

# MVSA Club Constitution

## 1. Name and Objectives of the Club.

The Club shall be known as the Meon Valley Soaring Association, its address being that of the secretary.

Its objective, to promote and encourage the building of radio controlled sailplanes and the flying of such models.

## 2. The Committee

Any person wishing to stand for a post on the committee, shall give the Secretary no less than 28 days notice in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

The committee shall consist of 8 officers. A quorum to be three.

A majority of three is required to approve any expenditure other than stationary and postage over the value of £20.

The officers to be:

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Membership Secretary/Treasurer  
Competition Director (Slope)  
Competition Director (Thermal)  
Newsletter Editor  
Safety Officer

Should a committee member resign during term of office, the committee may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term of office.

## 3. Duties of the Committee

### Chairman

To take the chair at all club committee and general meetings.

To draw up the agenda for such meetings

To be responsible for all club property

To be responsible for any negotiations with third parties conducted on behalf of the club.

### **Vice Chairman**

To chair meetings in the absence of the chairman.

### **Secretary**

To be responsible for the recording of the minutes of all general and committee meetings.

To notify club members of impending meetings.

To be responsible for all correspondence sent and received by the club, to copy same to the officers of the club and to members at AGMs and EGMs

### **Membership Secretary/Treasurer**

To collect all club subscriptions from members.

To be responsible for club funds.

To pay from club funds any debts incurred by the club.

To keep an up to date record of all transactions.

To prepare a balance sheet showing all monies received and dispensed by him during the past year and to present it to the auditor(s) and to the AGM.

To keep an up to date record of members and their addresses.

### **Competition Directors (Slope and Thermal)**

To be responsible for the running of all competitions and flying activities at competitions.

To be responsible for drawing up competition rules.

To keep an up to date record of competition results.

### **Newsletter Editor**

To be responsible for editing the club newsletter.

## **Safety Officer**

To promote safe flying within the club.

To receive and respond to the notification of incidents.

To represent the clubs interests of safety with third party organisations.

## **4. Classes of Membership**

**Junior** Under the age of 18

**Senior** Over the age of 18

**Honorary** Providing that they are unanimous, the committee may elect any person to Honorary Membership for a period of one year. An Honorary member must, to remain such, be re-elected in successive years. Honorary members may neither be on the committee, nor vote at meetings.

Application for membership to imply acceptance of the Club Rules.

## **5. Membership Fees and Termination of Membership**

The membership fee for the following year will be decided at each AGM.

The membership fee will be due on the thirty first day of December each year and if not paid by the thirty first day of January of the following year, membership will cease.

Any member allowing his membership to lapse must re-apply to join the club.

The committee, providing five members agree, may take disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of membership, against any individual whom they consider to have been guilty of misconduct likely to endanger the welfare and good name of the Club, subject to said individual being invited to appear before the committee to defend their conduct.

New members joining after the 9<sup>th</sup> month will pay half the annual club subscription. and have a proportion of the BMFA fee paid credited to the following year.

## **6. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The AGM is held on the second Wednesday in December or an alternative date, for the purpose of electing a new committee, receiving the balance sheet and the transaction of any other business.

## **7. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

In the event of an EGM being required, the secretary shall summon such a meeting on receiving in writing a request signed by at least 10 percent of the club membership, explaining the reason why. Should such an occasion arise, the membership will be notified by post.

## **8. Disputes**

All disputes to be settled by the committee, unless aggrieved members resort to calling an EGM. In all other cases the decision of the committee will be final.

## **9. Alteration of Rules**

Rules may be altered only by a two thirds majority of members present at a general meeting as paid up members.

## **10. Club's General Rules**

A copy of the clubs general rules is set out on the Membership Card and Application Form.

## **11. Cups and Trophies**

Should the club award cups and trophies in club competitions, they will remain the property of the club unless otherwise decided by the committee and as such are held in trust by the competition winner.

When receiving a cup or trophy, the club member must give the chairman a signed receipt quoting his name and current address. This rule only applies to cups and trophies that are to remain club property and does not apply to those given to club members.

## **12. Winding up of the Club**

In the event of the club being wound up, no individual shall have any claim on the club funds.

Any monies remaining after all debts have been paid must be donated to a registered charity. The charity must have been registered with the charities commission for a minimum of five years.

A postal ballot of the members will be held to select the registered charity. This clause is irrevocable.

Items of club equipment held by members at the closing date, but must be surrendered to the committee and will be included as club assets for suitable disposal.

## **13. Honorary Members**

The club reserves the right to elect one new honorary member per year.

