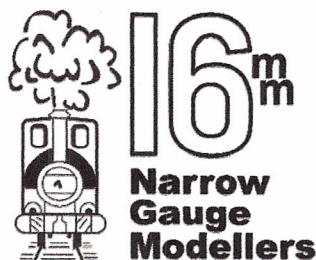


The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers



Rules

These Rules replace all previous editions of Rules and/or Bylaws and are to be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association registered at Companies House. For the avoidance of doubt, where any ambiguity or conflict exists, the Articles of Association take precedence. The Rules may only be amended or changed by majority vote of the Directors. Further, any amendments or changes will be notified to the Members in the next published edition of the "Bulletin" following such amendment or change.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Applications for Membership

- (1) No person shall become a Member of the Association unless that person has completed an application for Membership in a form approved by the Directors and paid the appropriate enrolment fee as determined by the Directors.
- (2) The Directors shall determine an annual Subscription Fee which shall be payable by all Members. The Directors may raise the Subscription Fees by not more than 20% in any one year for the duration of that Membership year. Any greater increase may only be imposed by Ordinary Resolution of the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) Any person under the age of 18 and resident in the UK, including the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, or (if older) in full-time education may become a Junior Affiliate of the Association, subject to payment of a reduced annual Subscription Fee. This fee shall be set by the Directors and varied from time to time as the Directors consider to be appropriate. Junior Affiliates shall be entitled to all the benefits of Membership, but shall not be able to vote at the Company's General Meetings.
- (4) Any person over the age of 18 and resident outside the United Kingdom may become an Overseas Affiliate of the Association. The annual Subscription Fees for an Overseas Affiliate shall be set by the Directors and varied from time to time as the Directors consider to be appropriate, taking account of the benefits made available to Overseas Affiliates and the costs of providing such benefits. The annual Subscription Fee may also be varied according to the country of residence of each Overseas Affiliate.
- (5) Overseas Affiliates shall be entitled to all the benefits, excluding insurance that are provided and available to Members who are resident in the UK.
- (6) Subject to the agreement of the insurers, Overseas Affiliates who are resident in Europe may be entitled to benefit from any Public Liability insurance cover obtained by the Company for the benefit of Members. Overseas Affiliates who are resident outside of Europe will not be entitled to benefit from

such insurance cover.

- (7) Any Member or Affiliate Member of the Association may, by resolution of the Directors and subject to such conditions as they may consider appropriate to impose, be elected an Honorary Member. Honorary Members shall enjoy all the benefits of Membership, but shall not be required to pay an annual fee. Unless revoked by resolution of the Directors, Honorary Membership shall continue throughout their life without the necessity of annual renewal.
- (8) Subject to payment of an annual Subscription Fee, which shall be set by the Directors and varied from time to time as the Directors consider to be appropriate, Family Membership shall be provided to named people who are normally resident in a single household. Family Membership shall confer the benefits of Membership to one or two adults, one of whom shall be regarded as a Member and be entitled to vote at the Company's General Meetings and the other shall be regarded as a Family Affiliate Member. Any children under 18 or (if older) in full-time education may become Family Affiliates, who shall be entitled to the benefits of Membership. Only a single copy of the Company's publications shall be provided to each household paying for Family Membership.

2. Termination of Membership

- (1) A Member may withdraw from Membership of the Association by giving 7 days' notice to the Company Secretary in Writing.
- (2) Membership is not transferable except at the discretion of the Membership Secretary.
- (3) A person's Membership terminates when;
 - a. that person dies; or
 - b. a material breach of any provisions of the Articles of Association or these Rules is committed provided notice of such breach has been given and the breach has not been remedied within 30 days of such notice; or
 - c. on failure to pay the annual Subscription Fee within three months from the date when the same shall be due.
- (4) Any Member whose Membership has been terminated under the provision of Rule 2.3c above may have Membership reinstated on payment of the applicable annual Subscription Fee.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, the Directors may refuse or decline any application for Membership or may terminate the Membership of any Member. Such action can only be taken by majority decision of the Directors. Any Member whose Membership has been terminated or any person whose application for Membership has been declined may refer the decision to the appeal Tribunal as described in these Rules.

3. Local Groups

- (1) Groups of Members and Affiliates of the Association may form themselves into Local or Area Groups based on geographic location or specialist interests for the benefit of their enjoyment and in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Association. Membership of an Area Group of the Association shall be restricted to Members and Affiliates of the Association. Area Groups may cooperate with other organisations for the mutual benefit of their members, but shall not be entitled to enter into commitments on behalf of the Association.

- (2) Area Groups will be registered with the Area Group Coordinator and be recorded on the Associations Public Liability, Boiler Testers and Directors and Officers insurance policy.

4. Boiler Testing

- (1) The Directors (or the Technical Director) will appoint members of the Association to be Appointed Boiler Testers whose duties will include holding one of the Association's official test kits, maintaining it in good condition and ensuring that the certification is up to date, and being available at a mutually agreed time and place to any current member to officially test one or more of such members 16mm scale boilers, and to issue an Association Certificate of testing on satisfactory completion of the test.
- (2) Any member seeking to become an appointed boiler tester must first satisfy the Technical Director of their technical competence to undertake the task and their ability to be available, within reasonable limits, to test member's boilers.
- (3) The Association will have in place insurance to cover the liability of appointed testers in carrying out these duties.
- (4) The Association will maintain a central register of testers and test equipment and manage the equipment so as to maintain it in good working order and to appropriate certification.
- (5) Boiler testing and certification is a benefit provided to member's and is not available for boilers or other equipment that may be produced by members for commercial gain.

5. Appeal Tribunal

- (1) If a member, hereafter referred to as "the Complainant", feels that they have been substantially and materially affected by a decision made by the Directors, he or she may request that the matter be referred to an Appeals "Tribunal" composed of three ordinary members.
 - a. The Company Secretary shall maintain a list of five current Members available to sit on an appeals Tribunal.
 - b. Any Member who is not a serving Director of the Company shall be eligible for election to the pool at an Annual General Meeting provided another Member of the Company has nominated him or her in Writing and they have indicated their agreement in Writing to stand for election. Such nomination and agreement shall be received by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to a date determined by the Directors and notified to the Members.
 - c. Membership of the list will be renewed at each Annual General Meeting, subject to these Rules, following the same election rules as apply to election as a Director.
 - d. Members of the list must not have been a Director or Officer of the Association for at least three years, be entirely independent, and have no financial involvement with Traders or other such bodies other than as a normal customer.
 - e. Appeals must be lodged within three months of the decision which is being appealed.
 - f. Whenever an appeals Tribunal needs to be convened, the Directors will nominate two Members from the list. The Complainant may nominate a third Member from the list to sit on the Tribunal, bringing its number to three, or may request that the Directors nominate the third

Member.

- g. No family Member of the Complainant or Director may sit on the Tribunal.
- h. The Tribunal will review dispositions from the Board of Directors and from the Complainant, which may be presented verbally or in writing. The Tribunal will govern its own proceedings without influence from the Board of Directors or the Complainant and may discuss the matter with other parties if it sees fit. All parties to the Tribunal will agree to full and transparent sharing of material and information between the direct participants, i.e. the Board of Directors, the Complainant and the Tribunal Members.
- i. The Tribunal having reviewed the dispositions and any other material gathered during its deliberations will come to a judgement and make a recommendation, which it will communicate in writing to the Board of Directors and the Complainant. The Decision of the Tribunal shall be final and not subject to appeal except by Ordinary Resolution at a General Meeting.
- j. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Complainant may unreasonably fail to act on the recommendation provided by the Tribunal.
- k. If the Tribunal fails to come to a judgement or its recommendation is not reasonably acted upon by either party, the matter may be referred to a General Meeting.
- l. Members of a Tribunal together with the Complainant and any other persons required to attend its meetings, shall be entitled to their reasonable expenses, in accordance the then current Association Expenses Policy.

These Rules were adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting dated 21 of May 2016.

Signed.....
Alan Regan Chairman

Signed.....
Mike Riley Company Secretary