

Warwick Model Flyers Club Constitution

1) Title

The Club shall be known as “Warwick Model Flyers”, hereafter called “The Club”, the official address of which shall be that of the Secretary.

2) Aims.

The aims of The Club shall be the promotion, protection, organisation and encouragement of model aircraft building and flying, and the development and introduction of new members to the sport.

3) Membership

- a) Membership of The Club shall be open to any person provided that a vacancy exists, that they have been sponsored and seconded by fully paid up members and their nomination agreed by the Committee.
- b) Members must abide by the Constitution and rules of The Club.
- c) Members wishing to fly models at the Club’s official flying site at xxxxx¹ must, before flying there, be fully paid up members of the B.M.F.A.
- d) Honorary membership may be issued at the discretion of the Committee but will be deemed to be in a non-voting capacity.
- e) Membership of The Club shall be deemed to have ceased following notification from the Secretary after, either:
 - i) receipt of a written notice of resignation from the member.
 - ii) failure to pay necessary subscriptions before the due date.
 - iii) any behaviour considered by the Committee to be seriously in breach or prejudicial to the aims and/or interests of The Club.

4) Subscriptions

- a) Subscription classes shall be:
 - Junior Member – 12 to 17 years.
 - Senior Member – 18 years and over.
- b) Subscription rates shall not be adjusted except at an A.G.M. or E.G.M.
- c) Subscriptions and any monies due to The Club shall be paid directly to the Treasurer.

5) Financial Year

The financial year shall commence on the first of January and annual profit and loss accounts and balance sheet will be prepared and presented to The Club at the A.G.M. in December.

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6) Auditing the Club Finances

- a) Auditing shall normally be the responsibility of The Club Treasurer.
- b) An independent audit may be requested by any four fully paid up members of the Club by giving fourteen days' notice in writing, to the Club Secretary, stating their wish and reasons.
- c) Results of audits shall be given to The Club at the A.G.M.

7) The Club Committee

- a) The Club Committee shall consist of six members and three officers, namely, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b) All Committee Members shall be fully paid up members of The Club, except where The Committee deems it beneficial to The Club to co-opt a non-member in an advisory capacity only.
- c) Officers and Committee Members shall be elected annually at the A.G.M. Should an Officer resign an E.G.M. shall be called to elect a replacement.
- d) Candidates for all committee posts shall be proposed and seconded only by fully paid up members of The Club, no later than four weeks prior to the A.G.M.
- e) Committee meetings shall be held as business demands, a quorum of five members being required.
- f) The term of office of all Committee Members shall terminate at the next A.G.M.
- g) The Committee is empowered to carry out all normal business connected with The Club.
- h) The Committee has no power to alter the Constitution, other than within the procedures laid down in section 8.

8) Meetings

- a) An A.G.M. shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year.
- b) Notice of an A.G.M, together with an agenda, shall be circulated not less than twenty- eight days before the meeting.
- c) The quorum of an A.G.M. or an E.G.M. shall consist of not less than twenty members, including five Committee Members.
- d) Business at an A.G.M. shall be confined to, Apologies, Minutes of the previous A.G.M, Officers' Reports, Circulated Agenda, Proposals received relative to section 8, and the election of Officers and Committee Members.
- e) Any four members can call an E.G.M. to discuss any matter. At least fourteen days' notice must be given in writing to all Club Members by the members calling the meeting. Such notification shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- f) Committee meetings shall be held as required, with a minimum of six per annum. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall consist of a minimum of five Committee members.
- g) At a Committee meeting a majority shall decide resolutions put forward. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- h) In the event of a quorum for an A.G.M. or E.G.M. not being secured within thirty minutes from the time the meeting was called, the meeting shall be adjourned for

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seven days, and if no quorum were present at the adjourned meeting it shall proceed to conduct the business.

9) **General**

- a) The Club rules and procedures form part of The Club Constitution. Copies of these rules form part of The Club Constitution. Copies of these will be issued to each member when they join The Club, but may be obtained at any time on request.

10) **Recovery of Money Due**

- a) Any monies due to The Club shall be recoverable legally in the name of the Secretary.

11) **Dissolution of The Club**

- a) The Club shall only be dissolved after a majority of at least 5/6ths has passed resolution of the members at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering such dissolution. In the event of dissolution, any balance of cash remaining in hand, after realisation of assets, and payment of debts, shall be handed over to a cause of charity to be selected at the meeting.

12) **Children and Vulnerable Adult Membership**

- a) The Club will operate a policy within the B.M.F.A. Child Protection Policy in accordance with the Children Act 1989. Junior Members (anyone under the age of 18 years) may only use The Club to fly provided they are accompanied by either, a Parent/Guardian, or an adult authorised in writing by the Parent/Guardian to accompany the Junior Member to and from the flying field and supervise their flying.
- b) Club Instructors who teach and supervise Junior Members will have CRB clearance through the B.M.F.A. and will be registered with The Club.
- c) Parents/Guardians of Junior Members will be sent a policy letter on joining or renewal of membership until the member reaches the age of 18 years.