

# ***BLACKPOOL & FYLDE RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL SOCIETY***

## ***CONSTITUTION AND RULES***

1. The Society shall be called the Blackpool & Fylde Radio Controlled Model Society, hereafter called "The Society"
2. The objects of the Society shall be:
  - A. To further the development of radio controlled model aircraft throughout the Blackpool & Fylde area.
  - B. Encourage a Club where the majority of members actively participate in all aspects of Model Flying.
  - C. Maintain a Club where safety comes first.
  - D. Always look forward and welcome new ideas and technologies.
  - E. Continue to actively look to the future and consider all options and possibilities with the aim to build on the clubs assets and location.
3. The Society will endeavour to improve its flying facilities by way of raising funds to pay for continuous improvement of the flying site, also to improve family friendly facilities. **These funds will be held in a committee agreed bank or building society account and any interest gained will be added to the funds for the above use. There must be at least two agreed signatures to draw on these funds.**
4. The officers of the Society shall consist of:-

Chairman,	Hon Secretary,	Hon Treasurer,
Vice Chairman,	Membership Secretary	Events Secretary,

One of these officers shall be elected as "Safety Officer". This role would normally be performed by the most suitability-qualified officer to carry out the task.

Additionally four Executive Committee members shall be elected, one of whom will serve as Press Officer.

The Society will also select a News Letter editor who may be ex officio.

## 5 Membership

- a) Membership shall be open to all members of the public
  - b) Membership shall become effective upon receipt and acceptance of the appropriate subscription
  - c) The senior membership shall be limited at the discretion of the committee
  - d) There shall be no limit on junior membership.
  - e) A junior member shall become a senior on reaching 18 years of age
  - f) A membership card will be issued to each member
  - g) A copy of the constitution/club and flying field rules shall be displayed on the club notice board
  - h) New senior members will be required to pay a joining fee the value of which will be decided by the Executive Committee.
  - i) Senior members who fail to renew their membership by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January in the membership year, render themselves liable to pay the joining fee in addition to the normal annual subscription.
  - j) Spouses and partners of senior members will automatically become honorary members of the club. Honorary members will have no flying privileges or voting rights at the AGM.
6. All members who intend to fly models, must be appropriately insured under an insurance scheme, which has been specifically approved by the Executive Committee.
7. The annual subscription will be recommended by the committee and proposed by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be voted on by the membership.
8. Subscriptions shall be due and payable on and from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January.
9. Membership of the society shall be terminated only under the following conditions:-
- F. A letter of resignation
  - G. Unanimous decision of the Executive Committee
10. The Joining Fee and the whole membership fee for new members shall be payable up to 31<sup>st</sup> August after which an escalating reduction of £10.00 per month will apply during each complete month thereafter, until 30<sup>th</sup> November. This will apply to full members only (ie a £10.00 reduction from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September; a £20.00 reduction from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October and a £30.00 reduction from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November). The whole Membership Fee and Joining Fee appropriate to the membership classification for any new members joining after the 1<sup>st</sup> December will be payable and will extend to the end of December in the following year. (The Joining Fee applies to Full Members only).

## 11. Annual General Meeting and election of officers

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the first meeting of the society, in the month of December for the purpose of:-

- A Passing the Treasurer's statement of accounts
- B Passing of the Secretary's report
- C Revision of rules and constitution if or when necessary
- D Election of officers and Executive Committee members
- E. Appointment of Auditors
- F. Annual report from the Safety Officer.

- 11.1 At the AGM all members, except social junior and honorary, will be allowed to vote and each member shall have one vote for each vacancy
- 11.2 The election of officials shall be by secret ballot. In the case of a tied vote lots will be drawn to decide the result.
- 11.3 The officers and committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 11.4 Nominations for office will be accepted in writing prior to the AGM and verbally at the AGM.
- 11.5 Rule and Constitution change proposals must be notified to the Secretary in writing not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in October.
- 11.6 In all matters relating to change or amendments of the rules and constitution, a two-thirds majority of members present and voting will be required to approve the change.
- 12. The Executive Committee or members at any general meeting may, if required appoint any number of ad-hoc Sub-Committees necessary for such a period or purpose as they think fit.
- 13. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to their committee for a period not exceeding one year or to the date of the next AGM, whichever shall be less.

## 14. General Meetings

- 14.1 Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to members at the next general meeting.
- 14.2 Where the Chairman of a meeting considers any matter before the meeting to be of a highly controversial nature, notwithstanding the carrying of a resolution that the matter to be put to the vote

forthwith, he may defer the vote until the next regular meeting so that all members may fully examine the matter. In that event, the matter shall be brought to the attention of all members by letter.

- 14.3 Where a member considers a matter, to be urgent, he is entitled to raise it as a matter in "any other business". The Chairman having regard to the provisions of rule 14.2 shall decide whether to put the matter to vote. The ruling of the Chairman of the meeting on the application of these rules is final.
- 15 Insurance claims must be submitted to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity and must be ratified by any 4 members of the Committee. Members will pay excess as decreed by the insurance company.
- 16 Visitors are welcome to attend one meeting but then must become members if they wish to continue attending.
- 17 If it is deemed by the Committee and membership that the club should be dissolved, any outstanding debts or grants must be repaid in full before any remaining assets are divided.
- 18 All remaining assets of the club will be passed to a local group with similar aims and objectives. If there is no group which in the opinion of the membership and committee fulfils the clubs aims, the remaining funds will be divided equally to all full paying members if they have had full membership for a period exceeding one year, excluding juniors and social.
- 19 The honorary post of President may be accepted by a person of distinction, who directly or indirectly will be of moral and/or material benefit to the Society and is accepted for such a post by the voting membership.
- 20 The process of annual renewal of membership will require all members to confirm, in writing, that they have read, understood and agree to abide by, the Society Constitution, and the latest issue of the Flying Field Rules.

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