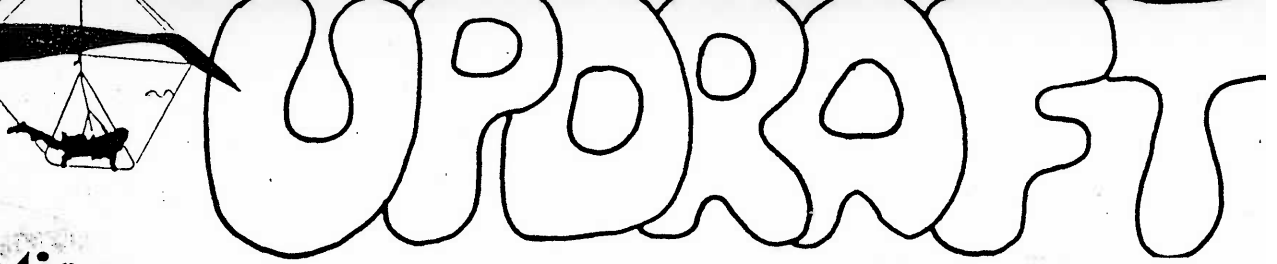


# Mass Hang Gliding Association



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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings, under normal conditions I am searching for things of importance to write about. But this time I did not find this to difficult, because of the issues discussed at our first 1992 club meeting in March. It seems that after having a relatively productive meeting, of dealing with the usual as well as the annual issues, the idea of raising the dues was mentioned. With the usual 10 min. discussion, then a vote of 5 to 4, the dues were raised from \$15 to \$30.

Now, I do not want to say that an adjustment is not necessary, but it may be. My problem is trying to justify the rationale, in doubling the dues. I have a certain feeling, that we are trying "to be like everyone else." I think this is the term that I heard.

The whole intention of getting this club reactivated, was to get the hang-gliding community together, and build a strong membership. A club that works together, with the same intentions and goals, so that we can as a group, make this sport safer and more enjoyable, for pilots both new and old.

Now, if that means doubling the dues to get the problems resolved, YINE! My only fear is that, as in the sport of skiing when insurance rates skyrocketed, lift tickets went from \$20 to \$40, it made for a fair amount of hostility among the regulars. The results were alot of renegades skiing with no tickets. As a club we had best decide weather we want to work as a group, which has worked in the past, or as individuals. I have always supported the USHGA standings, and hope to continue, as long as there aren't any additional aircraft classified as hang-gliders.

If we are going to follow with the rest of the aviation community, and out price ourselves, I cannot help but believe, that we will find ourselves with a lot of loners doing there own thing. I think that what got me into this sport, was the fact that this was an inexpensive means of aviation. The freedom and the enjoyment I got with every flight, (even on a standard THEY were eventful flights), could not be matched by any other form of aviation.

I feel as though the same rules / regulations /or operating procedures, (whichever sounds less bureaucratic), apply in the 90s as they did in the 70s. We should be proud of our safety record, with few minor incidents in 20 yrs. It has always been my general understanding that unless one owns something, he cannot legally charge people a users fee, without accepting responsibility.

Holyoke, you must be a current MHGA member, as well as a current USHGA member.

I know that with all this good discussion, and the upcoming flying season in hand, the next meeting of the MHGA, which is a election meeting, should be well attended. There are some topics that NEED to be discussed, so with the next meeting scheduled at Gringo's, which in itself should be cause for celebration. Bring LOTS of money for booze and dues.

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Brooks

## SECRETARYS REPORT

MEETING NOTICE: May 9, 1992 at Gringo's Restaurant Rt. 8 in the Shopping Plaza, 1/2 mile south of the LZ, at 8:00 PM.

We are still plagued by Article X, because at our last meeting we tried to do things that violated Article X. Which can be good and bad. With this newsletter you received a post card ballot. Please return this post card promptly, with your yes or no vote so we can amend our bylaws, in accordance with Roberts Rules Order. One other amendment that I will make a motion to add this article, will be; 10.2 Proposed amendments must be stated in the meeting notice, and be read at a general membership meeting, one meeting prior to being voted on. I feel that this will give everyone a fair chance to attend, our sometimes infrequent meetings, and be heard.

At the meeting last month Harpo brought up an idea of changing the membership and dividing them into two classes. A voting category \$30 or \$40, and a non-voting category \$20. After a brief discussion it was voted on to raise the dues from \$15 to \$30, the motion was passed. However there was no date as to when this was to take effect. Then a motion was made that the dues are to be paid to a calendar year basis, starting with 1/1/92, it was voted on and passed. These motions that have passed should be amendments to the bylaws that do not exist, in our present bylaw. Therefore we have violated our own Article X, as it stands now. Everyone that gave me \$30 I just added one more year to the membership.

We did manage to make nominations for officers:

### PRESIDENT

Harpo nominated Brooks, Al Lariviere seconded, he accepted.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

T. Donovan nominated Harpo, T. Duncan seconded, he accepted.  
Harpo nominated Al Lariviere, T. Duncan seconded, he accepted.  
T. Donovan nominated Cliff Lull, Brooks seconded, he accepted.

### SECRETARY

Al Lariviere nominated Harpo, Frank seconded, he accepted.  
Bob V. nominated Tim Duncan, T. Donovan seconded, he accepted.

### TREASURER

Al Lariviere nominated Harpo, Frank seconded, he accepted.

### NOTE

On 3/21/92 prior to the VT. club T. Donovan nominated Bob V. for the offices of secretary and treasurer. Brooks seconded.

Proposed amendments to our Bylaws. The following Bylaws changes will be voted upon at the April Meeting. A "standing draft" copy of the existing bylaws follows:

Articles I, II, and III, no changes proposed.

Article IV: addition of 4.4 "Members remain in good standing for 30 days after expiration of membership."

Article V: change 5.3 to read "A quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting shall be 5 members, or 2/3 (two-thirds) the membership, whichever is the smaller number."

Article V: addition of 5.4 "All meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order."

Article VI: change 6.1 election month from "April" to "May".

Article VI: addition to 6.4 secretary's duties "shall file legal papers and reports".

Article VII: change 7.1 nominations dates from March plus 15 days to

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"commencing at the April meeting and closing at the May meeting".

Article VIII : no changes.

Article IX: 9.1 - OK 9.2 OK

Article IX: 9.3 propose replacing entire 9.3 to the following:

" 9.3 Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after making provision for the payment of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Law)."

The above changes are geared to reconcile our organization with current reality and legal necessity, if we are to successfully acquire tax-exempt status under 501 (c) (3) of Internal Revenue Code. Your Board of Directors has tackled a large and overdue body of paperwork to support our efforts to become a recognized non-profit corporation, please support them at the April Meeting. Thanks.

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