

## CONSTITUTION

The clauses of the constitution of the Club contained herein were agreed by a majority vote of the committee. The rules of the Club contained in Annex A, may be amended by a majority vote of the committee. These agreed clauses and rules are binding on ALL Members of the Club.

## CLAUSE

### 1. CLUB AFFILIATION

1.1. The Club is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association (BMFA).

1.2. The BMFA Club Affiliation Number is 2444.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

2.1. The title of "Member" of the Club applies to those persons who operate radio controlled flying models of all types.

2.2. Two classes of "Member" shall exist; Full Member and Junior Member

2.2.1. "Full Member" is open only to a person age 18 years and over.

2.2.3 "Family Membership" is a set membership fee applicable to member and spouse and may include one child, where each must have BMFA insurance. The member and spouse are therefore both full members and the child is a junior member. The junior membership fee is separately applicable for each and every other child.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP IDENTITY

3.1. ALL Members shall be registered with the club and a copy of members shall be kept by all committee members but no membership cards will be issued to individual members.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### 4.1. FULL MEMBERSHIP

4.1.1. Application for membership shall be in writing from the applicant addressed to the club secretary.(North Notts MFC provides a form for this purpose)

4.1.2. Applications for new membership will be considered by the committee at committee meetings.

4.1.3. Membership may be terminated if in the opinion of the committee, the Member has not satisfactorily supported the club's activities.

4.1.4. The committee shall be empowered to expel any Member considered to have infringed the constitution or rules or who, in the opinion of the committee, is guilty of misconduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club in particular, or the hobby in general. Any person expelled from the club would not be entitled to a refund of membership

4.1.5. Application to renew a lapsed membership will be considered for renewal only at the next meeting held by the committee. Only in special extenuating circumstances will a membership be renewed before the next committee meeting.

#### 4.2. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

4.2.1. Junior membership is open only to persons under 18 years of age supervised by a Full Member.

4.2.2. Junior Members become Full Members on attaining the age of 18 years.

4.2.3. Junior Members are bound by the rules applicable to Full Members regarding insurance and conduct on the airfield.

### 5. GENERAL

5.1. The committee shall be empowered to set a maximum number for Full membership of the Club.

5.2. A joining fee for new members or a fine for late payment of fees may be imposed at the discretion of the committee.

### 6. MANAGEMENT

#### 6.1. AUTHORITY

6.1.1 The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club and for its management, shall be controlled by the committee which, in addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred on it by the "constitution and rules of the Club", may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the object for which the Club is established.

## 6.2. COMMITTEE

6.2.1. The committee consists of seven Full Members; Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Two Safety Representatives and Two full members. The Founder committee shall remain in office, subject to termination of office by resignation.

6.2.2. A founder committee member may be voted off the committee by a majority vote of all other (6) founder members if the majority feel that a founder member's action's or inaction's are prejudicial to the running and good management of the club.

6.2.3. A full member elected by the founder committee members to replace a previous founder member shall be deemed to be a founder member.

6.2.4. The committee shall have the power to co-opt other Full Members onto the committee as they deem necessary to fill positions for specific tasks associated with promotion of the Club.

6.2.5. Four committee Members shall be required to form a quorum.

## 7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

7.1. The annual subscription rate shall be stated at the AGM.

7.1.1. The Club year shall run from 1 January in any year to 31st December of the same year.

7.3. Subscriptions become due 1st January each year. Members wishing to continue membership in the following year shall forward the subsequent year's fees to the Membership secretary. Subscriptions are to be received by the membership secretary before the end of January in that year.

7.3.1. If subscriptions are not received by the end of January, membership will have deemed to have lapsed and a new application for membership will be required.

7.3.2. Any new membership commencing between the 1st January and the 30th August shall be deemed to attract the Full subscription rate for that year.

7.3.3. Any new membership commencing on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July will be entitled to a reduction of 50% or 75% on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## 8. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

8.1. The purpose of the meeting shall be to inform members of changes and future developments and to listen to the views and suggestions of the members so that they may be considered by the committee.

8.1.1. Notice of the meeting is to be distributed in such a manner as to reasonably ensure receipt by the members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.

### 8.2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.2.1. The annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held in November of each year and shall carry out the following:

Receive Chairman's report on the Club's activities.

Receive Secretary's report on membership matters.

Receive Treasurer's statement on subscriptions.

Deal with any other items on the agenda.

### 8.3. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

8.3.1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the committee only.

### 8.4 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

8.4.1 Upon dissolution of the club subject to clause 8.4.2 any assets remaining after the club's liabilities have been discharged shall be donated to the BMFA

8.4.2 The founder committee reserve the right to keep the club bank account intact and not release funds for a period of up to one year in the case of loss of flying site, in order that a new field may be found.

ANNEX A to the constitution of NNMFC  
RULES OF THE CLUB

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE FLYING SITE

- 1.1. Guests are not permitted at the flying site except when accompanied by their introducing Member. A Guest has the option to fly at the field a maximum of 3 times before he or she applies to become a full member.
- 1.2. Members shall enter and leave the flying site and proceed to the agreed flying area only by the agreed route.
- 1.3. Any gate which has to be opened for vehicle access and egress should be immediately closed again behind the vehicle.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. The club cannot be held responsible for any loss, injury or damage to Members or their property or to third parties for any reason whatsoever.
- 2.2. Full Members, shall accept responsibility for the observation of all Club rules by Guests who accompany them at the flying site.
- 2.3 Pets are not allowed on the flying site except under special circumstances with agreement of the committee in which case the owner takes full responsibility for the actions of their pet and is to ensure full control at all times.
- 2.4 Members will be required to cease all flying activities if requested to do so by the landowner, his agent or any member of the committee.
- 2.5 Every member is responsible for his own safety and for the safety of any other person including members of the general public who may be present or within the flying area.
- 2.6 No litter or crash debris of any kind shall be left on site by any person at any time.
- 2.7 NNMFC operates on a working farm and it is the responsibility of all members to ensure the safety of farm employees, livestock, vehicles, buildings and equipment. Due care whilst driving through the farm area, the closing of gates and due regard to farm operations etc must be observed at all times.

3 CARING FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS AND CHILDREN (minor's)

- 3.1 Parents/guardians have prime responsibility to care for and supervise their children.
  - 3.1.1 Responsibility for junior club members and other children is shared between the parents/guardians and the club members
- 3.2 No senior member is to be expected to assume prime responsibility for any junior/child unless they have been specifically requested to do so by the parents/legal guardian. Requesting and acceptance of prime responsibility by a member for any junior/child should not be taken lightly be either the parent/legal guardian or the member. A long standing relationship of trust should exist between the parent/legal guardian and the member concerned. A written agreement between the parent/legal guardian and the member assuming prime responsibility signed by the parent/legal guardian and the member should be lodged with the club secretary. The member concerned then assumes prime responsibility for the junior member in the absence of the parent/legal guardian.
- 3.3 Junior members and other children must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. The level of supervision is to be commensurate with the juniors age, maturity, capabilities and levels of experience..
  - 3.3.1 Should any member discover a junior/child is unsupervised they must assume responsibility for the junior/child's safety in the first instance. The situation should then be rectified as soon as possible by seeking out the junior member's parent/guardian or the nominated member responsible for them. Any incidence of such occurrence is to be reported to the club committee as soon as possible.
- 3.4 A junior member/child is defined as being under 18 years of age but particular care must be taken with the supervision of children under the age of 14 years. A responsible adult is defined as primarily the parent/ legal guardian or a senior member having assumed prime responsibility as detailed in 3.2.2. or any member assuming responsibility for the safety of a child.
- 3.5 All minors must be kept clear of the landing and take off area's (unless flying under supervision) and must be kept under proper control at all times.
- 3.6. Whilst supervising children, senior members should be aware of the requirements of The Children Act (1989) and avoid placing themselves in a position that could be open to misinterpretation or question.

#### 4. INSURANCE

4.1. All Members will be insured through BMFA (reference Constitution clause 1.1).

4.2. A valid insurance certificate must be produced if requested by any Full Member during attendance at the flying site

#### 5. NOISE LIMITATIONS

5.1. Effective silencers must be fitted to all engines such that any noise produced by the model meets, or is preferably lower than, the level recommended by the Department of the Environment Code of Practice (as of the date of this Annex) has been identified by the BMFA as 82dB(A) at 7m.

5.2. In the event of a model complying with the above being considered too noisy by any Member, a jury of three other Members is to be elected by and from those Members present to decide on the action to be taken.

#### 6. MODEL TYPE LIMITATIONS

6.1. Control line flying is not permitted.

6.2. Free flight is not permitted.

#### 7. FLYING TIMES & LIMITATIONS

7.1 Flying times shall be between 09:30 a.m. to dusk on Monday to Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to dusk on Sunday, or at the discretion of the committee. This restriction does not apply to gliders and electric powered models

#### 8. CLUB PROPERTY

8.1. Club property may be used only by Members and only for club purposes.

#### 9. OPERATION OF RADIO CONTROL EQUIPMENT

9.1. Operation of radio control equipment

Operation of radio control equipment is not permitted from any place other than the agreed model flying area unless the use of a bungee is required, in which case prior agreement has been sought by all those present on the day and no other person is using the same frequency.

9.2. Frequency Allocation

9.2.1. No member shall fly on any other frequency than the specific frequency allocated to the member unless by exceptional circumstances and in agreement with all present.

9.2.2. No member shall operate any radio transmitter on any 35 MHz frequency below channel 72 at any time during normal club operations. I.e. at all times with the exception of organised shows and events where the representatives of the contest glider fraternity have been given prior notification and agreement has been reached.

9.2.3. The frequency control monitoring system in force at the time should be used whenever any radio control equipment is operated on 35 MHz or 2.4 GHz

#### 10. FLYING of MODEL AIRCRAFT (all types including helicopters)

10.1. Model aircraft shall be flown only from the agreed area except when as described in clause 9.1

10.2. Model aircraft shall be operated well away from any building and dwelling.

10.3. Flying of model aircraft by an under 16 years of age Junior Member is permitted only in the presence of a Full Member.

10.4. Full Members are empowered to request evidence of a valid certificate of insurance from any Member actively engaged in model flying at the flying site. Failure to produce such evidence is considered to be a breach of Rule 3, and in such circumstances the said Member must not continue with flying activity until evidence of insurance cover is demonstrated.

10.5 The BMFA handbook should be read and understood by all members. BMFA guidelines and codes of practice should be followed at all times.

10.6. No driving on, or loading or unloading of cars shall take place on the flying strip, only in the designated car parking area.

10.7. Do not over-fly any buildings, dwellings or public roads at any time.

10.8 Be aware of farm operations, the movements of farm and members vehicles and farm animals.

10.9 Be aware of the presence and location of contest glider flyers, their aircraft and any other persons in the area and avoid over-flying in their general area.

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These rules have been reviewed, amended and approved by the current full committee on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008