



## The RULES of Vulcan XM655 Maintenance and Preservation Society

### NAME

1. *The Society shall be called Vulcan XM655 Maintenance and Preservation Society (hereinafter referred to and known as **655MaPS**).*

### OBJECTIVES

2. *The aims of **655MaPS** are:*
  - a. *To maintain and preserve AVRO Vulcan XM655 as a live and working example for the benefit of all.*
  - b. *To provide a great example of Royal Air Force and British aviation heritage in order to further advance the education of the public.*

### MEMBERSHIP

3. *Membership of **655MaPS** shall consist of Persons who support the objective of the Society and have paid the appropriate annual subscription. Application for membership shall be in the required format, and acceptance will be subject to approval by the Committee or their designated representative. Each Membership application shall be acknowledged within 28 days of receipt. Members approved by the Committee will be forwarded their Membership card and a copy of the rules. The Committee reserves the right to refuse Membership to any person, no reason for such refusal need be given. Applicants who are rejected will have their Membership fee returned to the address supplied.*
4. *All Members are required to advise **655MaPS**, in writing, of current contact details at which Members information, newsletters, etc., will be received by the member. Any posting forwarded to a member's address shall be deemed as having been received by the member by the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the posting date.*
5. *General Data Protection Regulation 2018 – **655MaPS** will comply completely*

*with all data protection legislation. **655MaPS** will not disclose any information held on its database to any third party without prior approval of the member.*

## **MEMBERSHIP TYPES**

6. *Ordinary membership. 2 types defined as Single and Family.*

*Single Membership – This is for a Single Individual and is valid for a 12-month period.*

*Family Membership – This is 2 Adults and any Children under 14 years of age living at the same address and is valid for a 12-month period.*

7. *Volunteer*

*The Committee may decide to promote any member to the status of a volunteer. Volunteers are members who regularly attend on Saturdays to offer their services in accordance with Rule 2, the frequency of attendance to be at the discretion of the committee. Volunteers' membership subscriptions may be waived by the Committee. Removal of Volunteer status is at the discretion of the Committee.*

8. *Honorary Membership*

*The Committee shall have the power to invite to be, and approve as, an Honorary Member, any person who it deems fit to hold the office. Annual subscription is waived*

9. *Friends of 655*

*Previous members of the Society may be offered 'Friend' status. Friends receive Newsletters published by the Society and may receive other information as decided by the committee. Removal of Friend status is at the discretion of the Committee.*

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Membership Type	Make up	AGM Voting Rights	Duration	Comments
Standard Membership	Single Person	Yes – 1 Vote	12 Months	
Family Membership	2 Adults + Children under 14 years	Yes – 2 Children no vote	12 Months	Votes are 1 Per attending Adult. Children must be related
Honorary Member	Single Person	Yes – 1 Vote	Life	At the discretion of the Committee
Friend of XM655	Single Person	No	Life	At the discretion of the Committee
Volunteer	Single person	Yes – 1 Vote		

**EFFECT OF CEASING TO BE A MEMBER**

*10. Any person shall, on ceasing to be a member, forfeit all rights to any entitlement upon **655MaPS**.*

*11. Any Member whose actions bring **655MaPS** into disrepute shall be asked to appear before the full Committee to explain why they should not have their membership withdrawn. The Committee decision in respect of withdrawal of membership shall be by a two-thirds majority.*

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

12. *All subscriptions are annual and are due by the last day of the month of the expiry date specified on the Member's Membership card. All subscription fees shall be as initially determined by **655MaPS** Committee, or as amended by approval of a resolution at an Annual General Meeting.*

13. *Membership subscriptions must be paid in a manner approved by the Committee. Any member who fails to renew within 28 days of the due date is deemed to have lapsed. A lapsed member may re-apply at any time.*

### **655MaPS MANAGEMENT**

14. *Committee – The management of 655MaPS, in order to best achieve the objectives of RULE 2, shall be vested in a Committee of not more than ten 655MaPS Members. This committee shall include, as a minimum, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and four Activity Group Managers. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional Committee members, and to set up and dissolve sub-Committees, chaired by a Committee member and responsible to the Committee, to achieve specific tasks.*

15. *The positions Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary of 655MaPS shall be elected by the Membership at an Annual General Meeting. These appointees shall hold office for a period of three years following which they may seek re-election at an AGM or retire. They may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority approved resolution of a General Meeting.*

16. *Activity Group Managers – 655MaPS Members or Volunteers with suitable experience shall be appointed by the Committee to the Committee to be responsible for matters concerning Aircraft, Ground Equipment, Commercial, Visitor, Membership, Safety and Data Protection activities. All committee members have equal voting rights with the Chairman having a casting vote in a tied situation.*

17. *Committee Meetings – The Committee shall formally meet, as directed by the Chairman, at least every three months to arrange the affairs of **655MaPS**, with minutes taken of all proceedings. The Committee quorum shall comprise of five committee members but three of the four appointees at Rule 15 must be present. Committee members must be paid up Members or Volunteers with a minimum age*

*of 21 years.*

## **GENERAL MEETINGS: ANNUAL OR EXTRAORDINARY**

*18. All members shall be given at least 21 days' notice of all General Meetings, except in the case of Rule 32, together with any proposed resolutions which would affect these rules, and any other business to be conducted which the committee deems should be advised.*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

*19. An AGM of **655MaPS** shall be convened annually, at a time and place determined by the Committee, for the purposes defined below:*

- a. To receive from the Committee an annual report, current balance statement, and proposed plans for the coming year.*
- b. To receive from the Committee for approval, the audited accounts of the society for the preceding financial year.*
- c. To fix the annual Membership subscriptions.*
- d. To appoint an Auditor for the following year.*
- e. To decide on any resolution proposed which has been submitted in accordance with the rules of **655MaPS**.*

*20. Voting shall be by a show of hands, and propositions passed by a simple majority except rule changes (see Rule 24); the meeting Chairman having the casting vote in the event of a tied vote.*

*21. The business of the AGM must be minuted on paper, signed by the meeting Chairman, and retained as part of the Society's records.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The Owner of Vulcan XM655 reserves the right to cause the rejection of any resolution, which in his opinion, is, or may be, detrimental to the objective as agreed with and defined in RULE 2.**

## **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)**

*22. The Committee, by a decision of the Committee, or upon a written request made jointly by not less than any one quarter of the Members, or eleven Members, whichever is the greater, shall within 14 days, call an EGM.*

*23. The business of an EGM shall be strictly confined to that previously advised to all Members, and proposed resolutions, to be adopted, must be supported by at least two thirds of those present.*

### **ALTERATION OF RULES**

*24. Any resolution proposing alteration of these rules must be received by the committee at least 35 days before the AGM at which the resolution is to be presented.*

*25. Any resolution proposing alteration of these rules must receive the assent of at least two thirds of the Members present at the AGM.*

### **FINANCE**

*26. All monies raised or received by **655MaPS** shall be used exclusively for furthering the objective as defined in RULE 2.*

*27. A bank account shall be maintained in the name of the Society, and all cheques must be signed by the Treasurer or Chairman. All online banking activities shall be carried out by the Treasurer.*

*28. The Society's financial year shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> March each year and be the date of the annual balancing of the accounts of the Society.*

*29. The annual accounts of the Society shall be audited by the AGM appointed Auditor, or a Committee adopted Auditor in the event of an Auditor vacancy occurring.*

*30. Monies will only be paid out by the society against the production of an official*

receipt.

31. All expenditure in excess of £75 must receive the prior approval of two Rule 15 appointees, and in excess of £200.00 by a committee meeting. These approval requirements are to be applied on a per project basis, not for each line item. Once project budget approval has been given, the responsible Volunteer may commit individual expenditure items within the project budget without further approval.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

32. The Society, **655MaPS**, may be dissolved by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of those Members present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose, of which 42 days' notice shall have been given to each Member.

33. In the event of dissolution, all Aircraft parts/spares, Ground Support equipment, Tools and Storage/Accommodation facilities owned by 655MaPS will be made freely available to other aircraft groups (such as VTTST, VRT, Elvington Victor, Bruntingthorpe Cold War Jets, Coventry Nimrod, Coventry Shackleton) who have requested specific items/facilities. The relevant groups will pay all collection costs. Anything owned by 655MaPS which is not requested/collected by other groups will be disposed of and the proceeds paid into the Society's bank account.

34. Funds permitting, all current members will have their membership fees repaid in full, or pro-rata if there are insufficient funds in the bank account.

35. Should a surplus remain in the bank account after membership fees have been repaid, the balance will be divided equally between the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, the Royal Air Force Association, the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes and the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmens' Families Association.



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