

## **THE LONG MYND SOARING CLUB CONSTITUTION APRIL 2019**

### **TITLE**

The name of the club shall be Long Mynd Soaring Club ("LMSC").

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the LMSC shall be to:

- Further the sports of Hang Gliding and Paragliding
- Protect the good name of the said sports
- Preserve all flying sites owned or managed by the LMSC
- Manage all flying sites owned or managed by the LMSC
- Investigate and procure further flying sites

### **MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS**

Classes of membership shall be as follows:

- Flying membership – all flying members must be members of the BHPA. Flying membership is to be renewable annually as of 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.
- Non-flying membership - renewable annually as of 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.
- Joint membership for family of similar cases - renewable annually as of 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.
- Honorary Membership – at the discretion of the committee and limited to a maximum of eight persons
- The LMSC may nominate a President whose position shall remain in an honorary capacity.

The committee have the right to refuse to admit any person as a member without giving reasons for such refusal.

### **MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

Payment of the annual fee entitles:

- All classes of membership to vote at an AGM or EGM.
- Flying and joint membership to fly at all registered LMSC sites.
- To raise an issue for determination by the Committee by setting out in writing (email will suffice) to the Chairman or Secretary at least 7 days before a relevant meeting.
- To have access via membership number and password to the members only part of the LMSC website.
- To receipt of LMSC newsletters and other information published from time to time.

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

On becoming members of the LMSC, members agree:

- To pay the annual membership fee when requested by the LMSC.
- To abide by all published site rules.
- Not to behave in such a way as to bring the LMSC, BHPA or sports into disrepute.
- To abide by all updated notices relevant to sites from time to time.
- To respect other members of the LMSC.

Any breach of these requirements could result in termination of membership. Any such issues will be determined by the committee and formally communicated to the member concerned.

If membership is terminated, the member concerned has the right to appeal the decision within 28 days to the committee and should do so in writing (email will suffice). The appeal will be heard at the next committee meeting and the decision of the appeal will be communicated to the member within 7 days of the meeting.

## **COMMITTEE**

- The membership shall elect a committee formed from the membership at an Annual General Meeting ("AGM") or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM").
- The purpose of the committee is to manage the affairs of the LMSC in a voluntary capacity including any matters relating to the trust.
- Decisions of the committee may be made either in a meeting format or by use of Email, either or both require a Quorum of 60%
- Committee meetings are to be held as and when deemed to be required .
- Other members may attend and take part in discussions but have no voting rights.
- Election to the Committee entitles the member to waived membership fees for the duration of office.
- The committee shall consist of approximately 11 members including, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Officer, Communications and PR Officer, Safety Officer, Sites Officer, Comps Officer, Chief Coach and Social Officer.
- The Chief coach shall be appointed annually by the elected committee
- The committee may include additional elected members at their discretion "without portfolio" who will have full committee benefits and voting rights.
- The duration of office will be from one AGM to the next.
- In order for decisions to be made by committee, a quorum of 60% is required.
- Potential committee members must declare any financial interest connected with Hang Gliding or Paragliding to the membership or if such an interest occurs during office, to the committee.
- If a committee member does not attend for 3 consecutive meetings or participate in 3 online consecutive committee forum decisions, then consideration must be given by the committee to removing them from office.
- Each committee member is entitled to form sub-committees from volunteering members on either a permanent or temporary basis to assist them in carrying out their tasks.
- Each committee member has power to delegate part of their powers to an elected member to assist in a specific task. This must be agreed by the committee. The elected member will not form part of the committee.

- Each committee member is allowed to nominate another member or committee member as proxy by giving 7 days notice to the secretary prior to the meeting concerned. Unless otherwise communicated, the proxy will be limited to that meeting only.

## **VISITING PILOTS**

- Visiting pilots shall pay whatever fees have been decided and published by the committee
- Visiting pilots shall abide by all LMSC sites rules and must be members of the BHPA or meet the current BHPA minimum requirements for Third Party Liability Insurance. Such visiting pilots should be prepared to produce evidence of this if requested by an officer of the LMSC.
- The LMSC may from time to time permit use of the sites for organised events by visiting pilots. Such permission to be granted by the committee. The LMSC reserves the right to charge for such rights.

Any breach of these requirements could result in a visiting pilot being refused admittance to a site or being asked to leave by a committee member.

## **ACCOUNTS**

- LMSC funds are to be banked in the LMSC account and the Treasurer is required to produce an annual statement of account for circulation at the AGM.
- LMSC accounts are to be audited annually by a person nominated by the committee.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March or April of each year. At least 14 days notice of the meeting will be given to members.
- The following will be discussed:
  - Election of a committee
  - Requirements for sub committees
  - Reports from Treasurer or any other committee member where relevant
  - Revision of the Constitution where necessary.
  - Amendments to the Constitution must be carried by a two thirds majority at an AGM or EGM.
  - Flying, non-flying and joint members have the right to vote at an AGM or EGM.

## **POWER TO LEGISLATE**

- The committee have the power to legislate on any point not provided for in this constitution.