

Ballymote & District Angling Club

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE:

The name of the Association is BALLYMOTE AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB.

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Association are to promote, develop and foster angling in the waters under its control, to assist in the protection and preservation of waters and generally to exert its influence for the betterment of the sport.

3. COMPOSITION:

The Association shall consist of Trustees, Hon. Officers, Committee and Members. The Association shall have the following officers - President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

(a) A fully paid up member is one who has paid his subscription for the current year. Subscriptions paid in one year are current until the last day of February in the next year.

(b) The annual subscription for adult Members shall be a minimum of 30 Euro and for Juveniles up to the age of 18 years 15 Euro. In addition to the Annual Subscription, there shall be a charge of 50% of current Annual Subscription (i) to new adult members who wish to join the Association and (ii) to lapsed adult members who

wish to rejoin the Association.

(c) Members shall furnish such information as to fish caught by them as may be required from time to time by the Association.

(d) All notices required by this Constitution and Rules shall be deemed to have been properly given to members if forwarded to the members by prepaid post at the address given in the Register and shall be deemed to have been delivered two days after the date of posting.

(e) Every member suspended or otherwise aggrieved and every person whose application for membership has been refused, shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual General Meeting. Notice of Appeal must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary within twenty one days of receipt of Notice of Suspension or other action taken by the Committee.

(f) New Members of the club must be nominated and seconded by existing club members.

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5. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association is vested in the Honorary Officers and a Committee of nine members.

The Committee members and the Honorary Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. All outgoing officers shall be eligible for re-election.

THE COMMITTEE

(i) The Committee shall normally meet once monthly at such place and time as the Chairman may decide. Notices for such meeting may be by card, 'phone or verbal provided that at least four clear days notice shall be given.

(ii) The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the meeting shall elect its own Chairman from among its members present.

(iii) The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be five, which must include at least one Officer.

(iv) An Officer or member of the Committee who, without reasonable cause, absents himself from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from his office and the Committee shall fill the vacancy by co-option of the member with the next highest number of votes at the Annual General Meeting, or as it may otherwise

determine.

(v) In the case of equality of vote on any motion at a Committee or General Meeting, the Member presiding shall have and exercise a casting vote as well as a deliberate one.

(vi) In the event of an appeal being made to the next Annual General Meeting by any person aggrieved, the decision of the Committee shall remain in force until the matter has been decided on by the General Meeting.

(vii) No person shall be eligible for any office or membership of any Committee unless he is a fully paid up member and has been a Club Member for a minimum of

five years. Only Adult Members shall be entitled to vote on any motion at any meeting of the Association except in the case where a motion before the Annual General Meeting is for the raising of the Juvenile membership subscription.

(viii) Persons who have not attained their sixteenth birthday are not eligible for any office.

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(ix) The Committee may appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary or expedient including a Committee for Youth. Should the Committee not designate the Chairman, the Sub-Committee shall elect a Chairman from amongst its Members at its first meeting. Any member or members of the Association may be appointed to serve on a sub-committee.

(x) The Committee may suspend any Member of the Association offending against the Constitution or the Rules of the Association or any Bye-Laws made in accordance with the Rules subject to the right of the person aggrieved to appeal as set out in Rule 4 (e). It may also re-instate members suspended by them.

(xi) The Committee may refuse membership to any applicant without stating reasons subject to the provisions of Rule

4 (e) setting out the right of appeal.

(xii) The Committee may summon an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8, section II (a).

(xiii) The Committee is further empowered to give a ruling on any matter appertaining to the Constitution or the Rules of the Association which may be referred to it.

(xiv) The Committee may co-opt not more than two additional members in any one year apart from those co-opted under Section 5(iv); such a co-opted member only to hold office for the term of office of the Committee to which he is co-opted provided that the co-opted member run for election to the Committee at the next Annual General Meeting and, if not elected, he may not be co-opted during the following year.

(xv) Any contingency not specifically covered in this Constitution and Rules may be dealt with on its merits by the Committee.

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6. HON. MEMBERS, TRUSTEES AND HON. AUDITOR

(a) Honorary Members:

(1) The Committee may designate Honorary Members. The designation, which shall be in recognition of outstanding service to the Association or the Sport is renewable annually on the recommendation of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) Honorary Members may attend, speak and vote at General Meetings .

(b) Trustees:

(i) Not less than two and not more than four members of the Association may be appointed to act as Trustees. The Trustees shall be appointed, re-appointed and removed, on the nomination of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) All the property of the Association shall be vested by the Committee in the Trustees and the Trustees shall deal with the property so vested in them as directed by resolution of the Committee (of which an entry in the Minute

Book shall be conclusive evidence) and they shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Association against all expenses, damages, costs and claims whatsoever incurred by them in the proper execution of their functions.

(c) Honorary Auditor:

There shall be elected, at the Annual General Meeting, an Honourary Auditor for the ensuing year, who shall carry out an audit of the accounts of the Association.

7. POWERS

(a) Regulations:

(i) The Committee may make Bye-Laws provided such Bye-Laws are not opposed to, or inconsistent with the

Constitution or the Rules of the Association.

(ii) The Committee shall arrange for the appointment of Water-keepers.

(iii) The Annual General Meeting shall direct the Committee to fix a size limit on all fish to be taken from their waters.

(iv) The Annual General Meeting shall direct the Committee to fix a daily bag limit (the existing daily limit for trout is two).

(v) The Annual General Meeting shall direct the Committee to fix an opening and closing date for the trout fishing

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season. (The present season is from 1st March to 30th September, inclusive).

(vi) Casual visiting Anglers may be permitted to fish at a weekly or daily charge; such permission may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, the Water-keepers or those selling Membership Tickets.

(vii) The Association shall indemnify its trustees against liability in the event of any accident, loss or mishap sustained by any member

(viii) Water-keepers and Assistant Water-keepers shall be insured by the Association against any accident sustained while carrying out their duties for the Association.

(b) Borrowing:

If at any time the Association in General Meeting assembled shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the Association such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and

manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Trustees shall, at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the property of the Association and any part thereof and enter into such agreement in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such

loans, and interest. All members of the Association after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of the such resolution.

8. MEETINGS

1. Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before the last Friday in January of each year or on a date as near thereto as possible for the following purposes:

(a) To hear the President's Address.

(b) To confirm the minutes of the previous General Meeting.

(c) To receive the Honorary Secretary's report.

(d) To receive the Honorary Treasurer's report.

(e) To elect Honorary Officers, Members of Committee and Trustees for the ensuing year.

(f) To elect designated Honorary Members.

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(g) To appoint delegates to Annual General Meetings of Angling Representative Bodies, and other bodies as

necessary.

(h) To elect an Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year.

(i) To deal with Notices of Motion before the Meeting in accordance with Rule IIb.

(j) To hear appeals if any in accordance with Rule 4 (e).

(k) To deal with any other business with the permission of the Chairman.

II. Extraordinary General Meeting:

(a) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by a two-thirds majority of the Committee or by a requisition signed by at least twenty five members of the Association.

(b) Having received a proper demand for an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Chairman shall summon such meeting to meet within twenty-one days of the receipt of such demand.

(c) Every demand for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall set forth the business for which it is required to be assembled and no other business shall be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

III. Minutes:

The proceedings of every meeting of the Association, the Committee or Sub-Committees shall be recorded in minute books kept for that purpose. The minutes as recorded shall be circulated at the next succeeding meeting and when adopted with or without amendment shall be signed by the Chairman. Reports of Sub-Committee meetings shall be conveyed to the Honorary Secretary of the Association as soon as possible.

9. COMPETITIONS

The incoming Committee of the Association shall elect each year, from among its members, a Competitions Committee of five persons consisting of a Hon. Secretary/P.R.O. and others. The function of this Competitions Committee shall be to do all things necessary for the successful and profitable running of competitions.

(a) The Committee may arrange and conduct such competitions as it considers desirable or necessary and lay down conditions for same.

(b) The Committee may arrange competitions for the selection of individuals and/or teams to represent the Association in Inter-Club or other competitions.

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(c) The Committee may give permission to other Associations or bodies to hold competitions on their waters.

(d) Full records of the results of competitions and fish caught throughout the year for the various Trophies shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary so that a composite record will be available as required.

(e) Committees in charge of Competitions may refuse the entry, or deny the right to take part, of any Competitor who fails to produce a current Membership Ticket on request, immediately before the start or at other reasonable times subject always to the aggrieved person's right of appeal as set out in Rule 4 (e).

10. FINANCE

The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Association.

(a) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all monies on behalf of the Association and shall lodge same in a Banking Account in the name of the Association. All accounts for payment shall be approved at the monthly meetings of the Committee. Cheques shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.

(b) The Honorary Treasurer shall present an audited statement of the Accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Small incidental expenses such as postage, etc., incurred shall be recorded in a Petty Cash book kept for that purpose.

(d) All proceeds from winning Prize Bonds or other lottery tickets held by the Association in the names of Officers of the Association shall automatically accrue as the property of the Association.

(e) The financial year of the Association shall end on 20th January of each year.

11. AMENDMENTS

(a) Any addition, deletion or amendment to this Constitution and Rules shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting of the Association by a simple majority of those present and voting.

(b) Notice of such proposed additions, deletions or amendments must be given to the Honorary Secretary not later than seven clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

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12. DISSOLUTION

If, at any General Meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of the Association shall be passed by a majority of the Members present, and such resolution shall, at an Extraordinary General Meeting, held not less than one month thereafter, at which not less than one half of the members shall be present, be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee shall, thereupon or upon such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Association and, after the discharge of

all liabilities, shall divide the same equally among all the full members and upon the completion of such division the Association shall be dissolved.

13. COMMENCEMENT OF RULES.

These Rules came into effect on and from 15th February, 2009. Latest updating and include all amendments to-date.