

GUISBOROUGH MODEL FLYING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

TITLE

The name of the club shall be Guisborough Model Flying Club

OBJECTIVES

- To assist members in improving their flying standards, and strict observance of Club rules in regard of safety.
- To improve facilities for the sport, education and construction of model aircraft flying for the benefit of the members and community of East Cleveland.
- To encourage social activities within the club.
- To affiliate to the National Governing Body, the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers trading as the British Model Flying Association (BMFA), promoting their policies, guidelines and rules.

MEMBERSHIP

Persons wishing to join the club will be **Probationary Members** for the first twelve months. Full membership at the committee's discretion will follow, subject to a satisfactory probationary period having been served.

The Club membership period is from 1st January to 31st December each year. Club fees are set at the AGM in December.

Ordinary Membership. There shall be two classes of ordinary membership, viz., **Senior and Junior**. Persons over eighteen years of age seeking membership shall be required to seek **Senior** membership: persons aged eighteen years or under at the time of joining, or who are undergoing full-time education, will be classed as **Junior** members for the remainder of the Club year.

Honorary Membership. Honorary membership may be awarded at the discretion of the committee and will be announced at the AGM.

Social Membership. Social membership shall be offered to non-flying persons who may or may not wish to be members organising social events for the Club throughout the year.

Members who gain BMFA membership through another club will be required to provide proof of same before Club subscriptions will be accepted, and shall be deemed **Country Members**.

Persons joining the Club will agree to be bound by the terms of the Club Constitution.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscriptions shall be determined by the AGM.

The accepted subscription shall constitute the Club fee plus the BMFA membership fee. Reduced fees, for new members only, joining after August 30 will be at the discretion of the Committee.

OFFICIALS

The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four other adult members.

The Committee shall be responsible for the running of the Club, and in particular shall have the power either to refuse membership to any applicant or initiate action that may lead to the suspension or termination of membership of any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, could in any way jeopardise the safe and/or harmonious operation of the Club and its activities or relationships between individual members thereof.

The Committee shall retire each year at the Annual General Meeting, but any member may be elected again. The new Committee shall be elected either by a show of hands or by written vote.

A Committee Meeting cannot take place unless there are at least four Committee Members present.

PROCEDURE FOR DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

When the Committee considers dismissing a member for conduct unbecoming of their position as a responsible club member the following procedure will be followed:

- A. The member will be given a verbal warning by an authorised committee member in which the member is made aware of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- B. If the member does not respond, he will be given a written warning by an authorised member of the committee to advise him of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- C. If he still fails to respond, the committee will invite him in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his membership.
- D. If he still fails to respond to reasoning or fails to attend without reasonable cause, the committee may advise him in writing that his membership has been withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision has been reached. His Club membership fee will be returned.
- E. When the member is advised of withdrawal of his membership he will be given the right to appeal. If he opts to appeal this will be to the club membership at an EGM, which the committee will call on his behalf at a previously agreed date and time.

In the case of gross misconduct, elements "A" or "A" and "B" may be omitted but this will only be for exceptional circumstances and advice will be sought from the BMFA HQ in these instances.

COMMITTEE

Business. The elected Committee shall manage the business of the Club.

Flying sites. The Club Committee and members shall be responsible for implementing and maintaining "Flying Site Rules", which shall be binding on all members operating on any site under the control of the Club.

Quorum. A quorum of any meeting shall consist of a majority of the committee members including co-opted members. The Chairman shall have the casting vote in any unresolved business.

Frequency of Meetings. The committee shall endeavour to meet each month, one week before the Club meeting to attend to Club matters.

INDEMNITY

The Club will ensure that appropriate third party public and civil liability indemnity cover is maintained to provide indemnity to committee members who become engaged in activities on behalf of the Club, which could include being involved in court proceedings. The Club will take advice and follow the recommendations of the BMFA, in this respect, as that Organisation provides committee liability indemnity cover as a feature of its Club Affiliation process.

In the event of the committee member being awarded damages or costs in the course of the proceedings taken by him in his representative capacity, then such damages or costs will become the property of the Club and not the committee member personally, and forthwith, upon receipt by the committee member, that member will pay them to the Club treasurer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

An Annual General Meeting shall take place in December each year, for which fourteen days notice will be given. Nominations for elected positions must be received (Proposed, Seconded and duly signed) and announced at the close of business at the club meeting prior to the AGM. The AGM shall consider the reports of the Elected Officers and Auditor (who shall not be a committee member), and elect or re-elect Officers and an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Voting. Each ordinary member shall be entitled to one vote

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General meeting may be called by the Committee. The Chairman or Secretary shall publish a date, with a list of items to be discussed, at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by not less than 10% of the members by way of a written request to the committee signed by the said 10% with a list of items to be discussed at least twenty-eight days before the date of the meeting.

If a request for a meeting is made in accordance with the above paragraph and this meeting is not called within twenty eight days of the request, the requisitioners may themselves convene an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving twenty eight days written notice to all members, setting out a list of all items to be discussed. Any resolutions passed at this meeting shall in effect be as though passed by the committee.

DISSOLUTION and WINDING-UP of the CLUB

In the event that any circumstances arise which would cause the Club to cease its activities then an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be called. Six weeks notice of this meeting shall be given in writing to ALL paid up members.

The meeting shall consider the situation and if 75% of those present vote in favour of the motion then the Club will immediately cease its activities.

After all outstanding liabilities have been settled the balance of the funds remaining will be offered to a named charity or charities. The chosen charities are to be reviewed every five years and agreed by the membership at their Annual General Meeting.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

The constitution can only be changed if two thirds of paid-up members at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, or Annual General Meeting vote in favour of changing it.

This Constitution was approved by members of the Guisborough Model Club on 5th April 2004.

Signed (Chairman) (Secretary)

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