

BUZZARD FLYING CLUB

Founded in 1977

CONSTITUTION OF THE BUZZARD FLYING CLUB

Issued January 2004

1. The Club shall be called The Buzzard Flying Club.
2. The Club membership shall be limited to 50.
3. The object of the Club is to provide a means of association with others interested in building and flying radio controlled and control-line model aircraft.
4. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be called to take place in December of each year. At this meeting the offices shall become vacant and the following Honorary Officers elected: - Chairman / Vice Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer.
5. In addition other officers may be elected as deemed necessary by those present. These officers will form the Club Committee and administer the Club business.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall determine the annual subscription. The membership shall consist of two classes; adult (aged 18 and above), having full voting rights, and juniors (below 18 years of age), not having voting rights.
7. A person may apply for membership only on the official membership form, and will be considered as a member only from the date his dues are paid. Membership renewal becomes due on 31st December. Members not renewing their subscription by 31st January each year will be deemed to have resigned from the Club.
8. A membership card will be issued to all members. Reduced subscriptions shall apply after 1st July.
9. New members will only be accepted who live within five miles of the Leighton/Linslade and flying field area.
10. The precise definition of this area to be at the discretion of the Secretary and one other Committee member.
11. New members joining the Club or those members who failed to rejoin by 31st January each year must pay a joining fee. This fee is to be determined at an Annual General Meeting.
12. A balance statement of Club finances shall be presented at the A.G.M.
13. The only formal committed meeting each year is the A.G.M. Other meetings will be held at the request of 4 or more members.
14. All members shall receive a copy of this constitution.
15. The cash assets shall be held in a bank account under the control of the Secretary/Treasurer. Two signatures will be required to withdraw funds.

16. Any member can be expelled from membership by a majority vote at any meeting. Notice of such a meeting must have been served on all members verbally and confirmed in writing.
17. In the event of winding up of the Club by a unanimous decision of the paid up members, all assets shall be offered for sale and the proceeds from the sale, together with all cash assets, shall be shared equally amongst the paid up members. Notice of a meeting at which winding up motions are to be discussed must be sent to all members by mail.
18. Any amendment to this constitution shall require a majority decision at the Annual General Meeting
19. All members who operate radio control equipment must conform to current legislation requirements. Members must be insured for public liability through the Club insurance
20. All models using i/c engines must be adequately silenced, and conform to the limits as laid down by the Code of Practice for model aircraft noise. Where noise levels are found to be above the limit the user must take such action as deemed necessary.
21. If the model in question has not been officially tested by the Club for noise limits, then a subjective test by committee members present at the field will be deemed to be in order before flying the model. In the event of a committee member advising the user that his/her engine is considered to be noisy, the user must take such action as required to satisfactorily reduce the noise level.
22. Potential new members are covered without charge for insurance purposes for up to 3 days. This is subject to committee approval and under supervision by a club member. There are no exceptions. Members are responsible to ensure that their guests comply with the rules of the club as laid down in the constitution. Failure to do so could make the member liable to loss of membership subject to a decision by the committee
23. All models must comply with the Air Navigation Order. Models above 20Kg are not permitted to fly at the club field.
24. The Buzzard Flying Club 'Day to Day Operating Rules' will be issued to all club members annually. These rules define the specific local operational rules for the flying of model aircraft at the Buzzard Flying Club.
25. The Buzzard Flying Club will operate within the current guidelines issued the BMFA.
26. This constitution has been approved by a majority vote at the A.G.M. held at The Village Swan, Ivinghoe Aston, on 21st December 2003.
27. This constitution replaces all previous constitutions.