

KENT STRUT of the LIGHT AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE AND AFFILIATION

1.1 The Club shall be called the Kent Strut of the Light Aircraft Association, hereafter to be referred to as 'the Club'.

1.2 The Club shall be a member club of the Light Aircraft Association (LAA) and of no other body without written approval from the LAA Board.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 To organise a range of activities on a regular basis for Club members and others, providing:-

- a local focus for recreational light aviation activities
- enjoyable flying and social activities
- improved safety knowledge and understanding
- opportunities to acquire/enhance aircraft building and maintenance skills

2.2 To promote the aims and ideals of the LAA

2.3 To encourage non-members to join LAA.

2.4 To advance the cause of light aviation through publicity, community activities, and education activities for young people.

2.5 To attract through appropriate publicity both LAA members and non-members

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership will be considered by the Club Committee at its next meeting and shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Committee. Membership fees shall be payable on election to membership. Membership will become effective upon an applicant's name being entered into the Membership Register

3.2 The Members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the Membership Register (which shall be maintained by the Club Co-ordinator or Secretary). Membership of the Club is available in the following categories:

3.2.1 Full Member

3.2.2 Associate Member (are not Full or Full Plus members of the LAA)

3.2.3 Honorary Member

3.2.4 Temporary Member

3.3 Annual Membership Fees. An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee. The Club Committee may set different fees for different membership categories. The Club membership fee is in addition to any LAA membership fees. Any fees shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.

3.4 Resignation of Members. A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date of which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation. A member whose annual membership fee is more than three months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

3.5 Misconduct and Expulsion. Any Member or Officer deemed guilty of misconduct may be cautioned or expelled from the Club by majority decision of the Club Committee; any person expelled shall have the right of appeal to the Club Committee within twenty-eight days and the LAA shall be informed.

3.6 No member shall purport to speak or act on behalf of a Club or the LAA without specific authority to do so.

4. CLUB OFFICERS

4.1 The Officers of the Club shall be the:

- Chairman/Co-ordinator
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Safety Officer
- Committee Members

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.1 All Officers, who must be LAA members and beneficial shareholders, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club from, and by, the Full Members of the Club.

5.2 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.

6. THE CLUB COMMITTEE

6.1 The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a Club Committee comprising the Club Officers elected by the Annual General Meeting. The Club Committee shall meet at least once per year for an AGM, otherwise at agreed intervals. Committee members shall attend at least one half of annual on-line committee meetings, other than in rare or exceptional circumstances.

6.2 The duties of the Club Committee shall be:-

6.2.1 To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members and in accordance with the LAA Rules & Regulations.

6.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Club Members. The club shall maintain a bank current account. Any withdrawal against Club funds should be approved by the Treasurer.

6.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feels necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote on the Committee.

6.2.4 To appoint Sub-Committees as necessary to fulfil the Club's business.

6.2.5 To appoint Officers of the Club to act with the authority of the Club Committee in the organisation and control of events.

6.3 The Club Committee shall make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second and casting vote.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of February each year. Twenty one days written notice shall be given to members of the Annual General Meeting by either circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address, by email or by posting the notice on the Club Webpage. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be considered at the Annual General Meeting at least fourteen days before a meeting.

7.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:-

7.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

7.2.2 Receive the accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

7.2.3 Receive the annual report of the Committee.

7.2.4 Elect the Officers of the Club.

7.2.6 Transact such other business received in writing by the Club Co-ordinator/Secretary from Members fourteen days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

7.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Club Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than five Full Members of the Club. At least twenty one days notice of the meeting shall be given.

7.4 Nomination of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Club Co-ordinator/Secretary at least fourteen days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date.

7.5 At all General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Chairman or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Full Members attending the meeting.

7.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second and additional casting vote.

7.7 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 25% of the Full Membership of the Club or 10 Full Members, whichever is the lesser.

7.8 Each Full Member shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings. Other classes of membership may attend the meeting as observers and may speak by invitation of the Chairman but may not vote.

8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

8.1 Any proposed alterations to the Club's Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be duly proposed and seconded by Full Members. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

9. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

If a member has been authorized to undertake duties on behalf of the Club and in so doing, they incur costs, expenses or liabilities in the proper execution of these duties, the member shall be entitled to be indemnified out of Club funds, except in any case where the actions arise from negligence, default or breach of duty or trust.

10. DISSOLUTION

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

10.2 If, at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

10.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to the Light Aircraft Association.