee will select at least one candidate for positions of the President, 1st Vice President and two Directors at Large and will place their names in nomination at the October General Membership Meeting. At that meeting the floor will be opened for additional nominations of members present. This concluded, the nominations are then closed.

Section 2. Floor Nominations having been made at the October general membership meeting, elections will be conducted by secret mail-in with ballots mailed 30 days prior to the December meeting. Ballots will allow for write-in candidates on the ballots with the results being announced at the December General Meeting.

Section 3. All elected officers will assume their positions and responsibilities after the calling to order of the January general membership meeting by the outgoing President. The New President will, at this time, announce his appointments for the remaining officers on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Term of office of elected officials shall be one year.

ARTICLE VII
DUES AND EXPENDITURES

Section 1. Dues shall be determined by a vote of the general membership, with the financial needs of SJKF in pursuit of its goals, as the guiding factor. Members shall be required to pay such dues on an annual basis to maintain membership in good standing. All dues are deposited to the SJKF bank account.

Section 2. All expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall require the approval of the general membership. Expenditures less than one hundred dollars may be made at the discretion of the President.

Section 3. Should the Club cease to exist, all monies would be contributed to a charity determined by the existing members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII
LIABILITY

Section 1. All members and their guests shall participate in kite flying activities at their own risk.

Section 2. Neither the South Jersey Kite Flyers organization, its officers or its members shall be liable for Injuries incurred while kite flying at its meetings or any other club sponsored activity.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

