

The Red Lion Piscators

CONSTITUTION ANGLING CLUB RULES AND BYELAWS

1. Name

1. The name of the club shall be the Red Lion Piscators, Shobdon (Still Waters)

2. Objects

2. The general objects of the Club shall be to provide the facilities of an angling club for its members, including the organisation and provision of angling, and to promote the interests of angling and anglers to have a positive and enjoyable experience.

3. Trustees

3.1 There shall be no less than two nor more than three Trustees of the Club, save that a corporate body may be a sole Trustee. The first Trustee shall be Steve Alford and the second Trustee shall be Alan Brough, Subsequent appointment of Trustees shall be by the Committee.

3.2 Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee.

3.3 All property of the Club (except cash, which shall be under the control of the Hon. Treasurer) including leases and fishing leases shall be vested in the Trustees to be dealt with by them as the committee shall from time to time by resolution direct.

3.4 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against any risk and expense incurred by them in pursuance of their office.

4. Membership

4.1 The Club shall consist of the following classes of members, viz:

- i. Full Members.
- ii Concessionary Members.
- iii Junior Members.
- iiii Honorary Members

4.2 The membership in any class may be limited by the Committee subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.

5. Full Membership

5.1 Every candidate for Full Membership shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club in good standing who, as well as the candidate, shall sign the application form. Admission to Full Membership shall be by election of the Committee who may refuse any application without stating a reason.

5.2 Every candidate elected to Full Membership shall be notified of his election by the Hon. Membership Secretary and upon paying the first annual subscription which shall be paid within two weeks of the said notification of the election. He shall be a member of the Club and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.

6. Concessionary Membership

6. The Committee shall have power to elect Concessionary Members on such terms as they may determine.

7. Junior Membership

7. Junior Members may be elected at any General Meeting of the Club, for such periods, as the meeting shall determine, until the age of 17 years when that membership will be transferred to Ordinary Membership status. Under the age of 16 years no Junior Member may use Angling Club Waters without being accompanied by an adult.

8. Subscription

8.1 The annual subscription payable by Members shall be the sum as the members shall determine at the General Meeting. It shall be payable on election to Membership of the Club and thereafter, annually, on the 1st day of January. If the subscription has not been paid within one month after that date the defaulter shall, subject to a contrary decision of the Committee, immediately cease to be a member.

8.2 Any subscription unpaid by the above date shall be deemed as that Membership is cancelled.

9. Resignations

9. A member may resign his membership at any time by notice in writing to the hon. Secretary, but a member whose written resignation is received by the Hon. Secretary after his subscription for that current year has become due shall be liable for his subscription for that year.

10. Expulsion

10.1 The committee shall expel from the club any member for conduct which, in its opinion, is injurious or tends to be injurious to the interests of the Club, or its objects, or its members, or angling, or which contravenes the Club's byelaws.

10.2 Before expelling a member the Committee shall inquire into the members conduct and the member shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend and justify themselves either in writing or by appearing (upon being given 14 days notice of the Committee meeting) before the Committee, and the Committee's power to expel shall be a majority vote of those present at the meeting.

10.3 An expelled member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership but shall remain liable for any dues or debts to the Club which became payable or were incurred before the date of expulsion.

11. Management

11. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee (except as otherwise provided by these Rules).

12. Officers

12. Except for the President & Vice-President the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, after being proposed and seconded and indicating their consent and shall be officio members of the committee.

13. The Committee

13.1 The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer and not less than 3 or more than 10 Ordinary Members of the Club, elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall have power to co-opt up to two members and may, in their discretion, invite any persons, whether members of the Club or not, to attend any Committee meeting.

13.2 At the Annual General Meeting each year one-third of the Committee for the time being (or the number nearest to one-third) being those longest on the Committee since last election shall retire from office, but shall be eligible for re-election, when every Full and Concessionary member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and, in the case of two or more candidates for the vacancy receiving an equal number of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

13.3 The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee and any member so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

13.4 The committee shall meet at least 6 months of each year to examine the accounts and to arrange the affairs of the club and minutes shall be taken of every meeting.

13.5 The quorum at any committee meeting shall be 5

13.6. The Committee may at any time appoint a sub-committee to consider any particular aspect of the affairs of the Club. Such Sub-Committee must report to the members of the club at the Annual General Meeting.

14. Borrowing Powers

14.1 If at any time the club in general meeting passes a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money:

14.1.1 The Committee may borrow for the purpose of the Club the amount of money, (either at one time or from time to time) and at the rate of interest, in the form and manner and upon the security specified in the resolution and

14.1.2 The Trustees must at the discretion of the Committee make any disposition of the club property or any part of it and enter into any agreement in relation to the Club property as the Committee thinks proper to give security for the loan and interest.

14.2 Every member of the Club, whether he votes on a resolution authorised borrowing or not, and everyone becoming a member of the Club after the passing of such a resolution, is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if the member had voted in favour of it.

15. Indemnity

The officers of the Club, being the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary or any member of the Committee so authorised by the Committee shall not incur any personal liability for any duties properly carried out on behalf of the Club and any officer so acting shall be entitled to be indemnified from Club assets.

16. Byelaws

16.1 The Byelaws set out in the Appendix to these Rules and any byelaws made under paragraph 16.2 of this Rule shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the Committee, or by a resolution of a General Meeting, subject to any amendment made under paragraph 16.2 of this Rule.

16.2 The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal or amend all such byelaws as they deem expedient (provided that they shall not be inconsistent with these Rules) to take effect unless set aside at a General Meeting.

17. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

17. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of November in each year to receive and consider the audited accounts and annual balance sheet prepared by the Treasurer; to appoint officers and auditors; to fill vacancies on the Committee and to decide on any resolution submitted by the Committee or under Rule 19. Admittance to the AGM must be by the individual producing their Membership Card.

18. Special General Meetings

18. A Special General Meeting may be held at any time that the Committee shall determine and the Committee shall call a Special General Meeting upon the requisition in writing of any (20) members for a purpose stated in the requisition and, upon receipt of such a requisition, unless they shall determine the purpose to be frivolous, the Committee shall call the meeting within 40 days of the receipt of the requisition by the Secretary.

19. Notices of the AGM and Resolutions

19.1 Notice of the date and time and place of every AGM, stating the last date for submitting resolutions, shall be sent to each member of the Club at his last known address on the annual calendar of events when their Membership Subscription is received and confirmed.

19.2 Notice of any resolution to be moved at a AGM, unless recommended by the Committee, shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting and signed by the proposer and seconder. Any such resolution, unless withdrawn, shall be included in the business of the meeting.

19.3 Accidental omission to give notice by, any member under paragraphs 19.1 and 19.2 of this Rule shall not invalidate any of the proceedings of the meeting.

20. Proceedings at the AGM

20.1 6 members (not including Junior Members) shall form a quorum at any AGM.

20.2 At every General Meeting, the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or, in his absence the Chairman, or in absence of all three, a member elected by the members present, shall take the chair. The Chairman and all Full and Concessionary Members present shall be entitled to vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

20.3 Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, a majority vote of the Full and Concessionary Members present voting shall carry any motion or resolution, save that no Rule of the Club may be made, repealed or amended on a vote of less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

21. Interpretation

21.1 The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Club Rules and Byelaws and the decision of the Committee upon any questions of interpretation, or any matter affecting the club not provided for by the Rules or Bye-laws, shall be final and binding upon the members.

21.2 In the Club Rules and Bye - laws, where the context permits, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine, and words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

21.3 The headings to these rules are for the ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation.

22. Dissolution of the Club

22. If, at any AGM a resolution for the dissolution of the club is passed by a majority of the Members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than six weeks later (of which not less than four weeks written notice has been given to each member) and at which not less than one-half of the members are present, that resolution is confirmed by a resolution by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting on it, the Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and, after the discharge of all liabilities, must divide such property equally in proportion to the amount each Member has paid in subscription, among all the Members and on completion of the division, the Club will be dissolved.

23. Privacy Policy

23. Privacy Commitment, The Red Lion Piscators takes all members privacy seriously and comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDRP) legislation.

23.1 The Red Lion Piscators collects stores and processes personal date which is relevant and adequate for the club's purpose in order to manage membership of the club,

The club's purpose is of a legitimate interest in operating the club. The information we collect are members contact details, Name and address etc for the purpose of management of membership and subscriptions. Also, to remind members about the constitution and rules as required whilst maintaining an accurate list of committee members and their contact details, the advising of news, club information and calendar of events whilst maintaining an accurate record of subscriptions.

23.2 Data Protection, This Data will not be transferred without members consent and the Data will be protected from loss, misuse, unauthorised sharing unauthorised alteration or destruction. Members will be notified promptly in the event of any breach of membership data which might expose members to serious risk. Membership Data will be stored on a system whilst membership is current and for a period after membership ceases for as long as it is within the legitimate interests of the club to retain that Data. Members have normal rights in control of this data and can exercise these rights in the first instance by contacting the Club Membership Secretary the custodian of the clubs Membership Data.

24. Children and Adult Protection Policy

The Red Lion Piscators acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults. We are committed to ensuring that safeguarding practices reflect the statutory responsibility, government guidelines and complies with the best practice in sport requirements.

25. Amendment to The Rules

26. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at any annual or special general meeting by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Full, Concessionary and Honorary Members voting on it.

Appendix

Club Bye - laws

- (a) Require compliance with the bye - laws of the Environment Agency.
- (b) Require fair and lawful fishing.
- (c) Prohibit trespass, digging for bait and cutting or damaging trees, vegetation and other property.
- (d) Prohibit leaving litter.
- (d) Specify size limits and numbers of fish that may be retained from Club water.
- (e) Specify the number of rods that may be used and tackled up at any time.

- (f) Specify means of access, parking places, etc., for each Club water, and require closing of gates.
- (g) Regulate use of boats.
- (h) Club Rules
- (i) Competition Match Rules
- (J) Day ticket Rules
- (k) Health and Safety Risk Assessments for Adults & Children

Amended following AGM 2nd Nov 2023