

Club Constitution

1. Title

- 1.1 The club shall be called Hetton Lyons Angling Club.

2. Objects

- 2.1 To foster and promote the sport of fishing at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and competition.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership of the club shall be open to any person completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription as determined by the annual general meeting of the club members. There shall be 4 classes of membership available.

4. Expulsion

- 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 a resolution passed at a meeting of disciplinary subcommittee where their subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the management committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves. Provided that notice of such an appeal be submitted to the secretary, in writing within seven days of notification of the decision.

5. Officers

- 5.1 The officers of the club shall be as follows; Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

6. Election of Officers

- 1.1 All officers shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the club from, and by the members of the club.
- 1.2 All officers are elected for a period of one year but maybe re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

7. General Committee

- 1.1 The affairs of the club shall be controlled by the general committee comprising of the executive officers of the club and a minimum of 3 to a maximum of full members of the club.
- 1.2 The duties of the general committee shall be to control 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 shall be available for reasonable inspection by members and should be audited before every annual general meeting. The club shall maintain a bank current account and the following officers shall be authorised to sign club cheques: two from the chairperson, treasurer and secretary.
- 7.2.3 To make decision on the bases of a simple majority vote in the case of equal votes the chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8. General Committee

- 1.1 The annual general meeting shall be held on the last Wednesday of November each year. Any members wishing to propose rule changes should do so in writing with a seconder on or before the meeting at the end of October.
- 1.2 The business of the A.G.M shall be;
 - 1.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous A.G.M.
 - 1.2.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the treasurer.
 - 1.2.3 Receive the secretaries annual report.
 - 1.2.4 Elect the officers of the club.
 - 1.2.5 Review the subscription rates and agree them for the upcoming year.
 - 1.2.6 Transact such other business as was submitted in writing to the secretary by October meeting.
- 1.3 There will be an ordinary club meeting for the members held on the last Wednesday of each month except December.
- 1.4 At all meetings the chair will be taken by the chairperson or in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the club or by a full member attending the meeting.
- 1.5 A quorum for a general meeting shall be 4 committee members plus 4 full members.

9. General Committee

- 9.1 Any proposed alterations to the club constitution at any annual or special general meeting, convened with the required writing notice of the proposal by a full member of the club and seconded by another full member such alterations shall be passed if supported by no less than two-thirds of those members present.

10 Dissolution

- 10.1 If at any general meeting of the club a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of the club, the secretary shall immediately convene a special general meeting of the club to be held not less than one month there after to discuss the vote in resolution.
- 10.2 If at that special general meeting the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the full members present at the meeting, the general committee shall there upon or at such date as has been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
- 10.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the full members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the club.