



Club Constitution

Dear Member,

We extend a warm welcome to you from the *Avonvale Model Flying Club*, and hope that your membership is a long and enjoyable one.

We do not have many rules and regulations. However, due to the proximity to neighbours and adjacent road, these rules are for your and others safety and the Club's continuing existence.

We ask that you keep this document in a safe place and carefully read the accompanying "Club Flying Rules" (Club Handbook), thoroughly familiarising yourself with it. Included in the handbook is a diagram map, showing the location of our flying site, which is situated near the village of Broom.

Your Club is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association (BMFA). The Club requires that all members are also members of the BMFA or an alternative organisation that provides insurance equivalent to the BMFA, and/or approved by the club committee. You will appreciate therefore that each and every member is fully insured through an appropriate organisation. This will already have been dealt with at the time of your application for membership.

The BMFA Member's handbook is available online at <https://handbook.bmfa.uk> and this should also be carefully read, particularly in relation to all matters of safety. **It is a condition of joining that you are expected to have read both the BMFA and Club Handbooks and therefore able to fully comply with their requirements.**

The Flying site is available for flying as shown in the flying hours section.

We have an active committee who meet every three months. Dates and venues are published on the website. If you feel you wish to contribute further to your sport you are more than welcome to attend. It is best to call before a published date in case timings or locations have changed at short notice.

Safe Flying!!

The Committee

Avonvale Model Flying Club

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1. The Club will be called The Avonvale Model Flying Club.
2. The primary object of the Club is to organise radio control model flying on a suitable site for the benefit of the membership. In addition, the Club may organise such events as the membership request.
3. The Club shall be run on democratic principles with the Chairman having the casting vote at both Committee and General Meetings.
4. The Club Officers will consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and a maximum of five Committee Members. These officers will be elected at each Annual General Meeting and nominations for any position should be forwarded to the Secretary suitably proposed and seconded by full Club Members not less than 14 days before the AGM.
5. An Annual General Meeting will be held during October to approve the Officers, Committee, fix the fees and subscriptions, approve a set of accounts for the previous year and generally give guidance to the new Officers and Committee about how they wish the Club to be run for the following year. All members will be notified in writing, of the time, date and venue of the AGM.
6. Subscriptions are due in December each year and members who have not paid by the 31st December will be deemed to have ceased their membership and will no longer be entitled to any benefits or privileges of membership (except in extreme cases of hardship, at the Committee's discretion). All persons paying after 31st December must pay the joining fee. Persons joining part way through the year will be subject to the "new membership" sliding scale. Junior members (under 17 years of age) do not have to pay any membership fee (but must have insurance through the BMFA or equivalent organisation).
7. Persons applying for membership, must complete the approved Club Application Form and be prepared, if necessary, to attend a Committee Meeting. It is a condition of membership that new members are treated as novices regarding their flying ability until they prove competent to fly (refer to "Flying and Safety Regulation")
8. One of the duties of the Officers and Committee is to maintain the "Flying and Safety Regulations" in a suitable form, and any person accepting membership will be deemed to have accepted all clauses of these Regulations and this Constitution.
9. The Committee and Officers at a duly formed Committee Meeting have the authority to cancel the Membership of any Member.

10. The Officers and Committee are empowered to act on behalf of the Club in any relevant matters and reach whatever agreements, leases, licenses or any other arrangement that they deem necessary.

11. The Officers and Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting any time by giving the Membership 14 days' notice in writing, stating the time, date and venue. Ordinary Members may request an EGM provided they give to the Officers a petition stating clearly why the EGM is requested, and the petition has been endorsed by a minimum of 20 members, or a third of the membership, whichever is the lesser. Upon receipt of such a petition the Officers must call an EGM within 28 days, giving the Membership 14 days' notice in writing stating the venue, date and time.

12. By accepting membership of the Club, all persons shall jointly and severally share all liabilities, monies and assets for which the Club is liable at law or is fortunate to possess. In case of the Club being held legally liable for damages to a Third Party, the total membership on the date and time of the incident are those who must bear this liability in equal parts. However, since the Club became affiliated to the British Model Flying Association, each and every member is required to become a member of the Association, thus becoming insured against Third Party liabilities including Member to Member liability.

13. If there is any requirement to modify this Constitution the amendment must be properly presented and signed by a proposer and a seconder. It should be forwarded to the Officers not later than 14 days before an AGM or EGM. To amend the Constitution the Meeting must show a majority of two thirds to adopt any amendment.

14. A Committee Meeting must have three Committee Members to form a quorum.

15. Should it prove necessary to terminate the activities of the Club this can only be done through an AGM or EGM.