

Milton Keynes Model Boat Club

Constitution

1. **Name of the Club**

The club shall be known as The Milton Keynes Model Boat Club

2. **Aims of the Club**

These shall be to encourage the use and development of model power boats within club rules, and provide assistance and encouragement to all members. The club is for power only, no sail with exception of entry (2(d)) of the club rules.

3. **Membership**

- (a) All application forms to be fully completed by the applicant.
- (b) New members will be on a one year trial period. Continuation of membership will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) The club can refuse membership to anyone without having to give a reason for its decision.

4. **Subscriptions**

The subscriptions will be charged at the prevailing rates, which can be found on the club website. For any member whose subscription is more than one month overdue it shall be deemed they no longer wish to be a member of the club. No member shall be entitled to a refund of any part of his/her subscription.

5. **Finance**

- (a) Club monies shall be kept in a bank or building society account in the name of the Milton Keynes Model Boat Club.
- (b) All monies received shall be paid into these accounts.
- (c) The Treasurer shall hold a petty cash float.
- (d) The Treasurer shall record all incoming and outgoing monies.
- (e) The Treasurer shall pay out no money without the consent of the general committee.
- (f) The financial year shall end on 31 October each year.
- (g) The accounts shall be audited by auditors appointed by the club, or an independent club member.

6. **Formation of committee**

- (a) The club shall be managed by a general committee comprising at least three officers of the club, Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) The general committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate them suitable powers. One of the members of the general committee to take part in all sub committees.
- (c) At all meetings of the general committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) A full and accurate record of all meetings of the club to be kept.
- (e) The general membership will be asked to make a decision if the committee cannot come to a decision on any matter.
- (f) The Chairman shall have the casting vote if needed.
- (g) To be a member of the committee you will need to have been a member of the club for no less than two consecutive full years.

7. **The Annual General Meeting**

- (a) The AGM of the club shall take place during November each year.
- (b) The agenda for the annual and any special meeting will be circulated to members at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (c) The business for the AGM will be:
 - 1. To receive and discuss the Secretary's report
 - 2. To receive and discuss the Treasurer's report
 - 3. To elect a committee for the ensuing year
 - 4. Any other business of which the Secretary has been notified at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.

8. **Conduct of meetings**

At general meetings of the club the Chairman will preside. Otherwise a Chairman shall be appointed by the members present. The Chairman will have the casting vote.

9. **Elections**

The election of the general committee members will be by open vote of the full members attending the AGM or special meeting.

10 **Voting**

All full members attending meeting will have the right to vote. Juniors are entitled to vote but may not propose or second motions. No proxy votes will be accepted at any meeting.

11. **Rules**

All members shall adhere to the rules of the club. Rules shall not be altered, rescinded or added to except by a majority vote at a general meeting of the club, or by postal or email ballot.

12. If the committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the club, it shall call a meeting of all members, giving them at least 21 days' notice, and stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed at the meeting. If such a decision were to be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting, the committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Milton Keynes Model Boat Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied towards charitable purposes as the committee may decide.

13. A representative from the club to attend all national events held at Willen Lake.