

KENNICK FLY FISHERS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

1. The Association will be known as the **Kennick Fly Fishers Association**.

2. **Aims & Objectives**

The objects of the Association shall be to promote the interests of fly fishers and provide opportunities and facilities for fly-fishing and for meeting the educational, instructional and social interests of members.

It will do this through:

- a. Organising regular meetings and events for members.
- b. Liaising and working with The South West Lakes Trust, South West Water, The Environmental Agency and other appropriate public or corporate bodies to further these objects.
- c. Liaising and encouraging co-operation and working with other organisations and individuals who share similar interests
- d. Making anglers aware of their responsibilities regarding safety, conservation of wild life and any relevant bylaws and laws, rules and codes of practice.

3. **Membership.**

- a. New members will be accepted upon payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription.
- b. Membership of the Association shall be subject to the approval of the Committee.
- c. Membership Categories:
 - Honorary Member
 - Senior Member (Over 65 years)
 - Member
 - Junior Member (Under 18]
- d. The committee is empowered to suspend or remove from membership any member, who has in their opinion, broken Association Rules or Byelaws or has brought the Association into disrepute.
- e. The member concerned shall be entitled to a hearing before the committee if he/she so requests, however, the committee's decision will be final.

4. **Subscription & Entrance Fee.**

- a. The subscription year will be from the date of the AGM to the next AGM. Subscriptions unpaid by 31st May shall result in forfeiture of membership, after which a fresh application must be made.

- b. Subscriptions received from new members after 1st October shall cover the following subscription year.
- c. The entrance fee and annual subscription shall be decided at the AGM and will be effective forthwith.

5. **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- a. The AGM shall be held during February or March each year. 15 members in addition to the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- b. Members shall receive not less than 21 days notice of the AGM.
- c. Only paid up Members, Senior Members and Honorary Members shall be eligible to hold office, speak or vote at General Meetings except with the express agreement of a majority of the members present.
- c. Written agenda items for the AGM must be received by the Hon. Secretary not less than 7 days prior to the AGM.
- d. Nominations for Officers and Committee Members must be proposed and seconded and the agreement of the nominee obtained. Nominations should be in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days previous to the AGM.

6. **Election of Officers.**

- a. The election of members to the committee shall take place at the AGM.
- b. Committee members will automatically stand for election unless the meeting is notified otherwise. The Chair shall not serve for more than three consecutive years unless requested to do so by a majority of the membership present at the AGM.
- b. Should no nominations be received for a specific committee post, or too few nominations be received for general committee membership, standing members shall be deemed to be elected, subject to their agreement.
- c. Should a committee vacancy occur due to the resignation of standing members, or the lack of new nominations; nominations will be accepted from members at the AGM.
- d. Should more than one member be nominated for a specific committee post, or more than four members be nominated for the general committee, an election will be held by a show of hands.
- e. The Annual General Meeting may decide to invite suitable persons to become President or Vice-President of the Association.

7. **Special General Meetings.**

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the Hon. Secretary on the instructions of the committee or the written request of not less than 20 members, giving 14 days notice to each member of the Association. The notice shall specify the business to be transacted; no business other than that stated shall be considered.

8. The Committee.

- a. The business of the Association shall be conducted by a committee comprising of The Chair, Vice Chair, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, who are the Association's Officers, the Competition Secretary and up to four committee members, all to be elected at the AGM. The Honorary President may attend any committee meeting. Five committee members, one of whom must be an officer shall form a quorum.
- b. The Committee shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the objects of the Association, including the power to make such rules as may be necessary for the management of the Association, provided that no such rules conflict with any of the Association's aims and objects.
- c. In all matters demanding an immediate decision the Chair or in his absence the Vice Chair (if no Vice Chair, the Hon. Secretary) and one other committee member shall be empowered to act in the Association's interests.
- d. The Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies arising during the course of the year by co-option or to co-opt additional members to the Committee if required, provided that the number of co-opted members does not exceed one third of elected members.
- e. The Committee shall have the power to constitute sub-committees and to delegate appropriate powers as necessary.
- f. The Committee shall be empowered to affiliate the Association to other organisations consistent with the aims of the Association and to appoint delegates to represent the Association at meetings of such organisations.
- g. Any Committee member failing to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without an explanation satisfactory to the Committee shall cease to be a member of the Committee.
- h. The committee may award Honorary Membership to those who, in the opinion of the committee, have served the Association well. The Hon Treasurer must at the next AGM inform members of any new honorary members.

9. Accounts & Finances

- a. The committee shall have control of the annual income and its use for the benefit of the Association.
- b. All monies are to be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Kennick Fly Fishers Association, or invested in the name of the Association for the benefit of members, as decided by the Committee from time to time. All cheques to be signed in accordance with the mandate in force from time to time. The Treasurer will produce a statement of accounts when requested by the Committee.
- c. The Honorary Treasurer will present an audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet for the year ended the previous 30th. November for adoption at the AGM.

- d. The accounts shall, where possible, be audited annually by an Honorary Auditor who shall make an examination of the Association's books, records and vouchers as considered necessary and report as to whether or not the annual income and expenditure account and balance sheet give a true and fair view of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Association.
- e. The Committee is empowered to appoint an Honorary Treasurer who must subsequently be approved at the next Annual General Meeting
- f. Where no independent auditor is available this audit will be carried out by Vice Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

10. **Constitution and Rules**

- a. The committee shall from time to time review the constitution to ensure that it meets the needs of the association.
- b. The Constitution and Rules may only be amended by decision of an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose.
- c. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be given to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be submitted.
- d. The affirmative vote of two thirds of members present shall be necessary for approval of any amendment to the Constitution and Rules.

11 **Termination of the Association.**

In the event of the Association being terminated, all funds including fixed assets, shall after all liabilities have been discharged, be donated to the Angling Trust, the Wild Trout Association, the South West Lakes Trust, the Vranth House School and Centre and the Devon Air Ambulance, in equal parts

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