



PENNINE REGION BALLOON ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the club shall be 'The Pennine Region Balloon Association'.
2. The objectives of the club shall be to promote the study and practice of the art of lighter-than-air flight and the provision of social facilities for members.
3. Membership shall be open to all who support the objectives of the club, and members shall abide by the rules of the club.
4. The club shall be managed by a committee of up to eight, elected annually, at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nomination for election to the committee must be notified to the secretary of the club seven days in advance of the AGM, in writing, and include the signed consent of the nominee.
5. The committee shall have the power:
 - a. To arrange the programme of activities of the club.
 - b. To appoint the officers from their number, in particular the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - c. To appoint any other officials or sub-committees from among the membership.
 - d. To recommend the rates of subscription for membership to be confirmed at the AGM.
 - e. To consider applications for membership.
 - f. To draw up the rules for the affairs of the club.
 - g. To properly represent the members of the club in all matters.
 - h. To publish a newsletter in addition to arranging for communications with members by electronic means.
 - i. To co-opt additional members to the committee, in the event of vacancies, up to the maximum eight. These co-options shall be notified to the membership.
6. Each committee member, whether elected or co-opted, will have voting rights. Voting shall be by show of hands. A simple majority, with no proxy votes, shall carry resolution.
7. Over half the committee is required to form a quorum at committee meetings. For example, if there is a full complement of eight, five must be present.
8. At a general meeting (GM), the minimum number present to form a quorum shall be 10% of current membership. In the event of a GM being inquorate, a second GM shall be called within twenty-eight days. The membership shall be given fourteen days' notice of this second GM. If at this second meeting there is again no quorum present, then the members who do attend shall constitute a quorum.
9. A general meeting shall be convened at intervals not exceeding thirteen months, called the Annual General Meeting, which shall consider reports on the activities of the club and on its financial affairs. Members shall receive twenty-eight days' notice of the meeting by electronic means.
10. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called when considered necessary by the committee, or upon the signed request to the secretary of any six members. Fourteen days' notice shall be given to the membership by electronic means, stating the business to be conducted. The powers of an EGM shall extend to the removal of a committee member from the committee by a two-thirds majority vote of those present.
11. The officers and committee shall be bound by the directions of the members in a resolution at a General Meeting.



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12. Resolutions must be duly proposed and seconded. “Ordinary Resolutions” must be approved by majority vote of members present. Resolutions to amend the Constitution are “Special Resolutions” and require approval by a two-thirds majority vote of those present. Members shall be given twenty-eight days’ notice, by electronic means, of Special Resolutions to be considered at the GM. Any Resolution approved at a GM shall take effect at the conclusion of the meeting.
13. In the event of the winding up of the club, any surplus assets shall be devoted to objectives similar to those of the club, according to the wishes of the members at a GM.
14. Only paid up members of the British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC) shall be eligible to serve on the committee.
15. No officer, committee member or ordinary member of the club shall claim to represent the BBAC nor incur any liability on its behalf except with the express authority of the main committee of the BBAC.

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