SOUTH SOUND SEA HAWKERS BYLAWS

ARTICLE I:
NAME AND PURPOSE

1.1 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Sound Sea Hawkers Booster Club, here-in-after called South Sound Sea Hawkers, or the Club.

1.2 PURPOSE

To promote and support the Seattle Seahawks football team, coaches and staff. Support our community by participating in charity events and volunteering. Providing charity funds to organizations in need.

ARTICLE II:
MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Regular – Those persons enrolling in membership and paying their annual individual or family dues. All regular members, eighteen years old or older, shall be entitled to one vote upon all matters voted upon at Club meetings as long as they are in good standing. There shall be no voting by proxy. However, the Club officers may call for a vote by mail, or email, for special issues

2.2 All members must be in good standing. Members are deemed to be in good standing when all of the following conditions are met:

- Current on member dues
- In compliance with all position duties, as assigned
- Not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or disciplinary action
- Not known to have violated any Seattle Seahawks or Sea Hawkers policies, guidelines or bylaws.

2.3 The Board has the right to deny membership, renewal or terminate membership for just cause.

ARTICLE III
DUES AND ENROLLMENT

3.1 DUES

3.1.1 Annual dues for single membership shall be $15.00 per person.

3.1.2 Annual dues for family membership shall be $25.00 per family, up to four members. To be eligible for family membership all must be immediate family living in one household (exception: student not living at home).

3.1.3 A reasonable fee may be added to the dues to cover the cost of electronic payment. This fee shall be set by the Board of Directors in September for the following year.

3.1.4 Dues are payable on February 1st of each year. Failure to pay dues by March 31st shall result in suspension of rights of membership including meeting notification.

3.1.5 Dues increases – All increases of dues will be approved by a majority vote of regular members present unless such increase is caused by vote of Central Council. Any increase in dues shall be communicated to members by January 1st of the next renewal year.

3.1.6 Any per member fee imposed by Central Council may be passed on to the member without vote

3.2 ENROLLMENT

3.2.1 Upon enrollment, new members will provide name, mailing address, telephone number and email address. For family membership the contact information for the primary member is the only one required. However any family member requesting their own copy of Club emails must provide an email address.

3.2.2 Address changes for current members ~~will~~ shall be provided to the Treasurer/Membership in a timely manner.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

4.1 MEETINGS

4.1.1 REGULAR – Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the months of, July and December. The time and meeting place shall be as designated in the newsletter, or as announced at the last meeting of the Club for the next meeting.

4.1.2 ANNUAL – The annual Club meeting will occur during the regular November Club meeting and will include the election of Club officers ~~for the following year~~.

4.1.3 Annual Holiday Event - Shall be held in December, Date/Time/Place TBD.

4.1.4 SPECIAL – Special meetings of the Club may be called at the discretion of the majority of the Club officers or at the written request of fifteen percent of the Club's regular voting members. At least ten days' notice will be given for all special Club meetings.

4.1.5 Board Meetings shall be held at least once per quarter. Board Meetings will be closed meetings, however one per year shall be designated as "open to members".

4.1.6 QUORUM – At any meeting of the Club, 20 of the regular voting members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to validate all Club votes unless an exception is stated within these bylaws.

4.1.7 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS – Unless otherwise specified, meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (Exhibit A), however technical failures to follow such rules shall not invalidate action taken at such a meeting.

ARTICLE V
CLUB OFFICERS

5.1 CLUB OFFICERS

5.1.1 There shall be the following general officers of the Club: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership and Secretary. They shall manage the business and property of the Club.

5.1.2 Club officers may hold special meetings, as the President of the club shall deem necessary for the competent management of the club affairs.

5.1.3 At all board and special meetings, 3 officers shall constitute a quorum and each officer shall possess one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. The President shall appoint one of the Committee Chairs, except the Budget Chair, as having the tie breaking vote, if so needed, at the beginning of each board meeting.

5.1.4 Any officer may be removed from office for any valid cause, including, but not limited to, failure to carry out the duties of his or her office. This shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the Club's regular members present at any club meeting.

5.1.5 The Board may choose, via majority vote when a quorum is present, to move Officers' positions within the Board (i.e. swap Officers' positions).

5.1.6 Mid-Term Vacancy

5.1.6.1 Any vacancy occurring on the Board by such reason as the death, resignation, or removal from office requires the return of all Club physical and intellectual property within ten (10) calendar days. An exception may be made in the case of death.

- Failure to do so could result in legal action and violates the 'in-good-standing' requirement thus prohibiting said former Officer from holding any office on Central Council.

5.1.6.2 Any vacancy occurring on the Board by the death, resignation, or removal from office shall be filled by appointment by the Board for the unexpired term of the vacated position.

- The appointment is to be made by a simple majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

5.1.7 Club Officers shall be elected to serve for a two (2) year term of office. Two (2) positions are to be elected in even years and the other two (2) are to be elected in odd years.

5.1.7.1. Even Years (elected at the Annual Meeting during the ODD year, with the term of office to begin January 1 of the following EVEN YEAR):

- President
- Secretary

5.1.7.2. Odd Years (elected at the Annual Meeting during the EVEN year, with the term of office to begin January 1 of the following ODD YEAR):

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Membership

ARTICLE VI
OFFICER'S DUTIES

6.1 OFFICERS DUTIES

6.1.1 PRESIDENT – The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint standing committee chairpersons, establish temporary committees, assign specific duties and projects to each officer and committee chairperson, and other general activities dedicated to the operation and best welfare of the Club.

6.1.2 VICE-PRESIDENT – The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and have all the implied express powers of the president in his or her stead. He or she shall have sole responsibility for providing programs for meetings, oversee all committees and scheduling for any internal functions of the Club. He or she shall also be a voting member of the Central Council.

6.1.3 TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP – The treasurer shall keep accurate records of all incomes and itemized expenses channeled through the Club treasury. He or she shall be chairperson of the Budget Committee.

6.1.4 6.1.4 MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Officer shall keep current record of all memberships.
Provide the board with updated membership rosters as needed.
Send welcome emails to new members including latest newsletter.
Mail out membership cards as needed.
Maintain the Members only Facebook group membership, add/remove members as appropriate.
Submit Quarterly Membership Report to Central Council.

6.1.5 SECRETARY – They shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, conduct any necessary correspondence. The secretary will be responsible for mailing/emailing out the Club newsletter and will post the Regular Meeting minutes to the website in a timely manner.

6.1.6 Additional Duties – Central Council Representation – At least one of the other officers of South Sound Sea Hawkers shall be a representative. The President shall, after elections, designate which officer will serve in that capacity. If no officer is willing to represent the chapter at these meetings the President may select any member in good standing.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

7.1 COMMITTEES

7.1.1 Club officers shall establish such standing committees as may seem appropriate, and set forth the duties and responsibilities of each committee.

7.1.2 The President shall appoint the chairperson(s) of each such committee.

7.1.3 The President may create and fill temporary committees as may seem appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the club. It is recommended that at a minimum Social Media and Charitable Activities committees are formed with specific responsibilities outlined. It is also recommended that no board member chair these committees.

7.1.4 Standing Committees – Budget and Nominating

7.1.4.1 BUDGET – A budget committee shall be appointed by the president. The treasurer is automatically the chair of this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan a yearly budget for a fiscal year beginning February 1 of each year. The Budget committee shall also be responsible for the audit of the treasury records prior to the annual meeting each year.

7.1.4.2 Nominating – A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president each year at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting. They will be responsible for developing a slate of potential officers and securing their willingness to serve. The slate of nominees shall be provided to the membership at the meeting prior to the annual meeting each year.

7.1.4.3 Bylaw – A Bylaw committee shall be appointed by the president in even years to facilitate the Biennial Bylaw Review as prescribed in 12.2.2.

7.2 Minutes will be maintained and submitted to the Club Secretary of all committee meetings held.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTIONS

8.1 ELECTIONS

8.1.1 The Club officers shall be elected, as prescribed in 5.1.7, by a majority vote of the members present at the Club's annual meeting. A quorum need not be met for this election. If the entire slate of officers is unchallenged the President may call for a voice vote to accept the slate of officers.

ARTICLE IX
CLUB FUNDS

9.1 CLUB FUNDS

9.1.1. The funds of the Club may be deposited in the Club name in any financial institution approved by the Club officers. Not less than two Club officers will be required to sign for any withdrawals over $250

ARTICLE X
AFFILIATIONS

10.1 AFFILIATIONS

10.1.1 This club shall affiliate itself with other Sea Hawker Clubs as may be created with similar purposes and with the Sea Hawker Central Council. In accordance with Central Council's bylaws the President or designated alternate should attend Central Council open meetings as a representative of the South Sound Sea Hawkers. They shall be entitled to vote, as set forth in Central Council's bylaws, on any matters appearing before the Central Council. They shall provide a report at each meeting of Central Council activities.

10.1.2 This Club shall pay annual dues to the Central Council in the amount set by Central Council.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTIONS

11.1 DISSOLUTION

11.1.1 This Club shall remain in existence as long as fifteen regular members are willing to continue operating.

11.1.2 Upon dissolution remaining Club monies will be donated to charity(s) of choice or Central Council, determined by a majority vote of regular members present.

ARTICLE XII
POLICIES AND BYLAW AMENDENTS

12.1 POLICIES

12.1.1 Policies, including but not limited to, 'Codes of Conduct' may be adopted that address items/issues not covered in these bylaws. These would be items/issues that would not normally be included in bylaws but are needed to standardize how we conduct the business of the Club and the conduct of our members. As deemed necessary by the Board, interim policy may be adopted by a majority of the current members of the Board. Any interim policy adopted by the Board shall be ratified or rescinded at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Club.

12.2 BYLAW AMENDMENTS

12.2.1 Suggested Bylaw Changes

Members and Officers, in good standing, may submit suggested Bylaw amendments at any time to the Board, or designee. The Board will determine if the change warrants an immediate vote, or if the change should be held for inclusion in the biennial Bylaw review process.

12.2.2 Biennial Bylaw Review

The Bylaw Committee shall facilitate a biennial review of the Bylaws in even years. Members, Officers in good standing may submit suggested bylaw amendments. The biennial review shall occur as follows:

a. May: Bylaws revision process begins. The Bylaw Committee Chair will announce the beginning of Bylaws review during the May Regular meeting. Comments received on or before June 15 will be considered.

b. June: The Bylaw Committee reviews all comments, compiles a revised draft Bylaws document.

c. August: Draft Bylaw document presented to the Board. Comments to the draft must be received by August 31.

d. September: The Bylaw Committee reviews comments and finalizes proposed Bylaws document.

e. September Meeting: proposed Bylaws document presented to the Membership for review.

f. October Meeting: The Membership votes to accept or decline the proposed Bylaws document, by line item vote, as presented in the finalized proposed Bylaws document.

g. January: New Bylaws implemented.

The above and foregoing bylaws were duly amended by a majority vote of the regular members of the Club as the bylaws of the South Sound Sea Hawkers This 15th day of September, 2026.

President – Colin Mitchell

Vice President – Deanna Roe

Secretary – Cindi Lang

Treasurer/Membership – Sue Farley

Exhibit A

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Club's meetings, including but not limited to the right to suspend rules and to control the amount of time spent on one topic as defined below when deemed beneficial by the Board, giving the Club flexibility to consider unexpected topics and/or situations.

Suspend the Rules: Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules; the object of the suspension must be specified and recorded in the meeting minutes.

Extend Debate: Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time.

Limit Debate: Closing debate at a certain time or limiting to a certain period of time.

Fair and Orderly Meetings and Conventions: Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of all business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership – the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment after a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.