

Lydd Model Flying Club

BMFA Affiliated Club No. 750

CONSTITUTION

As of 11/10/2007

Constitution 1 Name.

The name of the club shall be the **lydd model flying club**, hereinafter referred to as the “club”.

2 Objects.

The committee shall act with the assistance of the members to achieve the following objects:

1. To promote the activities associated with controlled model aircraft flight.
2. To operate as an affiliated club of the British Model Flying Association.
3. To procure, retain and maintain a high quality site for model aircraft flying.
4. To hold and deal with the Clubs property in a responsible way.
5. To maintain and improve standards of safety and etiquette throughout the hobby.
6. To maintain and improve the public image of model aircraft flying.

3 Memberships

L.M.F.C. Positively encourages equal opportunities and welcomes membership applications from all members of society. L.M.F.C. is committed to a policy of acting fairly and impartially to all members and potential members regardless of age, sex, marital status, religion, race, colour, disability, nationality or ethnic origin.

Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objects of the club and paying the prescribed subscription, but the committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person.

1. Ordinary member: adults wishing to assist in the objects of the club and to take an active interest in club activities and in the maintenance of the club facilities.
2. Junior members: as (1) but under sixteen years of age on the 1st January in the new subscription year. Juniors shall pay a reduced subscription of 50% of the current applicable ordinary member’s subscription and can attend Club meetings but have no voting rights.
3. All new members should be proposed by two other club members.
4. All new members will have a probation period of one year, during which they have no voting rights as to the running of the club and rule changes affecting the club. After the years probation the committee has the sole decision whether or not He or She is suitable for full membership. The committee’s decision will be based on the feedback from the existing members.
5. Family member: as (1) but enrolling as an ordinary member.
6. Temporary member: visitors who fly may be granted temporary club membership for the day for the sole purpose of gaining access to a flying site. But must have B.M.F.A. insurance and must be invited not more than twice a year by any one member.

4 Composition of the club committee.

The club committee shall consist of the following officers:

1. The Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. The Secretary
4. The Treasurer

Any ordinary member of the club shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the committee.

The officers of the committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting for a period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

Changes of office shall be effective as from 1st January.

5 Functions of the committee.

1. The committee shall be responsible for the routine management of the club and for upholding its constitution & rules.
2. The committee may fill any vacancy in its number which may arise for the period of time up to the next annual general meeting.
3. The committee shall have the discretion to co-opt any club member to assist with the club activities, e.g. a junior representative.
4. Each committee member may have designated responsibility such as one of the following:
 - Organisation of the flying activities and site maintenance.
 - Organisation of training and achievement schemes.
 - Induction of new members.
 - Safety officers.

6 Ordinary meetings of the committee

1. Committee meetings shall be held as necessary.
2. A meeting shall be convened with a quorum of four committee members.

7 General meetings of the club

1. The annual general meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of December of each year.
2. Notices of motions for the annual general meeting must be received by the secretary by the 1st November.
3. The secretary shall notify members, at least ten days in advance of the time, date and place of general meeting stating the business to be conducted.
4. An Extra-Ordinary general meeting may only be called on the demand of at least 30% of the club members or by a resolution passed by the committee.
5. All voting at Annual or other general meetings shall be decided by a show of hands, if any member is not present will be classed as a NULL/VOID vote. Postal votes and a Ballot on matters of extreme importance may be lodged with the secretary in advance with prior agreement.

6. In the case of equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second casting vote.
7. New members do not have a vote until the end of their probation period.

8 Subscriptions

1. The annual club subscription shall be composed of the club fee and the B.M.F.A. fee; all new members will be subject to a joining fee.
2. The amount of the annual club subscription shall be fixed at the annual general meeting and an annual subscription notice shall be sent to members stating the amount payable.
3. Subscriptions are payable by the date shown on the annual subscriptions notice (31st December)
4. Membership cards shall be issued to members on receipt of the annual subscription.
5. Any member who has not paid his/her annual subscription by the 31st December shall be deemed to have resigned from the club and will need to apply for new membership plus a joining fee.

9 Finances and accounts

All monies received shall be deposited in the clubs bank or building society account. Cheques payable by the club shall be signed for by any two of the committee members. The financial year of the club shall end on 31st October after which the treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet detailing the transactions over the year and clearly showing the clubs financial situation.

Any monies left in the club account should at any time the club disband shall be donated to the Air ambulance charity.

10 Advertising

The club is not a commercial enterprise and should not be used for monetary gains. At no time will any member receive payment for instruction of new pilots any member found doing so will be asked to leave the club.

11 repeal of membership.

The club (through the instrument of the committee) shall have the right to expel any member of the club, for gross infringement of the clubs constitution or rules or for persistent misconduct. All decisions will be based on feedback from other members the club shall not refund membership fees for any reason whatsoever.

12 Disclaimers.

The club takes reasonable measures to promote safety and to ensure that members make sure that all aircraft are to a high standard of airworthiness and must not be flown if not. The club also ensures that all members are in possession of third party insurance and consequently the club cannot accept liability for death or injury or for damage to or loss of property under any circumstances.

13 Changes to the club constitution

The constitution shall come into effect on 1st January and shall continue in force until amended by the committee and voted in by the members at the annual general meeting. Changes to the club rules can only be made if all members have been notified of the proposed changes of the amendment. Changes that are not proposed on the agenda should be discussed at the next general meeting, unless it is to do with safety or maintenance of the field or mower.

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Please sign and return this slip to say that you have read and understood the constitution.

Print name:

Signature:

B.M.F.A. No:

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