

Dewsbury & District Model Aero Club Constitution
(Revised 14.12.2017)

The club shall be known as '**The Dewsbury & District Model Aero Club**'.

The principal aim of the club is to foster interest in all aspects of aero modelling in the Dewsbury area.

(a) Organisation

1. The Committee shall consist of 9 members including: - Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, and six others. All committee members can deputise for any of the committee positions, should the need arise. All the committee members will perform the roles of safety officer and noise monitor.

2. The election of the Committee shall take place at the A.GM.

3. Nominations for Committee positions should reach the Membership Secretary in writing at least four weeks prior to the AGM. although vacancies not filled by members so nominated can be filled by nominations at the AGM.

4. The club will appoint the approved club instructors at the AGM. Additional instructors may be added during the year, at the discretion of the committee. The club & the committee will consider all instructor appointments, based on the persons flying ability, attitude, experience, necessity and availability to carry out the role. All instructors must have a minimum of a BMFA 'A' certificate, for the type of aircraft being flown. Instructors who hold a BMFA 'A' helicopter certificate, will be allowed to supervise the flying of multi rotor models, without taking the separate multi rotor test. The club membership secretary will maintain a list, of club approved instructors.

5. The Committee will meet throughout the year as necessary.

6. The Quorum shall consist of five Committee Members. Decisions of the Committee shall be by majority of the Committee, present at the relevant meeting. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.

7. The Committee can sanction the purchase of equipment or other items of expenditure to the maximum of £500 (except for block insurance). Items above £500 must be approved by majority vote at a club meeting.

8. The Membership Secretary and Treasurer will submit reports to the AGM. The Accounts will be approved by two Committee members prior to the AGM. and copies made available to all members at the AGM.

9. Changes to the club rules or club constitution can be only be made at the AGM or at an EGM convened for that purpose.

10. Club Meetings will be held on a day and at a venue decided by the Committee.

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11. The AGM. will be held at the normal meeting in December. All members will be notified of the date of the AGM. and the business to be discussed in writing by the Membership Secretary at least 14 days beforehand.

12. The Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at any time by the Membership Secretary, at the request in writing of any member of the Committee or not less than 30% of the membership. The Membership Secretary will notify members in writing at least 14 days beforehand, and give reasons for calling the meeting. The reason for calling the EGM. must be stated in the letter of request to the Membership Secretary.

13. The Chairperson of the Committee will preside as Chairman of all Committee meetings, AGM's and EGM's. In his / her absence the Committee members present will nominate one of the member's present to chair the relevant meeting. The Chairperson of any meeting will have conduct of the meeting and his / her decisions on any matter of procedure will be final and binding.

Attendance at Club meetings, AGM's and EGM's shall only be open to Club members unless the Committee has agreed otherwise in advance.

(b) Club Membership

1. Club Membership normally runs from 1st January to 31st December.

2. Admission & annual renewal of Membership of the Club, is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

3. Prospective members, or expired members re-applying for membership, will be required, to complete a club membership application document, either in writing or via the online form. The documents are available on the club website, or from the membership secretary. The application will then be reviewed, and the applicant will be informed of the committee's decision to grant or refuse the application. The decision of the committee is final.

4. On joining the club a new member will be subject to a probationary period of twelve months. If during, or at the-end of this period, the Committee decides that the new member is not suitable for membership of the Club he / she will be notified accordingly. Membership will terminate immediately on notification and all Club joining fees and Annual membership fees paid will be refunded.

5. The Annual Membership Subscription rates (including any discounts) will be reviewed by the Committee from time to time and submitted for approval at an AGM.

6. All Club members are also required to hold BMFA membership. Members are encouraged to join the BMFA via the Clubs affiliation. Any members making other arrangements for BMFA membership must furnish proof of this, each year.

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7. Junior members are those who are not yet 18 on 1st January in any year, or are still in full time education (proof may be required).

9. Renewal of Club Membership and payment of the Annual Membership Fee will normally be at the AGM. in December for the forthcoming year. Any member not having renewed his membership by 1st January will be deemed to have left the Club and will not be allowed to fly at the Club field.

10. Becoming a member of the Club constitutes agreement to abide by this constitution and the Flying Field Rules (both as varied or amended from time to time).

(c) Disciplinary Issues

1. Due to the potential safety and noise implications of our activities at the Club's flying field it is essential that members abide by the Clubs Flying Field Rules. In the case of persistent infringement of the Clubs Flying Field Rules by a Club Member, the following disciplinary procedure will be adopted: -

(a) The verbal warning from a Committee Member, confirmed in writing by the Secretary. This warning will remain in effect for 6 months.

(b) Further infringements will then elicit a written warning from the Committee. This warning will remain in effect for 12 months.

(c) In the event of further offences, the Committee will have the right, in its sole discretion, to expel the member from the club.

2. The Committee has the right, in its sole discretion, to expel any member, or refuse membership, to any person who has been involved in conduct which, in the Committees opinion is likely to be injurious to the character, interests or reputation of the Club.

3. Expulsion of any member will only take place after the member has been given the opportunity to answer, at a Committee meeting, any allegations laid against him / her.

(d) Dissolution of the Club

Should it be considered necessary or desirable to dissolve the Club, the Committee will call an Extraordinary General Meeting. Members present at the meeting, will decide by majority vote of the members present, on how to dispose of the club's assets and cash, after the payment/settlement of any outstanding debts or liabilities.