

LAURENCEKIRK AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

The Association shall be called "The Laurencekirk and District Angling Association" and its objects shall be:

- (a) To encourage the sport of angling, and in order to foster it, to provide facilities for angling at a reasonable cost for its members by renting, purchasing, exchanging or otherwise acquiring the right to fish for salmon and fish of the salmon kind, sea trout, brown trout, or other freshwater fish in any of the rivers of lochs in the district of interest to the Association.
- (b) To increase stocks of fish by purchase, in any water owned or rented by the Association or in which the Association may have a right or privilege to fish.
- (c) In conjunction with any body, society or association having the same or similar interests or objects as the Association, or alone, to take steps that may be necessary to prevent pollution of any water in which the Association have an interest, and
- (d) To prevent illegal fishing.

To effect these aims the Association is empowered:

- 1) To invest and deal with the monies of the Association in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- 2) To remunerate the Officers of the Association all reasonable expenses and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainments of the above objects or any of them, subject only to the following provisions:
 - i) the income and property (which is hereby defined as the assets, heritable and moveable, of the Association whencesoever derived) shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth herein, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, byway of profit to the members of the Association, and
 - ii) if upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be

given or transferred to some Association or Society having objects similar to the objects of the Association or to some charitable institution to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution at a meeting specially called to determine the disposal of such property.

1) OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The office shall be the home address of the Secretary for the time being of the Association.

2) USE OF NAME

The name of the Association shall be mentioned in legible characters in all notices and Association correspondence.

3) MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association is open provided that the maximum number of one hundred and twenty adult subscription paying members would not thereby be exceeded. Membership may be revoked or reviewed at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the right to refuse any application for membership without their being obliged to show cause for their refusal.

Membership of juniors (i.e. up to and including sixteen years of age) shall be encouraged. The above-mentioned conditions applicable to senior members shall likewise apply to juniors. Such different types of membership as may from time to time prove expedient may be introduced by the Committee.

4) MANAGEMENT

The Association shall be managed by a Committee of eleven members and two life members who shall elect from their numbers each year a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer at the commencement of the Annual General Meeting at which the incoming President or whom failing the incoming Vice-President shall act as Chairman.

The President will be entitled to be in office for a maximum of three years on being voted for at each A.G.M. He will then, after the three year period, be, under normal circumstances, followed by the Vice-President.

In certain circumstances an extension of office may be required (i.e. incapacity of Vice-President).

The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be merged or disjointed.

In case any officer should die, resign, be removed or become unfit or incapable to act, the Committee may at any time appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting, unless the vacancy is previously filled at a Special General Meeting.

Any officer may be removed by resolution of a Special General Meeting.

The officers shall receive such remuneration, if any, as may be decided from time to time by the Committee of Management and may in addition be repaid by the Association for all travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the business of the Association.

5) SECRETARY

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Committee of the Association. He shall record correctly the names of the officers and members of the Committee of Management there present and minute the proceedings which he shall transcribe into a book to be authenticated by the signature ' of the Chairman as the proceedings of the meeting. He shall conduct the correspondence of the meeting. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Association. He shall be responsible for all money received, except that when the office of Secretary and Treasurer is disjointed, he shall hand over all monies received by him to the Treasurer. The Secretary shall produce all books, documents and property and if also Treasurer, all money of the Association in his possession and render a full and clear account at each audit and whenever required by a resolution of the Association or of the Committee of Management. He shall also pay over all monies and give up all books, documents and property belonging to the Association in his possession when ordered to do so by a resolution thereof or of the Committee of Management. The Secretary shall summon and give due notice of all meetings and keep such accounts, documents and papers as the Committee of Management may appoint. The Secretary shall, on all occasions, act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee of Management, provided that where in a matter of emergency it is not practicable to call a

meeting of the Committee, the Secretary shall consult with and act under the instructions of the President and Vice-President.

6) TREASURER

The Secretary when also the Treasurer and the Treasurer when the office is disjointed, shall have power to open an Account in the Association's name with any joint stock bank, savings bank or building society, subject to the Committee's agreement thereto. He shall pay all demands when ordered to do so by the Committee of Management. All withdrawal forms with regard to all bank accounts shall be signed by two of the following:

- (1) Secretary/Treasurer
- (2) President, or
- (3) Vice-President

He shall produce all books, documents, property and money of the Association in his possession and render a full and clear account at each audit and whenever required by resolution of the Association or of the Committee of Management. He shall also give up all books, documents, monies and property of the Association in his possession when required to do so by a resolution of the Association or of the Committee of Management.

The auditor shall make up an Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet as at 31st October yearly, said Account and Balance Sheet to be submitted for approval to the Annual General Meeting in November.

7) COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee of Management shall meet on such days and hours as may be agreed from time to time. The President, or if he be not present, the Vice-President, shall preside or otherwise the meeting shall approve a chairman in the absence of both the President and Vice-President. Any five shall form a quorum. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes, and if the votes be equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member. Any three of the Committee may call a special meeting thereof by giving

seven clear day's notice in writing to the Secretary, but at such special meeting no other business than that specified in the notice shall be taken into consideration.

8) POWER OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1) To control the finances and affairs of the Association with an absolute direction in all matters pertaining thereto, subject only to their decisions and admissions conforming with the objects of the Association.
- 2) To allow and pay a commission to any person, firm or body in respect of the sale or issue of tickets for the Association's waters.
- 3) To appoint such sub-committees as it thinks expedient for attending to any aspect of the Association's affairs.
- 4) To appoint and employ such experts, technical advisers, watchers, bailiffs or any other persons whose services shall be required in the interests of the Association's affairs.
- 5) To award annual gratuities, honoraria and to make payments to charitable institutions subject to these sums being agreed at the Annual General Meeting. .
- 6) To decide any matter:-
 - a) with regard to the interpretation of the Association's Constitution and Rules, or
 - b) which is not provided for in the Constitution and Rules

9) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at Laurencekirk on the last Monday in November (as advertised on Social Media (Facebook, Whatsapp and Website) for the election of Committee members and for the transaction of general business. Subject to items for inclusion on the Agenda being lodged with the Secretary at seven days notice.

10) AUDIT

The Committee of Management shall once at least in every year submit the Accounts of the Association for audit.

11) MEETINGS

- 1) A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee of Management think expedient, and whenever twenty members so request in writing delivered to the Secretary.

Should the Secretary fail within seven days to convene a Special General Meeting when so requested, the requisitionists may convene it by giving such notice as is mentioned in the following clauses.

- 2) Intimation of a general meeting shall be validly given to members by notice published on Social Media (Facebook, Whatsapp and Website) provided that such notice is published at least seven clear days in advance of the date on which the said meeting is to be held. Said notice shall state the business to be brought before the meeting. Said notice shall state clearly the time and place of the said general meeting.
- 3) At all general meetings, the Chairman, or, if he be not present, the Vice-Chairman shall preside and in the absence of both the meeting shall appoint a Chairman. five members shall form a quorum.
- 4) Every question put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided either by a ballot or by a show of hands as the Chairman may direct.

On a ballot or show of hands, every member present shall have one vote.

In the case of an equality of votes - whether on a show of hands or on a ballot - the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place, or at which the ballot is demanded shall be entitled to a second casting vote.

- 5) Notice of any motion to be put to a General Meeting must be intimated to the Secretary at least seven clear days before such meeting in order that the Secretary may incorporate intimation of such a motion in the Agenda, Social Media (Facebook, Whatsapp and Website) should be used and published a clear fourteen days in advance of the General Meeting.

12) COMPLAINTS

Any complaints against a member of the Association or any official thereof shall in the strictest confidence be submitted verbally or in writing to the Secretary.

13) EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, ETC., OF A MEMBER

The Committee by a simple majority of members present at a specially convened meeting may warn, suspend or expel from membership for such period and under such penalties as they may decide fit, any member deemed to have been guilty of any illegal form of fishing or taking of fish or complicity therein on any water, or any member deemed to have been guilty of any breach of the rules governing the Association's fishing or of conduct otherwise detrimental to the Association and its interest or its administration, provided that:

- a) a complaint has been made by a member to the Secretary giving details of a specific incident, and
- b) the member so accused is advised by registered letter sent by the Secretary seven clear days before the date of the meeting, of the date of the meeting, the general substance of the complaint and his right to appear in person before the Committee or make a written submission to the Committee for consideration at the meeting, and
- c) the Committee, having considered the details of the complaint and the submission of the member accused, deem the complaint to have been proved. The Secretary shall notify the decision of the Committee to the member concerned by registered letter within fourteen days of the meeting. Any member expelled from the Association or whose membership has been suspended shall not be a guest at any of the Association's functions or participate in the Association's activities or fish the Association's water whether or not he held day permits.

14) TITLE TO PROPERTY

The Title to any and all heritable subjects acquired by the Association shall be taken in the names of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being, and their successors in said offices, as Trustees for the Association.

All deeds and writs bearing to deal with land or heritable property shall be signed by the President or Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

15) FISHING REGULATIONS AND INTERPRETATION

From time to time, the Committee of Management shall frame Rules for the Administration and regulation of the fishing rights leased, owned or otherwise enjoyed by the Association, which are hereby declared to be binding upon all members, and the Committee shall have full powers to decide any questions arising out of or unprovided for in the said Rules.

16) ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription for both adult and junior members shall be such sums as shall be fixed by the Association from time to time, and no part of said annual subscription shall be repayable.