



CONSTITUTION of the BROKEN HILL MODEL FLYING CLUB.inc.

AIMS.

To promote and encourage all forms of modelling. To provide a medium through ideas and experience may be pooled to the advantage of others. To encourage and assist beginners in all phases and skill of the sport. To encourage sportsmanship ,competition, and public interest.

Constitution.

1. The club shall be known as the BROKEN HILL MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.
2. All members and visitors are to abide by the Constitution and Bi-Laws of the BHMFC Inc
3. The club shall have a committee elected by financial members.
4. Any financial member shall be eligible to stand for any position.
5. Any interested person over the age of 18yrs, shall be eligible to stand for the position of Treasurer or secretary. The committee shall consist of the following

President,--	to chair all meetings.
Vice-President,	to act in the president's absence.
Secretary ,	
Treasurer,	and one (1) committee of four members;-

The Committee shall be eligible to nominate club members for any other position as found necessary in the course of club affairs.
6. There shall be a SAFETY & DISPUTES COMMITTEE. This committee shall consist of the President, secretary, and three financial club members. The Safety and disputes committee will be responsible for the handling of any safety and any constitutional problems, and complaints. No problems or complaints will be considered unless submitted to the committee in writing. All complaints where possible will be dealt with in confidence.
7. The committee shall hold office for one calendar year and shall retire at the annual general meeting(AGM) at which club members will elect a new committee. If any vacancy occurs in the committee during the club year, the position shall be filled at the next general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting if called for the purpose by the committee.
8. Club subscriptions shall be at a rate nominated annually by the committee.
9. General club meetings shall be held at least once a month or as considered necessary by the executive committee. Meetings to be held on a week night on a date, time, and place to be nominated just prior to the conclusion of the previous meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called when considered necessary by the committee or within two weeks of receiving written notification from at least three members.

10. All financial members are eligible to vote at all club meetings. Any member who has not paid his/her fees, by the due date will be regarded by the committee as having resigned from the club.
11. The names and addresses of all club members are to be recorded by the club together with the operating frequencies of the members radio control equipment.
12. Any member wishing to resign from the club, shall make a written application to the Secretary, for the purpose of keeping club records up to date.
13. The committee shall have the right to reprimand any member for breaches of the club Constitution , Club Bi-laws or commonsense safe practices, and further recommend Expulsion of such member to a general meeting.
14. At each meeting, each member in attendance, shall have his/her name recorded for Club minutes.
15. At all times, “**safety**” shall be the responsibility of **all** club members.
- 16 .No member shall make a financial gain from the club finances.
17. Club monies shall be deposited in a “Club” bank account. in the club’s name. Monies may only be withdrawn by the joint signatures of any two [2] of the following club members:---- President, Treasurer, Secretary.
18. True accounts ,shall be kept of sums of money received and expended by the club and shall be open to inspection by members. At least once a year, the accounts shall be examined and a balance sheet be prepared and the correctness of the accounts be ascertained by a qualified person elected by the committee.
19. The AGM will be held in place of the June general meeting.
20. The order of business of the AGM shall be;-
 - A. Reading of the last AGM minutes
 - B. President’s report.
 - C. Treasurer’s report.
 - D. Election of officers.
 - E. Any other business.
21. The club bi-laws and constitution. .may only be altered at the AGM, or an Extraordinary general meeting.
22. The committee shall decide any matter not covered in these rules.
23. Any member wishing to propose an alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws must submit the alterations to the secretary at 14 days prior to the AGM. If found necessary, and an extraordinary general meeting shall be called to deal with the matter submitted.
24. Where there is conflict between the club constitution and club bi-laws, the Incorporate business Model rules take preference.
25. The club year shall be from the 1st July to 31st June of the following year.

26. The Quorum at all meetings shall be four [4] members.
27. No un-insured persons shall operate models at the club sites.
28. All potential members are to be nominated and seconded by two [2] financial club members on the official "Club new membership" form.
29. The club reserves the right to refuse membership without explanation.
30. Any visiting flyers must have proof of club membership or documentary proof of insurance cover. –eg-current MAAA membership card.

Non-indemnity.

The club shall not be responsible for any accident or injury arising from members operating models on a site not recognised as being solely for that purpose.

Effective from 8th August 2002.

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Amended by special meeting 22nd November 2005.

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BI-LAWS of the BROKEN HILL MODEL FLYING CLUB. Inc.

All members and visitors are urged to abide by the rules as laid out in these Bi-Laws. Members are asked to ensure that visitors to the field are aware of and abide by the rules as laid out below.

1. All members are to be conversant with the recommended safety rules as contained in appendix 1.
2. All members to be conversant with the flying rules as contained in appendix 2.
- 3 **NO PERSON SHALL REMOVE ANOTHER PERSON'S KEY FROM THE BOARD OR INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S EQUIPMENT**
- 4 At all times "SAFETY". Shall be the responsibility of ALL club members
- 5 No alcohol is to be consumed while flying. Must wait till packed up for the day.
6. Any new radio equipment brought to the club must have its crystals checked by a Member of the committee to ascertain that its frequency matches the key.
- 7 All transmitters operating at this field, must be certified within six [6] weeks of purchase.
- 8 No frequency shall be used except those specified by the MAAA. on a "Silverstone" type Keyboard that complies with the MAAA standard.
- 9 Due to harmonic frequencies, the three [3] low frequencies on the 36MHZ are blocked off and any one with those frequencies will plug into the corresponding frequencies on the high side of the board. I.e;-.030, .050. .070. Will use, 490, 510. 530.
- 10 Each pilot shall use a club issued or an approved frequency key, the width defined by the Label affixed to the transmitter, designating the transmitter's frequency separation...If no Label is on the transmitter then documentary proof from the manufacturer must be Supplied, otherwise a 40khz key shall be used.(4").All keys will have the pilots name and Also the correct frequency on them.
11. No pilot shall switch on radio equipment without first having at his disposal that spot on the frequency board, and having inserted his/her key, which shall be used at all times.
12. When over three[3] members or visitors are flying at the "Ulinga" flying site a transmitter pound will be in operation.
13. All transmitters shall remain in the pits area at all times except when prearranged by flyers for special reasons, or for learner pilots.
14. The taking of transmitters onto the field is prohibited. Please leave them in the rack provided.
15. Any member using radio control equipment in the vicinity of but not at the "Ulinga" site shall notify the committee of the area and the frequency/s being used.

16. It shall be the responsibility of each owner of radio equipment and aircraft to obtain any necessary approval to operate his equipment or aircraft.
17. For all test flights of new aircraft and for any learners first attempts ,ALL other aircraft will be grounded.
18. “A”- The club(BHMFC) bank account will keep \$250.00 ,frozen for insurance excess payments for instructors whilst flying a students aircraft.(Clarification;-only applies if the instructor is handed the transmitter with the plane in a stable and safe flight path.) otherwise see part “B”

“B”- Any person, member-non member being instructed is liable for any insurance excess incurred while under instruction. NOT THE INSTRUCTOR.. All aircraft flown by instructors is at the owner’s risk.
19. Members using petrol engines or turbines, are to have a working fire extinguisher on hand ,during the operation of the engine.
20. Vehicles can be driven onto the pit areas to unload and load flying gear then taken to the car park, via the pits not the field. Ie -reverse out on your incoming tracks.
21. Dogs are to be kept on a leash inside the boundaries of the field at all times.
22. All members shall be responsible for the removal of all litter from the general field area.
23. In the interest of public relations, all members are requested to refrain from using indecent language at the flying site.
24. To help foster public interest, and encourage new members, club members are encouraged to demonstrate their equipment to any interested members of the public and to answer any question any questions asked by them.
25. This clause deleted AGM 2006. Refer to MAAA Mop 045.
26. Any member on departing from Broken Hill and leaving BHMFC will be entitled to a parting gift at the discretion of the club.
27. All un-financial members shall not receive News letters.
28. All interested and trial visitors are to be signed into the visitor’s book.
29. All uninsured persons are not to go on the field.
30. Club meetings to be held monthly, on a week night, the date and time .the date ,time, and venue, to be set at the end of the previous meeting.
31. Definition;- “Solo Pilot”;- A student pilot may be designated a “Solo Pilot”, when in the view of an MAAA-BHMFC appointed instructor,- the said student pilot can show the instructor, that he/she is capable of safe “ take offs” and “safe landings” and can fly a “safe circuit,” of the club field in any direction and at a consistent height. Also he/she

must demonstrate items;-1,2&3, of the Pre-Flight training as set out in the MAAA trainee Pilot Log Book.

On the completion of these tasks to the satisfaction of the instructor, he/she will be awarded a "Solo Pilot" permit. **This permit will only apply at the BHMFC field.**

32. Club Gate Key;- on gaining the classification of "Solo Pilot" ,this person will be eligible to receive a key to the car park gate. This will also give this person access to the "First Aid" kit . A key to the field gate will be supplied on request.
33. The Treasurer, Secretary, and News-letter editor, are able to carry float to cover postage and paper etc.
34. Social members can vote on internal club matters but cannot vote on MASA-MAAA matters
35. Any person found flying on the BHMFC flying field who is not a club member and no carrying Public Risk Insurance, unless invited by a member of BHMFC, shall be deemed to be trespassing and asked to leave the site.
36. HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR FLYING..

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Modified after AGM June,2006 **changes to clauses 25 & 26.**

Appendix 1 **Safety Rules.**

- 1, Engines **will not** be started in the Display Area.[cement strip under the shelter and angled ends..] Engines **are to be started** on the other side of the Display area fence, **on the starting Pads and high bench supplied for that purpose.**

- 2, **All** aircraft are to have their propellers facing **away** from the pit areas.

- 3 **All** aircraft **must** be **restrained** during starting, either by the pegs provided on the starting pads, or by any other suitable means,[helper holding aircraft from behind.] which will prevent the aircraft from racing forward, should the throttle be set too high, or bumped to full throttle accidentally.

- 4 With the exception of the person starting the engine, **all** other persons **must** stand behind the wings of the aircraft being started, unless requested by the person starting the aircraft , to assist.

- 5 **All** adjustments to a running engine, **Must** be done from the **rear** of the aircraft.

- 6 **All** engines must be able to be stopped at the transmitter.

- 7 **On landing**,aircraft being taxied towards pits **will stop** 2 metres from the area marked by the drill rods.[**Pilot flying box.**]

Appendix 2.

Flying Rules

- 1** **No pilot** is to take their aircraft onto any runway, until they advise pilots currently in the air that they wish “TAKE OFF” and must wait for acknowledgement in the affirmative prior to taxiing onto runways.
- 2** When ready to “Take off”, you **must** call out “**Taking Off**” and the direction that you are going to do so.
- 3** If others besides yourself are in the air when you want to land, you **must** call out “**Landing**” and state the direction which you will be coming in .If during your landing circuit you hear someone call “ **Dead stick**” you must abort the landing, unless you are about to touch down.
- 4** When you have taxied off the runway, you **must** advise the other pilots that the runway is clear.
- 5** If your engine stops mid-flight, you **must** call out “ **dead stick**”. This will give you right of way for an immediate landing.
- 6** **All pilots** on hearing “**dead stick**” call must clear the runway immediately. **Any** pilot waiting to take –off must keep their aircraft on the runway until the Dead stick is down ,and **the runway is clear**. See 4.
- 7** Landings **always** take priority over take-offs.
- 8** **Dead stick** takes **absolute priority** over everything else.
- 9** Any low passes, touch, and goes , etc, to be called out to other pilots ,stating the direction .EG;- low pass ,left to right. Only those maneuvers close to the ground where they may interfere with someone taking off or landing need to be called out.
- 10.** **Absolutely no** aircraft to be flown over spectators, the Pits **or** car park.
- 11.** **Any pilot** who is ordered to land by either a flying instructor **or** gold wings pilot as a result of unsafe flying practices **Must land immediately.**