

Constitution of the North East Kite Fliers

Title

The Club shall be called North East Kite Fliers, hereafter to be referred to as “the Club” and shall be affiliated to the British Kite Fliers Association.

Object

To promote the hobby of making and flying kites as a cooperative group, where the sharing of knowledge and skills, in an informal friendly atmosphere is the objective of all members.

Membership

Membership is open to individuals who:

- accept the stated object of the Club
- agrees to follow the Club’s Code of Practice for Safe Kite Flying
- completes a membership application form
- pays the relevant subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club Members. Renewal subscriptions must be paid before 1st April otherwise membership lapses.

There shall be 3 of classes of membership available. These are

- Full Member
- Joint Member (living at the same address and over 16 years age)
- Junior Member (under 16 years ago)

Officers

The officers of the Club shall be:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Election of Officers

All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club from, and by, Members of the Club

All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

General Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a Committee comprising of:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Up to 4 Committee members elected by members at the AGM

The Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than twice a year.

The duties of the Committee shall be:

- to control the affairs of the club on behalf of the Members
- To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the club through the Treasurer. These shall be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be audited and circulated before every Annual General Meeting. The club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign Club cheques: two from the Chairperson, Treasure and Secretary.
- To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote in the case of a tied vote the chairperson will have an additional casting vote.
- To communicate decisions to the membership

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of February each year. 21 clear days written notice shall be given to members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address and posting the notice on the Club Website.

Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before the meeting.

The secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 7 days before a meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meeting held since the last Annual General Meeting.
- Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer
- Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary
- Elect an auditor
- Elect the officers of the Club:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Up to 4 Committee members
- Review Club subscription rates and agree them for the forthcoming year
- Transact such other business received in writing by the secretary from Members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.
- The agenda will provide for “Any Other Business”
- Special General Meetings may be convened by the Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than 10 members of the club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.
- Nominations of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date.

Nominations can only be made by members and must be seconded by another member. In the absence of written nominations, nominations may be taken from the floor at the AGM.

- At all General Meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the club or by members attending the meeting.
- Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 15 Members plus 2 Officers of the club.
- Each member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings

Alterations to the Constitution

Any proposed alteration to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a member of the Club and seconded by another member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

Expulsion of Members

Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the rules may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the committee where their subscriptions may be forfeited.

Dissolution

If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at the Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting, the Committee shall thereupon, or at least at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the club but shall be given to a local charity to be named at that meeting with the exception of kites and accessories from The European Air Gallery, the disposal of which will be agreed at the meeting.

This revised constitution was agreed to by members present at the Annual General Meeting of the North East Kite Fliers on Sunday 6th February 2005