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The AGM

This years AGM will be held on the 30th November 2006 at the Gilpin Bridge Hotel starting at 7:30pm. As always all members are encouraged to attend and to take an active part in this important event, please remember that only full members are entitled to vote, make nominations, raise issues, speak on proposals or raise questions. Following the meeting there will be sandwiches and chips available for a nominal charge. If you can't attend but have something you would like to suggest or raise then please send the details to Andrew M^cClure before the 24th November 2006.

Changes to the Constitution

The Committee have reviewed the current constitution and it is felt that there is a need to update and revise some of the sections, a copy of the proposed constitution is included with this newsletter all changes are highlighted in red. In brief the revisions are: -

- Committee members will serve for a period of 3 years with an officer and member being elected each year, this is to provide a consistent management style and allow longer term planning.
- Aligning membership dates and classes with those of the BMFA, this is to ensure correct insurance cover for individuals and defining junior members as those below the age of 18 (previously 16), which helps keep us in line with current child protection legislation
- Cleaning up some of the wording to plain English
- Allowing the Chairman to preside over all meetings, this was unclear in the previous constitution
- Aligning the 'quorum' percentages for both committee meetings and general meetings and applying a percentage for members to call an EGM

These changes are minor, please compare them with your membership book, but they keep the Constitution up to date and streamline future changes that may be needed.

Election of Committee Members

This year the committee has 4 posts up for election these are the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and two committee members, Andrew M^cClure (Secretary), David Foster and John Mason have offered to stand for re-election, whilst these posts will be filled alternative nominations are welcome.

The post of Treasurer requires a nomination, this is a pivotal role on the committee and one which the club can not operate without. So I hope a volunteer will step forward and fill this rewarding role, whilst it is a responsible position the workload is relatively light and fairly simple.

The duration of service for the elected members will be decided by the committee following the AGM to align with the proposed changes to the constitution. Duncan Brown and Mark Shipley will serve a further 12 months as was indicated at the 2005 AGM

Please use the nomination form at the bottom of the Agenda and forward to the Secretary no later than 24th November 2006

Annual General Meeting of the Kendal Model Aero Club
on 30th November 2006 at 7:30PM at
The Gilpin Bridge Hotel

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous AGM
2. Matters arising
3. Changes to the constitution
4. Chairman's Report
5. Retiring Secretary's report
6. Retiring Treasurer's report
7. Election of Committee
8. Membership Fees and Running cost for 2007
9. Any Other Business



Nominations for Club Officers and Committee Members

Position	Nominated Individual	Proposed by	Seconded by
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee Member			
Committee Member			

Andrew M^cClure has offered to stand again for Secretary, David Foster and John Mason have agreed to stand again for Committee Members; no nominations have been received for the Treasurer. Nominations can be made for any of the above posts, please remember that the nominated individual must be willing to serve in the post to which they are assigned.

All nominations must be returned to the Secretary no later than Friday the 24th November 2006. Submissions after this date will not be accepted except for posts where no nominations have been received.

KENDAL MODEL AERO CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1) NAME

The Club will be called The Kendal Model Aero Club

2) OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club will be to bring together people with a mutual interest in building and flying model aircraft from all disciplines.

3) MANAGEMENT

- i) The Club shall be managed by a Committee of six members
- ii) The Committee will include an Honorary Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer
- iii) Two members of the Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year and, will remain in office for a period of 3 years, unless terminated earlier by resignation or removal. Voting for committee members is to be by secret ballot. At each Annual General Meeting the post of one officer and one member of the Committee will be elected.
- iv) The Committee will have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur and to co-opt members as necessary. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may employ an external agent to provide the service(s) of Secretary or Treasurer. Any retiring member of the Committee may stand for re-election.

4) SUBSCRIPTIONS

- i) The annual members subscription for the next year will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and will be payable immediately after the closure of that meeting. A junior membership subscription rate will apply to any member who is under the age of eighteen on the 31st December prior to the year of membership. Classes of membership will be the same as those offered by the BMFA as published from time to time, unless waived by majority vote for exceptional circumstances at an AGM or EGM. For the purposes of calculation BMFA fees do not form part of the KMAC Membership fee but are collected and paid to the BMFA on behalf of members.
- ii) A new membership will take effect once the subscription has been paid.
- iii) Any member whose subscription for the following year has not been paid by the 31st December will cease to be a member.

5) POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- i) The Committee will have the power to propose at the Annual General Meeting a President or Honorary Life Member(s) (who would then not need to pay a membership subscription) anyone who has been a member of the Club for at least 15 years and has, in the opinion of the Committee, provide exceptional support and service to the Club.
- ii) The Committee has the power to expel any member who has broken the Rules of the Club. Before any member is expelled the Secretary will give the member seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and at the same time inform the member of the complaint(s) made against him/her. No member will be expelled without having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering the complaints made against them. Following the meeting if at least 75% of the Committee present (subject to 6(vi))

vote in favour of the member's expulsion then their membership will terminate forthwith.

- iii) The Committee shall have power to make bye-laws regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club and its members provided that the same are not inconsistent with this Constitution. Such bye-laws will be circulated as appropriate to all members.

6) MEETINGS

- i) The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held every year no later than the 30th November or within 21 days of the BMFA Annual General Meeting, whichever should fall later, to transact the following business:-

- a) to receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the Club's accounting year
- b) to elect members of the committee for vacancies resulting from 3(iii)
- c) to consider and, if approved, sanction any duly made alterations of the Constitution
- d) to deal with any other business.

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting will be sent to members no less than 14 days before the meeting along with an agenda and any other supporting documents.

- ii) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and will be convened within 21 days from the receipt of a written request signed by at least 15% of members stating the reason for the meeting for any of the following purposes:-

- a) to consider and, if approved, make alterations to this constitution
- b) to deal with any matter which the Committee may wish to place before members
- c) to receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any committee member(s) from office and to fill any resulting vacancies.
- d) to deal with any matter which the members requesting the meeting may wish to place before the Club.

A notice convening an Extraordinary General Meeting along with an agenda will be sent to the members no less than 7 days before the meeting.

- iii) Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Honorary Secretary at least once every three months. Additional meetings may be called by the Honorary Chairman or any two members of the Committee.

- iv) At Committee meetings and at General Meetings the club Chairman will preside over the meeting and will have a casting or additional vote in the event of a tied vote. If the club Chairman is unable to attend the meeting then he will nominate a voting member to preside as his proxy. If the club Chairman is unable to nominate a proxy then those voting members present at the meeting will elect a Chairman

- v) At General Meetings 15 members (or 50% of the voting club membership if less than 15 shall form a quorum provided that 6(iv) has been complied with.

- vi) At Committee Meetings (except for the purpose of Rule 5 (ii) when four shall for a quorum three shall form a quorum provided that 6(iv) has been complied with.