

The Constitution of the Oxford Model Boat Club

1 Object

- A. To promote the interest in model boats of all descriptions for pleasure and recreation, (i/c powered models are not permitted on the Hinksey Lakes).
- B. The club may be affiliated to the MPBA, MYA and other organisations as desired by the members.

3. General Meetings.

- A. An Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held at which full members shall be entitled to attend and vote

At the Annual General Meeting the following honorary Officers and committee members, if required, shall be elected.

Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and not less than four committee members who shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

- B. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by resolution of the club committee or by a request in writing to the honorary secretary signed by at least ...50%..., of full members.
- C. Before a General Meeting may be called fourteen days notice shall be given to all full members and ...30%... of such members shall constitute a quorum.
- D. A proposition must be put to a General Meeting for the purpose of:-
 - 1. Altering any of the clauses in this constitution.
 - 2. Approving expenditure exceeding .. £50.00p... on any single item.
 - 3. Altering or extending any existing lease or rental and shall only be declared passed if not less than ...50%... of the full members present vote in favour of such a proposition.
- E. All other propositions put before the general meeting shall be declared carried if passed by a simple majority. In the event of a tie the Chairman of the meeting shall have an additional or casting vote.
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- G. Accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to any member shall not invalidate a meeting.

4 Financial Year.

The financial year shall end on the last day of January yearly. The accounts of the club shall be kept by the honorary treasurer and shall be submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

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5 Club Committee.

- A. The entire management and financial control of the club, except as otherwise provided by these rules, shall be deputed to the club committee elected in accordance with clause 4 hereof,
- B. The club committee in addition to other powers given in this constitution shall have the power to co-opt other full members to fill vacancies which may occur in their numbers and to appoint sub committees to assist in the management of the club.
- C. Subscriptions and all other fees shall be determined by the club committee.

6. Subscriptions.

- A. Subscriptions are payable at the beginning of the year to which they apply, or in the case of persons joining after the beginning of the season, on joining.
- B. Members whose subscriptions remain unpaid, after three months shall be considered to be no longer belong to the club.
- C. No members ceasing to belong to the club shall be entitled to a refund of any or part of his / her subscription.

7 Membership

- A. Members shall be described as full over ...18... years and junior under ...18... years of age at the beginning of the club year.

There may also be social and honorary members determined by the club committee from time to time.

A list of the names and addresses of all members of the club shall be kept, (On a computer database, with member's permission).

- B. Honorary members shall be free full members for life at the discretion of the committee.
- C. Social membership shall be available for such persons and at such a fee as the committee determines from time to time.
- D. The committee shall have the power to discipline or expel any member who acts in an unsafe manner, or behaves in such a manner as to bring the club into disrepute.

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8. Constitution.

Any member shall be supplied with a copy of the constitution on request. The rules of conduct shall be binding on all members as if they were incorporated in this constitution and a copy thereof shall be made available to such members before they join.

All members shall be bound by these rules and no alterations shall be made thereto, other than to the rules of conduct, except that at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of which *notice* has been given in accordance with clause 4 thereof.

9. Loss or damage.

The club shall not be responsible for injury to members or for loss or damage to their property.

10. Dissolution of the club.

The club can only be dissolved by the agreement of 51% of the full membership.

In the event of any outstanding debts incurred by the club each member shall be responsible for his part share thereof. Alternatively, each member shall be entitled to his part share of any surplus remaining after payment of all debts and sales of all assets have been completed.