

## **HADRON H2 CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

### **1.0 NAME**

**1.1** The Association shall be called the Hadron H2 Class Association or HH2CA.

### **2.0 OBJECTS**

- a)** To promote the enjoyment of the Hadron H2 sailing dinghy, and the people associated with her.
- b)** To further the interests of the one-design sailing boat known as the Hadron H2, designed by Keith Callaghan (the Copyright Holder).
- c)** To operate as a National Hadron H2 Class association in the United Kingdom, in accordance with this constitution.
- d)** To promote and develop Class sailing, racing and other associated activities.
- e)** To further the interests of members of HH2CA.
- f)** To provide a medium of exchange of information among UK resident Hadron H2 sailors.

### **3.0 MEMBERSHIP**

**3.1** The following membership shall be recognised:

- a)** Full Member  
Open to any Hadron H2 owner, upon payment of the prescribed subscription, or in the case of joint ownership, open to any nominated one of them, or in the case of a corporation or association owned Hadron H2, open to a nominated representative of that organisation.
- b)** Associate Member  
Open, upon payment of the prescribed subscription, to any person who is not a Hadron H2 owner but who has an interest in the Hadron H2 Class.
- c)** Honorary Life Member.  
Honorary Life Membership of the Association may be recommended by the Committee at its discretion for confirmation at an Annual General Meeting in recognition of exceptional service to the Association. Honorary Life Members shall have the same rights as a Full Member.

### **4.0 MANAGEMENT**

**4.1** The Association shall be managed by a committee, which shall consist of not less than three, but not more than ten full or associate members.

**4.2** Two Committee members shall form a quorum.

**4.3** The Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM.

**4.4** The Copyright Holder, or a representative nominated by him, shall be a permanent additional member of the Committee.

**4.5** At its first meeting following the AGM, the Committee shall:

- a)** elect two of its members as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.
- b)** elect an Honorary Secretary (or appoint a Secretary) or one or more persons to undertake the Secretary's duties.
- c)** elect an Honorary Treasurer (or appoint a Treasurer).

**4.6** The Committee shall have the power to:

- a)** interpret and apply the rules.
- b)** elect a Hadron H2 Technical Committee.
- c)** make recommendations to HH2CA members in general meetings for amendments or new rules.
- d)** co-opt additional HH2CA members on to the Committee.
- e)** appoint a qualified accountant who shall annually certify the accounts and circulate these accounts to HH2CA members with notice of the AGM.

**4.7** The Secretary, or any other Committee Member to whom the Committee has delegated the tasks below, shall:

- a)** keep records of all meetings.
- b)** maintain a UK Membership Register.
- c)** maintain a UK Class Register.
- d)** communicate Committee decisions to members and to such individuals/organisations as directed by the Committee.
- e)** advise Committee members of the next meeting giving at least 14 days notice in writing.
- f)** answer communications from members or those interested in the Class, or refer communications to the proper quarter within the Class organisation for action to be taken.

- g) collaborate with the builders to enrol new owners as members and provide information on the HH2CA facilities and activities, on receipt of the owner's address and appropriate membership subscription for one year.
- 4.8** The Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee, shall:
  - a) have charge of funds and make disbursements. This necessarily includes operation of a bank account, including banking via the internet.
  - b) record in books of account all assets, goods and monies received and expended.
  - c) present a financial statement at the AGM.
  - d) submit an annual budget to the Committee.
- 4.9** If the Committee calls for an electronic (email) vote amongst HH2CA members, the proposal shall be worded so that it may be answered by a simple 'yes' or 'no'. Replies shall be invalid unless received within 14 days from the date of dispatch of emailed voting papers. An email vote shall not be effective unless at least one fifth of those with voting rights reply. No resolution shall be carried unless at least two thirds of the votes cast are in favour of the decision. The results of an email vote shall be reported within 21 days of the date of the voting paper dispatch, to all members by email or notice and shall then become operative.
- 4.10** In an emergency the Committee may grant a temporary dispensation in respect of the Class Rules. Such temporary dispensation must be ratified by the Copyright Holder and shall then be operative immediately until the next general meeting.
- 4.11** The maximum continuous term for chairman and vice chairman (who may not be re-elected for consecutive terms) shall be two years and for other officers/committee members (who may serve another term if re-elected) shall be three years.

## **5.0 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1** The rate of annual subscriptions shall be decided by a general meeting and shall become due on 1 January. The Committee may vary the annual subscription by an amount not exceeding 25% per annum without reference to general meeting. A member joining after 1 October in any year, whose subscription shall have been paid for that year, shall not be liable to pay a subscription for the ensuing year.
- 5.2** Any member whose subscription has not been paid by 31 March may, at the discretion of the Committee, be removed from the membership register or, on payment of the subscription, have membership restored.

## **6.0 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

- 6.1** The AGM shall be held in the UK, the precise date, time and place being at the Committee's discretion. At least 60 days' notice shall be given. 10 Full Members shall form a quorum.
- 6.2** A special general meeting shall be called by the Chairman or Secretary upon receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing (email) for such a meeting, endorsed by no fewer than 8 Full Members.
- 6.3** At least 21 days' notice shall be given in writing (email) to all members of any special general meeting. No general meeting shall be called before 1100 hours or after 2000 hours.
- 6.4** Resolutions, including nominations for the Committee, for consideration at the AGM shall be proposed only by Full Members. Any such resolution shall be submitted in writing no less than 28 days before the AGM to the Secretary and shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for the proposal.
- 6.5** Resolutions for consideration at a special general meeting shall be proposed only by Full Members. Any such resolution shall be submitted 6 weeks in advance of a special general meeting.
- 6.6** A rule amendment or new rule shall not be the subject of a vote at a general meeting unless it has been included on the Agenda and full details circulated to members with the notice of the meeting. See also Rule 11.
- 6.7** The AGM Agenda shall include:
  - a) the Association's certified accounts
  - b) the names of those HH2CA members who have been proposed as members of the Committee and have indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee.
- 6.8** Any member shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting.
- 6.9** Only Full Members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote.
- 6.10** At any general meeting a vote decision shall be by a majority show of hands (except under Rule 6.11) and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. A poll shall be held if demanded by at least 3 people.
- 6.11** At any general meeting a proposal to amend or to add to or delete any rules, or to change the HH2CA Constitution shall not be carried unless at least two thirds of the votes are cast in favour.

## **7.0 MAINTENANCE OF ONE-DESIGN**

- 7.1** The Committee shall collaborate with the Designer and Copyright Holder in the maintenance of the one-design principle to ensure as far as possible equal performance between boats within the Class.
- 7.2** No boat shall be eligible to race within the Hadron H2 Class, or to be recognised as a Hadron H2 sailboat, unless built by a builder licensed by the Copyright Holder.

## **8.0 AUTHORITY OF THE COPYRIGHT HOLDER OR REPRESENTATIVE(S) NOMINATED BY HIM**

- 8.1** Notwithstanding anything which appears to the contrary in the Hadron H2 Class Rules, any decision of the Committee or members of the Association which may be in any way connected with the Official Drawings and/or the Specifications of the Hadron H2 sailboat, shall be subject to the approval of the Copyright Holder or Representative(s) nominated by him.

## **9.0 CHAMPIONSHIP RACING**

- 9.1** The Association shall, where they are viable, arrange for and control, area and national championships for the Hadron H2 Class in United Kingdom and shall issue recommendations to host clubs for the conduct of such meetings.
- 9.2** The following requirements shall apply to the area and national championships.
- a)** they shall be open to any Hadron H2 Sailboat which conforms to the Class Rules.
  - c)** the crew of the boat shall be a Full or Honorary or Associate member of the HH2CA at the time of entry to the event.
  - d)** the scoring system shall be in accordance with the HH2CA recommendations.

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