

CONSTITUTION OF THE WHITE HORSE KITE FLYERS.

The club shall be called " The White Horse Kite Flyers" (WHKF)

The Committee will consist of: - President, Chairperson, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and other committee officers deemed necessary, plus a maximum of 7 ordinary members. A further 2 members may be co-opted during the year if it is felt appropriate by other members of the committee. Any vacancies occurring may be filled by a majority vote of the committee. A quorum will consist of 50% of the elected members rounded up to the nearest whole number.

The main objectives of the club are:

- a) To further the knowledge on all aspects of kite making and flying.
- b) To provide members with the opportunity for the exchange of ideas and experience
- c) To promote kite making and flying.
- d) To give exhibitions, displays and talks on kites and making of kites, where possible to the general public.

RULES

1. The club shall be available to all individuals, irrespective of their race, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief or disability and all will have equal access to the opportunities and the different services that the club provides. Full membership is open to anyone over the age of 16 years; Junior membership is available for any one under 16 years of age or in full time secondary education. Family membership shall cover all members of the one family living at the same address.
2. Honorary or life membership may be granted to any individual that the committee decide to be worthy of such.
3. Any members of The Club who's conduct is deemed inappropriate or who decline to abide by the Rules or Bylaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a committee meeting and their subscriptions forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal to the committee against any such decision provided it is received in writing within 7 days of notification of the decision.
4. Voting shall be by a show of hands by members attending, and shall be restricted to adult members. On a tied vote at any meeting the President shall have the casting vote. If he/she is not present the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
5. Election of all officers and other General Committee members to take place at the Annual General Meeting that should take place in November or as near as possible. Serving officers may seek re-election. Nominations for officers and other committee members will be taken by writing in advance or from members attending the AGM and must be seconded by another full member.
6. The duties of the General Committee shall be:
 - a) To control the affairs of the Organisation on behalf of the Members.
 - b) To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Organisation through the Treasurer.

- c) To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- d) Expenditure to a maximum of £500 may be spent on the agreement of 3 members of the executive without calling a full committee meeting.
7. A separate sub-Committee to be responsible for running any other event can be elected from general club members but shall contain a least one member of the management committee who is to be responsible for reporting to the management committee. If this sub-committee enters into a contract to handle money on behalf of the WHKF, the WHKF agrees to indemnify these sub-committee members in the event of any loss.
 8. Minutes will be taken at the Annual General Meeting and be available for all members at the following AGM or EGM. All paid up members have access to clubs records with 28 days notice.
 9. Annual subscriptions are due at the November meeting and will be reviewed annually at the AGM. This subscription will include for third party liability for the named members whilst flying on behalf of The Club and employing due care and attention to safety requirements.
 10. A statement of the club's finances shall be prepared annually for audit by a third party, elected by the committee, and presented at the AGM.
 11. Any resolution for alteration of the constitution must be received in writing by the secretary 42 days before the general meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. Alterations to the constitution must receive the assent of 2/3rds of the members present and voting.
 12. An extraordinary general meeting may be called by a quorum of the committee at any time giving a minimum of 42 days notice in writing to all members. Alternatively one may be called upon receipt by the secretary of a request in writing signed by a minimum of 10% of the current members.
 13. Committee meetings may only be attended by elected members and any guest invited for their specialist knowledge of an agenda item. Any club member wishing to bring an item to the committee for discussion should do so in writing and may then be invited to the meeting at which the item is to be discussed.
 14. If the law should change prior to an opportunity to raise the constitution with the club members the committee reserve the right to make such changes as the law demands.

In the event of the Club being dissolved any monies shall be distributed to charities named by the committee in office at the time, and any equipment given or sold to any like-minded body. This is to be implemented after a period of 2 years in case a new group of people with similar aims comes forward. Any such group may apply for use of The Club name and logo and any of its assets following the discharge of any outstanding debts or liabilities.

Three trustees selected by the committee in office at the time of dissolution will decide the appropriateness of any such application and any distribution of funds and equipment.

Dated 15th November 2009 (this constitution supersedes all previous editions)