

## **Proposed New Club Constitution Wording 13/11/23**

### **Middlesbrough Angling Club Constitution**

#### **1. Title**

1.1 The club shall be called “ Middlesbrough Angling Club”, hereafter to be referred to as “ **The Club**”

#### **2. Objects**

2.1 To foster and promote the sport of Angling at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and competition. To renovate and preserve fisheries and further all other things which are conducive to the sport of Angling and the good of the community.

#### **3. Membership**

3.1 Membership of the Club is open to any person completing a membership application and paying the relevant fees, subject to approval by the Committee.

3.2 There shall be six classes of membership

These are ;

Adult Member

Concession (OAP, Disabled)

Life Member

Youth Member 14yrs - 17yrs

Junior member under 14yrs

Guardian (non fishing)

#### **4. Expulsion of Members**

4.1 Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the rules or bylaws may be expelled or suspended by resolution passed at a meeting of the committee where their entrance fee and subscriptions may be forfeited.

Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the committee, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.

#### **5. Officers**

5.1 The officers of the club shall be as follows :

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Fisheries Officers

Match Secretaries

Club Welfare Officer

General Committee

5.2 The maximum number of Officers, at any one time , shall be Ten

#### **6. Election of Officers**

6.1 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from, and by the Members of the Club.

6.2 All Officers are selected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year. Committee members agree to a three month handover period when leaving their roles, to ensure the smooth running of the Club. Any Committee members wishing to step down must give 3 months notice.

## **7. General Committee**

7.1 The affairs of the club shall be managed by the Committee. The Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

7.1.1 The Officials and Committee shall have the authority to borrow money from Banks and/or Club Members to raise capital for the club

7.2 The duties of the General Committee shall be ;

7.2.1 To manage the affairs of the club on behalf of the members

7.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by the members and should be reviewed by an independent Accountant before every Annual General Meeting. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and the following officers shall be authorised to sign Club cheques and authorise transfers, Treasurer, Secretary, membership Secretary and one other officer, with two signatures required to authorise cheques/transfers.

7.2.3 To co-opt additional members to the Committee when the Committee feels this is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee.

7.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the chairperson shall carry the casting vote. On major decisions all committee members must be in attendance and must vote.

7.3 Officers of the Club who are absent from four consecutive meetings may be removed from office, irrespective of apologies for absence received for previous meetings.

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the last Monday in November. To attend the AGM, members must produce a current valid membership card.

8.2 Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any additional business to be heard at the Annual General Meeting prior to the Pre AGM Committee Meeting which is held on the last Monday in October

8.3 Nomination of candidates for election as Officers or General Committee Members shall be made in writing to the Secretary prior to the Pre AGM Committee Meeting, which is held on the last Monday in October. Nominations can only be made by Full Club Members and must be seconded by another Full Club Member. All applicants must have a minimum of 3 years continuous membership.

8.4 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to ;

8.4.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

8.4.2 Receive the independently reviewed annual accounts from the Treasurer

8.4.3 Receive any relevant information from the Secretary

8.4.4 Elect the Officers of the Club ( Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fisheries Officers, Match Secretaries, Club Welfare Officer and other General Committee Members.

8.4.5 Review Club Annual Membership fees and agree them for the forthcoming year.

8.4.6 Transact any additional business received from Members and included on the Agenda, as per 8.2

8.5 At all Meetings , the Chair will be taken by the Chairperson or agreed Deputy. The Deputy agreed by the Officers and General Committee.

8.6 The Chair reserves the right to end the AGM early with any further business still to be conducted being dealt with at a later date.

8.7 Decisions made at the Annual General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall carry the casting vote.

8.8 The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be four Officers or General Committee members of the Club but must include either Chairperson or Secretary or Treasurer.

8.9 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Officers or General Committee of the Club, or, on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than Ten Full Members of the Club. A minimum of 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given

## **9. Alterations to the Constitution**

9.1 Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by a simple majority of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.