

Redruth and District Model Flying Club

Constitution

Article 1 - Terms of reference

The Redruth and District Model Flying Club is governed by the terms and conditions stated in this constitution, dated December 2008, amended December 2011, 2012, and 2014. The provisions stated in this document replace any and all previous terms, conditions and rules of governance. This constitution can only be considered for change at an Annual General Meeting, hereafter called an AGM or Emergency General Meeting hereafter called an EGM. Rules governing flying operations and field activities can be changed by the committee, but will be ratified at an AGM or EGM.

Article 2 - Name and purpose

The name of the club shall be, The Redruth and District Model Flying Club, hereafter referred to as the club. The aim of the club is to encourage and promote the practice of flying and building radio controlled model aircraft.

Article 3 - Status and finance

The club is wholly owned and run by its members and is a non-profit making organisation but reserves the right to raise funds through membership fees, demonstrations and public exhibitions, and other activities, in order to finance its operation. The club will not be liable for the payment of equipment or services, purchased in its name unless permission has previously been give by the committee.

The clubs financial year will end on the 31st October, with half year audit on the 30Th April. Club accounts will be audited and reports given at the AGM. This will be supported by a balance sheet and appropriate bank statements.

Article 4 - Affiliations and liabilities

The club is affiliated to British Model Flying Association, hereafter referred to as BMFA. All members/ persons wishing to fly at our club, are required to belong to the BMFA, either through this club / another club / or as country members. This ensures the Club is covered by the BMFA insurance scheme, details of which are given in the current BMFA handbook. Any member having an accident which may become the subject of an insurance claim must notify the committee as soon as possible.

Article 5 - Structure

The AGM will be held on the first Monday in December, and conducted via an agenda. Current Members will be notified via e-mail or letter where no e-mail is available, with a list of candidates wishing to stand for any of the five statutory committee posts. Members wishing to stand must inform the secretary in writing by the 7th of November. Proposers and seconders will be required on the day. Members wishing to stand for any committee post must not be on the committee of any other model flying club. Full members of good standing within the club may stand for election of, Chairman / Vice-Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer and Event Secretary. The committee will be responsible for appointing as many other posts as necessary, including the post of President, and determining its status. The term of any post will be twelve months, running from the AGM. No committee member may sit for more than 3 years in their existing post. In the event that no suitable candidate wishes to put them selves forward to fulfil the role of an outgoing committee member who has reached his/her maximum tenure, the existing member may continue (if he/she so wishes) for one year until the next AGM.

Article 6 - Responsibilities

The elected committee will be responsible for the day to day running of the club, its finances, policy decisions, competitions, and the setting up of sub committees, to run special events. Should the elected committee fall below the required number of five, the remaining committee have the power to co-opt a member of good standing to fill that place until the next AGM.

Article 7 - Operation

Committee meetings will be held as and when required. A quorum of five committee members will be statutory. The monthly members meeting will take the following format. Meetings held on the first Monday of March, June and September will be formal general minuted meetings, the December meeting will be the AGM. Meetings held in other months, may or may not be officially minuted, and can be for any club activity including, the public display, competition arrangements, sub committees, guest speakers, demonstrations and social events. The elected committee can call an EGM. An agenda for this meeting and its time and date must be circulated to all members. Members can also call an EGM. An agenda with the signed names of at least 20% of the currant full members, must be submitted to the committee. The called EGM must be held within 21 days. Each full member is entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy. Proxy votes will be allowed at both AGM and EGM meetings.

Article 8 - Winding up

Should it be necessary for the club to be wound up, an EGM will be called. Members will vote on the closing motion. Should the motion be approved, the committee, after discharging all the clubs financial liabilities, will distribute the remaining financial assets of the club, to charities as determined by the members present at that meeting. All physical assets will be sold and monies from that sale will also be given to the named charities. After this event, the club will be deemed to have been wound up, and all forgoing liabilities discharged.

Article 9 - Membership

Membership will be through a completed approved membership form that will be submitted to the committee. There will be the following categories of membership. Full member Honorary member (Full membership no fee) Junior member, (under 16). Associate member. Associate membership will be reviewed and considered on a yearly basis. Only full members have voting rights. Club membership fees will be set at the AGM.. There will be a joining fee for new members. The acceptance of an application shall be by simple majority vote of the committee, which may accept or reject any application without giving reasons. The committee may also grant visiting BMFA members temporary use of our site. The committee will determine, on a case by case basis, if a fee is applicable. Membership application by under 16 year olds must have a parents or guardians signature. It is a condition of membership that members accept and abide by the constitution and rules of the club.

Renewal subscriptions are due and payment should be made on or before the next January meeting after which time the member will be deemed to have resigned. If they subsequently apply to rejoin after this period, a joining fee, the same as for new membership will apply.

Article 10 - Grievance procedure

The committee reserve the right to terminate membership after due process, which will include a verbal and written warning, and will be given for behaviour likely to be prejudicial to the good name of the club, and or, consistent transgressions of the flying and safety rules, abusive or disruptive behaviour. It will be in the gift of the committee to allow the member to resign. No refund of fees will be made. Any subsequent re-application, or renewal of membership after verbal or written warnings, dismissal proceedings, or unreasonable conduct, will be considered by the committee on its merit at the time.

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