

Constitution

for

Challow Paramotor Club

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Challow Paramotor Club Constitution

1. Title

The club shall be known as the Challow Paramotor Club [hereafter referred to as "the Club"], and shall be affiliated to the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

2. Objectives

To foster and promote the sport of paramotoring at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation. To provide equal opportunities for all people regardless of colour, creed or disability.

3. Membership

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Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone who is a member of the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. Non flyers may also join the club but not have voting rights. In order to join the club a completed membership form will need to be sent to the club and the fee remitted for the class of membership applied for.

The annual classes of membership of the Club shall be as follows:

Full (i.e. flying) members, voting.

Associate Membership (non flyers), non-voting.

Honorary (flying or non flying as per BHPA membership), voting. [Equivalent to full but non fee paying.]

Membership fees for these will be agreed at the AGM every year, or will carry over from the previous year's levels.

Subscriptions shall be payable by the 28th day of February each year.

New members shall pay 1/12th for each month or part month remaining plus 1 month, subject to a maximum of the annual fee, and this will cover Club membership until the next membership fees are due on 28th February.

BHPA Members who are not members of the Club may have Temporary Membership:

Please see [Site Rules](#) document for our temporary membership fees.

(Strictly by invite and prior arrangement as proof of insurance is required)

4. Officers

The officers of the Club, to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be as follows:

Chairperson [BHPA requirement]

Secretary / Treasurer

Sites Officer

Safety Officer [BHPA requirement]

Club Chief Coach [BHPA requirement]

The election of the Club Chief Coach shall be acceptable to the BHPA and in accordance with the BHPA Technical Manual.

Where requested by the Club Chief Coach a HG or PG Coach shall be elected to provide complementary skills to those held by the Club Chief Coach.

Other officials needed by the club shall be suggested and elected at the AGM.

5. Election of Officers

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from, and by the full 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.

Nomination for any of these posts may be made at the Annual General Meeting or in writing to the Club Secretary, but in either case only with the agreement of the nominee.

To be eligible for selection each candidate shall be nominated and seconded. Neither of these two people may be the nominee. The nominee will also be expected to produce evidence of current BHPA membership, and of a rating that covers them for the post nominated.

If there is more than one nominee for a post, the successful candidate shall be elected by majority vote.

Members unable to attend the Annual General Meeting may vote in the election for officers by post, addressed to the Club Secretary.

In the event of the resignation of an officer of the Club other than at an Annual General Meeting, or his inability for any reason to carry out the duties of the post, a substitute may be appointed by majority vote at an ordinary meeting, such appointment being valid until the next Annual General Meeting.

Only paid up full members shall be entitled to vote.

6. General Committee

The day to day affairs of the club shall be controlled by a committee consisting of the officers of the club named above and any other club officials elected at the AGM, from and by the full members of the club.

The committee will keep accurate accounts of the finances of the club via the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by club members.

The committee shall be entitled to co-opt additional members as required, but co-opted members shall not be entitled to a committee vote.

The committee shall make decisions on a simple majority vote, subject to a quorum. In the event of a deadlock, the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote.

A quorum shall constitute one half of the committee members elected, including any posts additional to those named above. All officials elected [not co-opted] in any capacity to serve the club shall be included in the number above.

7. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held before the first of April in each year. 14 clear days notice shall be given to members of the AGM by circulating a copy of the notice to every member by email. In the event of a member not having an email address they must provide an email address through which they may be contacted, and which they read regularly.

Members must advise the Secretary of any business to be moved at the AGM at least 7 days before the meeting.

The Treasurer shall present to the Annual General Meeting a statement of the Club's income and expenditure for the preceding calendar year.

The agenda for the meeting will be circulated at the meeting before it starts.

A Special General Meeting shall be held at the request of not less than one quarter of the total full membership, addressed in writing to the secretary and stating the reason for the request.

All meetings of the Club shall be convened by the Chairperson, and shall be notified to all members.

At all General meetings the Chair will be taken by the Chairperson, or in their absence, by a person to whom they have delegated the responsibility. In the event of this not happening, the club members present will elect a Chairperson for that meeting.

Any matter not provided for in these rules may be decided at any duly convened Club meeting by a simple majority of the full members present. In the event of a deadlock, the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote.

8. Conduct & Discipline

All members must be current flying, or non-flying, members of the BHPA.

All members of the Club shall strictly observe BHPA rules and regulations. All operations will be conducted in accordance with the BHPA Technical Manual.

Any member whose manner or behaviour is deemed to be unseemly, offensive or calculated to bring the Club 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).

9. Guests

Members of the Club are encouraged to bring guests to Club functions.

10. Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to these this constitution may be made only at an Annual or Special General Meeting and must be agreed by not less than two thirds of the members then present. Seven clear days notice must be given to the secretary of any proposed alteration of the constitution.

11. 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 held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If upon the dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any money or other property whatsoever, then the balance shall cede to the National Governing Body for the furtherance of the sport.

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