

# The Constitution of the Knightcote Model Boat Club

## 1 Name

The name of the Club shall be the Knightcote Model Boat Club.

## 2 Objectives

- 2.1 To promote and encourage the design, construction and operation of model boats and associated systems.
- 2.2 To help members to achieve their modelling aspirations regardless of their ethnic origin, sexuality, age or ability. The Club specifically aims to introduce young people to the hobby and to encourage them in its pursuit by example and assistance.
- 2.3 To provide a club facility for the sailing of model boats, excluding those powered by I.C. engines.
- 2.4 To protect and promote the interest of its members.
- 2.5 To be recognised as a leading model boat club.

## 3 Membership

The Club shall consist of:

- 3.1 Individual Full Membership – available to persons 18 years of age or older.
- 3.2 Junior Membership – available to persons aged between 14 and 17 years inclusive, who are enrolled with the signed consent of parent or guardian.
- 3.3 Family Membership – available to individual members and relatives.
- 3.3.1 Children are at all times the responsibility of the member (parent/guardian) and will not be left unsupervised.
- 3.4 Associate Membership – available to persons of 18 years of age or older whose residence is over 50 miles from the Club water. Annual fee agreed at AGM and includes insurance and newsletter, but has NO voting rights. (Approved and adopted at AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010).
- 3.5 Honorary Membership – granted to an individual who has provided a significant benefit or benefits to the Club.
- 3.5.1 Honorary Membership is granted for life.
- 3.6 President – appointed in recognition for outstanding services to the Club or to the hobby in general.

## 4 Members, Rights and Privileges

- 4.1 Full Members and Family Members (except children) shall be entitled to:
  - 4.1.1 Take part in the activities of the Club.
  - 4.1.2 Vote on any matter requiring a decision by vote.
  - 4.1.3 Stand for election and subsequently to hold office in the Club (subject to any restriction imposed by the Rules of the Club).
  - 4.1.4 Such benefits and privileges that are provided by the Rules, or as may from to time to time be determined in accordance with the Rules.
  - 4.1.5 Propose amendments to the Rules by providing at least 28 days notice of their proposals, in writing to the Secretary, prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 Junior Members and the Children of Family Members shall be entitled to:-
  - 4.2.1 The same rights and privileges as Full Members, except that they are not entitled to vote at meetings or to stand for election.
- 4.3 An Associate Member shall be entitled to:
  - 4.3.1 The same rights and privileges as Full Members but may not stand for election and does not have voting rights.
  - 4.3.2 A reduced fee in relation to his/her home address or usual location.

- 4.4 **An Honorary Member shall be entitled to:**
- 4.4.1 The same rights and privileges as Full Members but may not stand for election and does not have voting rights.
- 4.4.2 Be exempt from annual subscriptions.
- 4.5 **The President shall be entitled to:**
- 4.5.1 The same rights and privileges as Full Members, but may not stand for election and does not have voting rights.
- 4.5.2 Be exempt from annual subscriptions.

## **5 Management and Operation of the Club**

- 5.1 The management of the Club shall at all times be vested in the duly elected Officers and Ordinary Committee members of the Club.
- 5.2 The Club is managed by a set of Operational Procedures, Rules and Forms. These are revised as required and subject to documentation control.
- 5.3 Copies of the Club Constitution, Operational Procedures and Rules are issued to each member.
- 5.4 The Club is democratic and has a policy of 'Equal Opportunity'

## **6 Liability**

- 6.1 The Club admits no liability for personal injury or loss of property.