

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. TITLE

The title of the association is 'The British First Person View Model Flying Association' (hereinafter referred to as The Association).

2. OBJECTS

The objects of The Association are to encourage and promote recreational first person view model flying.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all. The Committee may refuse to admit any person as a member without giving any reason for such refusal.

The Association shall consist of Members who shall be bound by the Constitution.

The form and privileges of membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee, who may from time to time divide the membership into different classes and attach special designation, restrictions or privileges to each class.

Only paid up annual members shall be entitled to vote.

4. PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP AND RE-ELECTION

The Association year begins on the first day of June. The election of members shall be for the unexpired period of the current year, after which they shall be subject to annual re-election by the Committee. Members not re-elected shall cease to be members.

5. AGE LIMITS

Membership of the association is not subject to any age limit.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription for each year shall be set by the Committee at the beginning of July each year.

7. CONSTITUTION

The business of The Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of not less than two or more than six members, in which number shall be included the under-mentioned officers of The Association (roles may be combined so that one person may fulfil several roles (two signatories will always be required for banking)):

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The Committee shall initially be elected by vote by electronic means (on the BFPVMFA forum/ by email).

Subsequently at each AGM (conducted electronically) half of the elected members shall retire by strict rotation, and shall be eligible for re-election by members of The Association by democratic vote.

No Committee member shall serve more than five consecutive years.

The Committee may appoint sub-committees as may be desirable from time to time from the members of The Association.

8. QUORUM

Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a Quorum in any (electronic) General 'Meeting' vote.

Two Committee members shall constitute a Quorum in any formal Committee 'Meeting' vote.

9. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall hold and administer for the general benefit of all members, all funds, property and equipment in the general ownership of The Association.

The Committee may arrange activities for The Association in accordance with the Objects and incur such liabilities as it may deem proper provided that the Committee may not without the prior approval of a General Meeting incur liabilities in excess of the assets.

The Committee may award to any member such honorarium as it shall deem proper for necessary technical or professional services to The Association, which would otherwise have required the employment of an independent contractor, and may reimburse authorised out of pocket expenses incurred by any member in the conduct of the affairs of The Association.

10. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, and the funds of The Association shall be under the control of the Committee.

Cheques must be signed by any two of the following: the Treasurer; the Chairman; the Secretary.

Accounts shall be opened for inspection by any member of The Association at any reasonable time.

11. MEETINGS

All meetings will be conducted electronically by email or through the BFPVMFA forum.

Electronic voting will be used and voting will be allowed for a period of 20 days after voting begins. An initial email will be sent to all members (committee members only for committee issues) and a second reminder email will be sent before the end of the voting period.

An Extraordinary General Vote may be called by five members and put to a vote of the membership.

In April each year the following items will be addressed with the membership (electronically in the forum with notification by email) and recorded as an Annual General Meeting:

- a. Receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the previous year.
- b. Elect the Committee.
- c. Deal with any appropriate business.

In the event of an equality of voting in any meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second casting vote.

The Secretary will ensure that the Minutes of the proceedings of each meeting are recorded.

12. CONDUCT

Any member whose manner or behaviour is deemed to be unseemly, offensive or calculated to bring The Association into disrepute may be referred to the Committee and may have the privilege of membership suspended or withdrawn (without recompense at the Committee's discretion).

13. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three quarters of the members voting in an Extraordinary General Vote called for the purpose.

If upon the dissolution of The Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any money or other property whatsoever, then a majority of not less than three quarters of the members voting in the Extraordinary General vote in which a resolution has been passed to dissolve The Association may resolve either that the same shall be paid, applied or distributed among the members or shall be

applied by the Treasurer, Trustees or other persons appointed by that meeting for that purpose to the furtherance of such objects similar to those of The Association.

14. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may not be altered except on a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members voting in an AGM vote or Extraordinary General Vote.

Members will be notified of any resolution for the alteration of the Constitution, following which a period of at least 20 days shall be allowed for the notification of members and collection of online votes. The notice in writing of such a ballot shall be given by the Secretary to the members by email and shall include notice of the alterations proposed.

15. NOTICES

The accidental omission to give notice of a vote to or the non-receipt of the notice of a vote by any member shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolutions at any meeting of The Association or Committee.

16. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

A copy of The Association's insurance particulars shall be available online and any member may inspect these.

Members will be informed by email of any material changes to The Association's insurance cover.

Every member shall be deemed to have full notice and knowledge of the contents and terms of the policy.

No member should deliberately do or cause to be done any act or thing which may cause or contribute to the premium or premia paid in respect of any policies of insurance effected on behalf of The Association (if any) to be increased, or which may void or invalidate or otherwise jeopardise or prejudicially affect any such policy.

Any policy excesses will be the responsibility of the member(s) directly involved at the time of the incident.

17. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Association presently has no need for Rules and Regulations. Instead there is a single recommendation: **All First Person View flying should be conducted in a responsible manner.**