

CONSTITUTION

East of England Model Road Steamers Club:

The club shall be known as the “*East of England Model Road Steamers Club*”

Objectives: The club shall exist to promote activities and interests of all types of model traction engines, road locomotives, road rollers, wagons/lorry's, stationary and portable steam, petrol, diesel and hot air engines etc, and all their associated equipment in model form. To provide a forum for all individuals interested in the design, construction, restoration, operation testing and exhibition, of engines, models, tools and other related artefacts, that are too various in description to list.

Membership: Membership shall normally be available to all persons aged 18 and over on payment of an annual subscription. The club is not in a position to offer membership to persons under the age of 18 at this time. Membership will normally run from the 1st of January until the 31st of December, however, those joining for the first time after the 1st of October will be allowed (at the discretion of the clubs administration) to have their membership carried over for the following year.

Voting rights: Only full members of the club who have paid the annual subscription are able to vote. All votes are based upon a simple majority with the Club Administrator or the elected chairman for the meeting, having a casting vote in cases of a tied vote.

Subscriptions:

- (1) The subscription rate of membership shall be fixed at the annual general meeting.
- (2) In the event of a person being in arrears for a period of five months (1st of May) that person shall be regarded as having ceased to be a member of the club.
- (3) Subscriptions shall be due for renewal the 1st of January each year, and can be paid by cheque, cash or bacs..
- (4) The club welcomes voluntary financial donations from the membership.

Officers: The club shall elect the following officers; (a) Club Administrator, (b) 2x non administrative Officers .

Committee:

(1) Should the membership grow to the extent that a running committee is required, this will be elected at either an Annual General Meeting, or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Should it become necessary, the day to day running of the club shall be handled by the Committee, replacing the Club administrator, and consisting of officers and members representative of the interests of the clubs membership, with positions such as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

(2) Officers and Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General meeting. Any committee member can stand for re-election providing they are correctly nominated and seconded. A quorum for committee meetings shall be five members including two officers.

Duties of the Club Administrator:

- To conduct the affairs of the club, and to seek assistance were required.
- To control finances and to always ensure that adequate insurance cover is in place.
- To prepare a report on the years activities for submission to the annual general meeting.
- To further the interests of the club as a whole.
- To uphold the rules and constitution of the club.
- To keep under review the objectives and constitution of the club and when necessary make proposals for change at either the Annual General Meeting, or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- To report back to the Non Administrative Officers on any matters arising or in regular quarterly reports

Club Assets: The club shall own no assets other than those needed for testing of members equipment such as steam boilers, or for the safe organisation of events. These shall be bought, used and disposed of at the discretion of the club administrator.

Annual General Meeting:

The annual general meeting of the club shall be held during the months of either March or April in each year for the following purposes:

- (1) To receive the financial accounts of the club.
- (2) To receive the Club Administrator's report on the preceding year.
- (3) To elect, from nominations received at the general meeting, the following:
 - (3.1) Officers of the club
 - (3.2) Members of any running committee.
- (4) To conduct any business brought before it.

Extraordinary General Meeting: An extraordinary meeting of the club may be summoned by the Club Administrator at the request of the officers of the club or not less than 25% of full members of the club. At least fourteen days notice must be given by the clubs officers. The business of the meeting shall only be that stated on the notice convening the meeting.

Quorum for annual and extraordinary general meetings. (1) A vote can only be taken at these meetings if there are a minimum of 5 fully paid up members present. (2) Any change to the constitution must be passed by a two thirds majority of those voting. (3) The Club will also accept proposals and votes on pronounced proposals via postal voting, but proposals made in this way can only be voted upon by those attending the meeting.

Boiler Testers/inspectors: A minimum of two Boiler Testers/inspectors will be appointed by the club officers, with the authority to issue boiler certificates in accordance with the Northern Association of Model Engineers' boiler-testing code. The testers/inspectors shall demonstrate to the acceptance of the club officers that they have the necessary competence to test the boilers of the club members.

Club Meetings: The club has no fixed address for a club house, however members meet up at public and private events including steam rallies, fêtes and country shows. This does not preclude the club from hiring a location such as a village hall or other such venue for meetings and steam ups, or from attending private address, or doing road runs on prearranged routes.

Safety of members: At any gathering, regardless of whom is in charge, club members are responsible for their own safety, safeguarding, and well being, and adhering to any rules that events organisers impose on any person attending said event. The club will not be help responsible for the safety and safeguarding of individuals.

Expulsion: The club officers reserve the right to refund the subscription of any member on what they deem to be adequate grounds. The membership of that member shall cease forthwith. The member will be supplied with a formal written reason for the grounds that required their formal expulsion.

Use of Funds: The funds of the club shall be applied solely to its stated objectives. Members of the club shall not receive payment either directly or indirectly for their services or personal expenses. However, claims for reimbursement of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the club shall be permissible. In the event of the dissolution of the club, the remaining funds shall be donated to an organisation with similar objectives or a worth while course, such as a restoration project, museum, event or club.