

SCOTTISH AIRSPORTS CLUB - CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The name of this organisation shall be the Scottish Airsports Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club), and it is affiliated to and bound by the rules of the BMAA Association.

2 PURPOSE

a) To create and promote interest in, and to advance and encourage the understanding and enjoyment of light aviation sport flying including:- hang gliding, paragliding, aerotowing, foot launched powered aircraft, microlight flying, and other light aviation flying.

b) To provide facilities to enable participation in a broad spectrum of aviation disciplines.

c) To encourage local and national participation from all members of the community.

d) To exchange knowledge and ideas, to foster and develop safety and airmanship.

e) To assist members in obtaining flying skills, knowledge, and experience and to encourage and maintain high flying standards.

e) The club is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standards. All individuals involved in the Club should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner.

3 MEMBERSHIP & FEES

a) Membership is open to all, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, and the Club is committed to equal opportunities. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

b) Membership dues are paid yearly in advance and will be agreed at the AGM. The membership year runs from the 1st February each year.

c) Membership categories are formed on a non-discriminatory and fair basis and the Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. They are as follows:

Full Flying/Airfield yearly member - £50

covers use of airfield and facilities and free landings, but not hangarage for one year.

Temporary Flying/Airfield daily member - £5

covers use of the airfield and facilities (but not hangarage) for a single day use for visiting pilots e.g. hang glider, microlight, FLPA, paragliders or light aircraft.

Associate yearly member - £5

open to anyone interested in activities of the sports club whether a non-pilot, or pilot
- may attend events and receive newsletters.

Honorary Members - no subscription

Thornhill Airfield owners.

d) Acceptance of membership binds the applicant to observe the Constitution and the Scottish Airsports Lease Agreement with the Thornhill Airfield owners.

e) Each member will be bound to further to the best of his or her ability the objects and interests of the Club, and will undertake not to bring or join in any action claim or other proceedings against the Club, its officers, or members on account of their bona fide actions, not contrary to the Constitution and carried out in the course of fulfilling the Club's objects.

f) The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

g) All members of the Scottish Aerotow Club which is affiliated to and operates from the same facilities as the Scottish Airsports Club, must be members of the Scottish Airsports Club.

4 MANAGEMENT

a) Management of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of:

Chairman

Treasurer (incl. Membership)

Secretary (Newsletter and Events)

Safety officer

The Committee must also always include a representative from 1 - Easter Poldar Farm/ Thornhill Airfield, and a representative from 2 - the Scottish Aerotow Club. These will only be

extra Committee members if they are not already represented in the core committee.

b) The Committee shall be trustees ex officio of the Club, and will deal with all matters relating to the Club not reserved to a General Meeting, including making and enforcing such bye-laws as the Committee feel necessary to govern the activities of the Club.

5 GENERAL MEETINGS

a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during December, January, or February to:

- i. Receive the Chairman's Annual Report
- ii. Receive the Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts.
- iii. Elect the Committee.
- iv. Agree annual membership fees.
- v. Approve an independent person to check the Accounts (not a Committee member).
- vi. Consider changes to the Constitution.
- vii. Review and consider any Bye-laws.
- viii. Discuss any other relevant business.

b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, on a decision of a majority of its members, or if an application has been received in writing by the Secretary, supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The business discussed at the EGM will be limited to that specified to members in the notice of the meeting.

c) For both AGM's and EGM's:

- At least 14 days notice of the meeting and Agenda shall be given to all members, all of whom will be entitled to attend and vote.

- The quorum at General Meetings shall be 20% of the members and the quorum for Committee Meetings shall be three out of the four Committee members.

- All resolutions, except those changing the Constitution, shall be decided on a simple majority vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

- A proposal for changes to the Constitution shall be signed by two members and submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall circulate the proposal to all members and allow seven days for submission of any amendments before calling a meeting in accordance with rule 5c) above.

6 FINANCE

a) The financial year shall run from 1st November to 31st October each year, and the Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the Club's Annual Accounts.

b) The Accounts shall be certified by an appropriate independent person elected annually at the AGM.

c) All cheques drawn against the Club's funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated Committee member.

d) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

e) The Club is non-profit making. All surplus income or profits shall be re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets shall be distributed to members or third parties.

f) The Club can enter into agreements with members for the supply to the Club of goods or services, or employ and pay remuneration to staff who are also members of the Club providing the terms are approved by the Club Committee (without the member concerned being present) and are on an arm's length basis.

7 DISSOLUTION

If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any remaining assets, these shall be given or transferred to another registered Community Amateur Sports Club, a registered charity, or the sport's governing body.