

Dulverton Angling Association.

Hon. President: Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

Rules/Constitution of Dulverton Angling Association

A Community Amateur Sports Club

1 **Name**

The name of the Club is The Dulverton Angling Association

2 **Club Purpose**

The purpose of the Club is to promote the amateur sport of freshwater game fishing and community participation in the same.

3 **The Club Committee**

(A) Role

Subject to these rules and the wishes of the members of the Club the Club Committee shall have delegated to it the responsibility for the day to day management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs.

(B) Property etc

- (i) The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect benefit of members other than those reasonably allowed for by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club.
- (ii) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, insurance cover, refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Sports Clubs as provided for by the Finance Act 2002.
- (iii) The Club may also in connection with the sports purpose of the Club:
 - (a) Sell and supply food, drink, and other sports clothing and equipment.
 - (b) Employ members (though not for fishing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services on fair terms set by the Club Committee

- (c) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting speakers or guests.
- (d) Indemnify the Club Committee acting properly in the course of running the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets and insurances).
- (iv) The Club Committee will have due regard to the law on disability provision and child protection.

(C) Composition etc

- (i) The Club Committee shall consist of at least 5 and not more 10 members including officers.
- (ii) The Club Committee may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the next AGM.
- (iii) Any Club Committee member may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit.
- (iv) A Club Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to the Club members, or is removed by the members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

(D) Committee meetings

- (i) Whenever a Club Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on that matter concerned.
- (ii) Unless the Club Committee otherwise resolves the following rules shall apply:
 - (a) At least 4 members must be present for a meeting to be valid. One of the 4 must be an Officer of the club. Officers are defined as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
 - (b) Committee meetings shall normally be held face to face but may be held online as circumstances demand.
 - (c) The Chair would normally chair a meeting but in his or her absence a chair may be appointed by a majority of those Committee members present for the purpose of that meeting and that meeting alone.
 - (d) Subject to Clause (c) above the Chair shall be appointed by a majority at a meeting of the Committee and shall remain in post until he or she resigns or there is a further vote by the Committee to appoint a different Chair

(e) Decisions shall be by a simple majority of those present. In the case of a split decision the chair (or alternate)] shall have a second and casting vote,

(E) Delegation

The Club Committee may delegate any of its functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activities and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Club Committee. The Club Committee may wind up any sub-committees at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.

(F) Accounts

Club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all club records may be inspected by any Club Committee member.

3 **Permitted means of advancing the Purposes**

The Club Committee has the power to:

- (a) Provide by means of Lease, Loan, Purchase or any other means, the facilities (water access) to practise such sport.
- (b) Take out insurance for club members, guests, contractors and third parties.
- (c) Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and/or charges.
- (d) Borrow money and give security for the same and open bank accounts.
- (e) Buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same.
- (f) Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits.
- (g) Set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves.
- (h) Invest funds in any lawful manner.
- (i) Employ and engage staff and others to provide services.
- (j) Co-operate with and affiliate to, firstly any bodies regulating or organising the Sport and secondly to any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies.
- (k) Do all things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes of the Club.

None of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.

4 **Membership**

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport, on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

5. **Refusal, termination or suspension of membership**

- (a) The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it, permanently or temporarily if it believes a member is behaving, is likely to behave or has behaved in such a manner such that their conduct or character is likely in the opinion of the Club Committee to bring the Club or sport into disrepute or be in breach of the Club's Rules.
- (b) Details of the Club's Rules and its Disciplinary Procedure and Appeals Procedure shall be published on the Club's website

6 **Rules**

The Club Committee may from time to time decide the rules (the Rules) by which Members must conduct themselves when present on Club waters. Such Rules will be published on the Club's website. These rules will be in addition to the general rule that all Members must not act in such a way as to bring the Club and its membership into disrepute

7 **All General Meetings**

- (a) All members may attend all general meetings of the Club in person.
- (b) Such meetings need 14 clear days written notice to the members.
- (c) The quorum for all general meetings shall be 20 or 10% of the total membership whichever is lower. For the purposes of the quorum committee members will count as ordinary members.
- (d) The Chair or (in his/her absence) another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- (e) With the exception of a motion to wind up the Club or as otherwise provided in these rules all decisions shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.

Each member attending will have only one vote. The Chair [or acting Chair for the meeting] having a second and casting vote as required.

- (f) Formalities in connection with the General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the committee and publicised to the members.

8 Annual General Meetings (AGM)

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 13 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

- (a) The members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM;
- (b) The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the last financial year audited as the Club Committee shall decide;
- (c) The Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;
- (d) The members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the rules) and deal with any business put to the meeting.

7 Extraordinary General Meeting

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 20 members signed by them. Such an EGM shall be held on not less than 14 days, or more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the committee or in default by the Chair.

9 Amendments

- a. These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by 2/3rds of the votes cast but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided by the Finance ACT of 2002 and not in any event to alter its purpose (unless the procedure in 9(b) has been followed) or winding up provisions.
- b. The Club Purposes may be changed to include another incidental and ancillary objects if the Club Committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of the votes cast.

10. Ownership of Club assets by Trustees.

- a) The Committee may from time to time recommend the purchase of fishing rights by the Club which they consider will advance the Club's purposes. The legal title to such

rights will be held in the name of Trustees pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated 12 August 2008 under which the Trustees are mandated to act in accordance with instructions provided to them from time to time by the Committee.

- b) The Committee shall have the power to appoint new Trustees as circumstances dictate or to insist on the retirement/expulsion of a Trustee who ceases, for whatever reason, to retain the confidence of the Committee

11 **Winding up the Club**

- (a) The Members may vote to wind up the club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support the motion at a properly convened general meeting.
- (b) Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports