



## **MID-THAMES MODEL BOAT CLUB**

### **CONSTITUTION**

1. **Name.** The Club shall be known as the Mid-Thames Model Boat Club.
2. **Object.** To promote the interest in model boats of all descriptions, for pleasure and recreation.
3. **Affiliations.** The Club may be affiliated to the MPBA, MYA and other organisations as wanted by Club Members.
4. **General Meetings.**
  - a) For the purposes of clause 4 only, the term 'Full Members' shall include Junior Members, according to the definitions of these classes in clause 8.
  - b) An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at which only Full Members shall be entitled to vote.
  - c) At the Annual General Meeting the following Officers, and Committee Members, shall be elected: Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Secretary, and not less than two Committee Members. These positions shall be required for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting. The committee may, if they deem it necessary, elect a Vice-Chairman who shall be a Committee Member.
  - d) A member may hold more than one officers post. Excluding the Treasurer who may only hold one officers post.
  - e) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by resolution of the Club Committee or by request in writing to the Secretary signed by at least 40% Full Members.
  - f) A General Meeting may be called provided at least fourteen days' notice is given to all Full Members.  
10 per cent of the total Full Membership shall constitute a quorum at any General Meeting.
  - g) A motion must be put to an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Meeting for the purpose of:
    - (i) Altering any of the clauses in this Constitution.
    - (ii) Dissolving the Club. The Club can only be dissolved by the agreement of a minimum of 51% of the total Full Membership. In the event of outstanding debts incurred by the Club, each Member shall be responsible for their part share thereof. Alternately, each Full Member

shall be entitled to their part share of any surplus remaining after payment of all debts and sales of Club assets are complete.

- h) All other propositions put before a 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.
- i) Accidental omission to give notice of a General Meeting to any Member shall not invalidate a meeting.
- j) Non-Full Members are welcome to attend General Meetings. However, they are not permitted to express their opinion or make any comment what so ever without the express permission from the Chairman.

#### 5. Financial Year

- a) The financial year shall end on the 31st December.
- b) The accounts of the Club shall be kept by the Treasurer and shall be checked by at least one Full Member excluding Committee Members. The checked accounts shall be submitted to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 6. 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.
- b) The Club Committee, in addition to other powers given in this Constitution, shall have the power to co-opt other Full or Junior Members to fill vacancies that 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 and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- d) A quorum for any committee meetings shall be four committee members including officers.

#### 7. Subscriptions

- a) Subscriptions are due by 31st of March for the year in 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 30th April, or a date as may be fixed by the Committee, shall be considered as no longer being members of the Club.

- c) Members ceasing to belong to the Club shall not be entitled to a refund of any or part of their subscription.

## 8. Membership

- a) Members shall be described as Full if over the age of 16 years, and Junior under that age at the beginning of the Club subscription year. There may also be Associate, Social and Honorary Members determined by the Club Committee from time to time. A list of names and addresses of all Club Members shall be kept.
- b) Honorary Members shall be free members for life, at the discretion of the Committee.
- c) Associate Membership shall be available for such persons and at such a fee as the Committee determines from time to time.
- d) Each adult Full Member may apply for one Associate Member and each Junior Member may apply for up to two Associate members.
- e) The Committee can refuse a candidate Membership. The Committee are not required to give an explanation.
- f) All new members shall serve a 6 months probationary period. During which time their membership may be cancelled by the committee if they prove to be unsuitable members.
- g) If member is found to be in serious breach of the Club's Code of conduct and/or the Clubs Safety Rules the committee may terminate their membership.

## 9. Constitution

- a) All Members shall be supplied with a copy of this Constitution.
- b) The Club's Safety Rules and Code of Conduct shall be binding on all Members as if they were incorporated in this Constitution and copies shall be made available to such persons before they join.
- c) No alterations shall be made to this Constitution, except at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of which notice has been given in accordance with clause 4.

## 10. Loss or Damage

The Club shall not be responsible for injury to Members or for loss or damage to their property how so ever caused.