

**THE STRATHMORE
ANGLING
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION
AND RULES**

THE STRATHMORE ANGLING IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Constitution and Rules

CONSTITUTION

01. - The Association shall be called “The Strathmore Angling Improvement Association.”
02. - The object of the association shall be the general improvement and protection of the fishings (salmon, trout and grayling) of the Rivers, Streams and Lochs in the Angus and East Perthshire areas (hereinafter referred to as “the waters”).
03. - In pursuance of its general object the Association may
 - (a) Acquire funds necessary for its purposes and hold the monies so acquired, and employ and expend the same subject to the provisions of, and conditions imposed by, any agreement which the Association may enter into, in the promotion of its object, and the fulfilment of its obligations.
 - (b) Negotiate and enter upon schemes for the alteration and/or improvement of the bed and banks of the waters, or for the provision and suitable fish passes, or the improvement of existing passes, or for the alteration, improvement, acquisition or removal of rocks, dams, dykes, weirs, lades and appurtenances, and other obstructions and traps on the waters;
 - (c) Arrange for the non-exercise or restriction of rights in any water adverse to the object of the Association, or purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire the same, with the object of suspending the exercise of such rights, or of exercising the same only to the extent aforesaid, challenge attempts on the part of others to establish claims to such adverse rights; and ~~+~~ take steps to prevent or remove abuse and pollution of the waters and other actions and conditions contrary to the object of the Association;
 - (d) Obtain reports on schemes proposed by the Association and enter into contracts or agreements;
 - (e) Maintain touch with, where practicable, and in all possible ways co-operate with and assist the Statutory Fishery Boards of the district or such equivalent body as my hereafter have statutory jurisdiction and control within the Fishery district, and collaborate with, under any specific agreement or

otherwise, such other body, person or persons who hold or exercise fishing rights on the waters;

- (f) Arrange for the control of pike or other coarse fish in the waters, make provision for the artificial propagation or distribution of brown trout; capture and mark fish and do such other things as may be necessary for scientific research;
- (g) Collect and retain such records of the numbers of fish taken from the waters, as may be required from time to time by the Association;
- (h) Appoint and remunerate officers and employees to assist in the general improvement and protection of the fishing's of the waters, and for the conduct of the Association's affairs;
- (i) Pursue and defend actions at law or other processes in relation to the Association's schemes and affairs;
- (j) Institute or assist in the institution of prosecutions or proceedings for offences against, or failure to comply with, the laws, bye-laws, and regulations relating to fishing and fisheries, and otherwise seek to enforce these laws, bye-laws and regulations;
- (k) Promote or assist in the promotion of legislation, bye-laws, and regulations, having for their objects the general improvement or protection of fishing's, and oppose or assist in opposing schemes or proposed legislation, bye-laws, and regulations contrary to the interests of the Association; and
- (l) Do all such other lawful things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the Association.

04.- The affairs of the Association shall not be conducted with a view to the acquisition of profits, and the property and monies at the credit of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its object and the fulfilment of its obligations incidental thereto, or as contained in any contract or agreement entered into by the Association in furtherance of its object.

05. - Monies may be acquired for the purposes of the Association (other than those derived from annual subscription or other sources) by way of contributions to any Special Fund for improvements purposes, or by members assessing themselves on such basis and upon such terms as may be agreed on from time to time, but contributions to any such Special Fund or submission to any such assessment shall be purely voluntary on the part of the individual members, and no liability to the Association in this respect shall be incurred by any member unless and until said

member has expressly undertaken an obligation in this connection.

06. - No scheme, project or undertaking, involving expenditure shall be put into execution by or on behalf of the Association at any time, unless and until the monies required therefor (after defraying the necessary administrative expenses of the Association and providing for all contracts or obligations already incurred) shall be actually in hand at the credit of the Association.
07. - Members of the Association shall not by reason only of their membership be deemed to have submitted to restrictions of any rights or interests which they may hold in the waters, or be deemed to have submitted to alteration, any properties they may hold, having relation to the waters, without prejudice, however, to the validity and force of any voluntary agreements, obligations, or arrangements which they as individuals, may enter into in connection with the schemes of the Association, or in connection with the attainment of its objects.
08. - Should the association require to be dissolved it shall be the responsibility of the outgoing committee to ensure the correct actions are taken.
 - a) Arrange an extra ordinary general meeting.
 - b) Prepare a final set of accounts which should be audited and any corporation tax payments required should be made.
 - c) Arrange the cancelation of all fishing leases.
 - d) Collect all ticket books from all outlets.
 - e) Dispose of any equipment owned by association.
 - f) Agree the distribution of any funds

RULES

01. - Membership of the Association shall be open to:-

- (a) Owners of fishings (salmon and trout) and their fishing tenants;
- (b) Angling Associations and Clubs (affiliated to the Improvement Association); and
- (c) Anglers and other persons resident within the district or non-residents interested in the promotion of the objects of the Association.

The Annual Subscription shall be:-

- (a) Angling Association and Clubs subscriptions shall be agreed at a committee meeting and ratified at the AGM,
- (b) Anglers and others subscriptions shall be agreed at a committee meeting and ratified at the AGM,
- (c) Juniors (persons under 18 years of age) subscriptions shall be agreed at a committee meeting and ratified at the AGM,

Payable to the Treasurer not later than the 1st May.

02.- (a) Affiliated Angling Associations and Clubs will require to appoint not more than two delegates each year to represent their Association or Club, at meetings of the Improvement Association. The names of such Delegate Members shall be notified to the Secretary of the Improvement Association by the 1st February each year.

An Affiliation Association or Club may appoint another member, for the remainder of the year, to take the place of a Delegate Member who is no longer available. Such changes shall be notified to the Secretary of the Improvement Association.

(b) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the members thereof in meetings, duly called and assembled at which four (consisting of main office bearers) shall form a quorum, and by a committee of management. A Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson (one or more may be appointed this office) and Secretary and Treasurer (all of whom shall be ex-officiis members of the Committee), and the Committee of Management consisting of not less than four, and not more than twelve members of whom four shall form a quorum, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office for the following year (casual vacancies may be filled by the committee, but such interim

appointments shall be confirmed at next Annual General Meeting). Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote. A mandatory, holding the standing authority of a member, shall be eligible for election to the Committee of Management.

(d) The Committee of Management shall at all times have the power of calling Special General Meetings of the Association and shall be bound to direct the Secretary to call such meetings on a requisition signed by six members. Such meetings shall be convened by special circular sent to each member of the Management Committee and to each member of the Association at least six days before the meeting, and shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called. Any meeting may be adjourned to such time and place as may be agreed on. Only the business for which such meetings are convened shall be discussed.

(e) Honorary Presidents or Honorary Vice-Presidents may be appointed. Patrons may be admitted.

03. - All monies acquired by the Association as authorised by Article 3(a) hereof shall be credited to the Association. A banking account (or accounts) shall be kept in such Bank as shall be instructed by the Committee of the Association, in name of the Association, and cheques drawn thereon shall be signed by the Treasurer, and either the Chairperson or one of the Vice Chairperson.
04. - The management and absolute control of monies of the Association shall be delegated to and vested in the Committee of the Association.
05. - All contracts or agreements entered into by the Association as authorised in Article 3, sub-sections (c) and (e) shall be signed on behalf of the Association by the Chairperson or one of the Vice Chairperson and the Secretary for the time being.
06. - The Association shall meet annually in the month of March, and this shall be known as the Annual General Meeting, notice of which shall be sent by the Secretary to each member, at least seven day before the date of the meeting. The committee shall prepare and issue to members (including all members of the Committee) an Annual Report prior to the meeting.
07. - The decisions of the General Meeting shall be ascertained by the votes of members as herein provided for.
 - (a) Owners and Lessees of fishing's - 1 vote.

(b) Angling Associations and Clubs - 2 votes. (When the two Delegate Members allowed under Rule 2(a) are in attendance, they will both be entitled to one vote, and when only one Delegate Member is present, he will cast two votes).

(c) Anglers and others - 1 vote.

08. - The Secretary shall keep a Minute Book in which the proceedings and decisions of the Association and of the Committee shall be recorded. The Treasurer shall collect all subscriptions, assessments, and contributions provided for herein, and shall keep regular books and accounts of the whole financial transaction of the Association. The financial year shall close at 30th November, and a yearly audited statement of all intromissions with the monies and properties of the Association shall be submitted at each Annual General Meeting or incorporated in the Annual Report.
09. - Subject to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of the Constitution, all decisions of the Association shall (unless where a special majority is required by the Rules) be ascertained by a clear majority of the votes cast at a General meeting in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7. In the event of equality in voting, the chairman shall have a casting vote.
10. - Any existing member may propose a duly qualified person for membership, or make nominations for honorary membership. The Committee of Management shall have the power to admit or decline (without being obliged to give reasons therefore the admission of new members or honorary member. Enrolment of new members or honorary members shall have effect as from the date of acceptance of their nomination by the Committee. In the event of a declinature by the Committee, the proposer shall have the right to appeal to the General Meeting, and the proposed admission shall be sanctioned only if supported by three-fourths of the votes cast at such General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7. Subscriptions or monies paid by members or donations, by honorary members, whose admission is not so sanctioned, shall be refunded.
11. - District angling clubs may be admitted as affiliated organisations subject only to the Committee of the Improvement Association being satisfied that those who are officially in charge of such clubs or associations shall (a) exercise all normal disciplinary control over their members; (b) enforce the provisions of the Fishery Acts, and such club rules as may be introduced to suppress all acts subversive of the interests of such clubs or associations and of the Improvement Association, and that such clubs shall faithfully implement all obligations to the Improvement Associations and co-operate fully in furthering its policy; (c) Ticket holders will fish by rod and line in a sportsmanlike manner and shall do their utmost to prevent illegal methods of angling. They will at all times abide by any instructions from the Association Watchers of Officials.
12. - Subject to Article 6 of the Constitution, the Committee of Management, unless when specially prohibited by resolution of General Meeting shall have power (a) to conduct

ordinary routine business of the Association, (b) to prosecute enquiries and conduct correspondence, (c) to collect monies falling due to the funds of the Association, (d) to make payments, (e) to obtain reports and estimates, (f) to instruct proceedings in the name of the Association for the purpose of obtaining convictions for poaching and similar offences, and (g) to attend to other similar minor routine business in furtherance of the affairs and object of the Association. In pursuance of special schemes and objects, the Committee of Management may exercise such further powers as may be conferred upon them by a General Meeting duly called and assembled. Further, subject to Article 6 of the Constitution, the Committee of Management shall, unless when specially prohibited as aforesaid, have power without reference to a General Meeting to sanction expenditure to such extent as they may consider necessary in any year for the purchase of live fish, ova, equipment, to meet the cost of improvements, printing, postages, agents' or auditors' fees, expenses of reports, expenses of prosecutions, rewards for obtaining convictions, and for other expenses in pursuance of the general object of the Association.

13. - A member or an affiliated club may withdraw from the Association at any time by giving written intimations of resignation to the Secretary. In the event of such intimations not being received by the 1st February, such member or club will be liable for the appropriate subscription in respect of the current year. Where a member as an individual or an affiliated Association or Club has undertaken any special obligation in relation to the Association's schemes or affairs, such member or club shall not by such withdrawal be freed of said special obligations until these have been fulfilled according to their terms, but except as herein provided, a member or club so resigning, shall thereupon cease to have any liability as a member or as an affiliated club of the Association and cease to have any voice in, or responsibility for, its actings.
14. - It shall be competent for the members on a motion supported by three-fourths of the votes cast at any General Meeting in accordance with Rule 7 to suspend or remove from the roll of members the name of any member who has acted contrary to the interests of the Association, or otherwise become unsuited for membership, provided that in the notice calling the meeting, intimation has been given that the conduct of such member will be taken into consideration. A member whom it is proposed to suspend or expel shall, however, be afforded an opportunity of showing cause why they should not be suspended or, if so decided, expelled from the Association.
15. - Members of the Association, by reason of their membership, shall be held as being in agreement with the general object of the Association and as agreeing to be bound by its Rules, and shall also be held to have engaged themselves (except where otherwise agreed to) to restrict their own fishing and the fishing of their tenants and friends, to rod and line, and not to use nets or other methods of taking fish; further, as having engaged themselves instruct their keepers and all other employees to take all possible steps to prevent "snatching" or other unfair forms of fishing; to remove as many dead or diseased fish as possible and to have these burned or buried; and to

assist the watching staff of the Statutory Fishery Board.

16. - The foregoing Constitution and Rules may be altered only at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose in terms of Rule 2(c), and no alteration shall then be made unless supported by three-fourths of the votes cast at said meeting in accordance with Rule 7. Written notice of any proposed alteration shall be given to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of such General Meeting, and the Secretary shall insert particulars of the proposal in the notice calling the meeting.

BY RESOLUTION.
1948.
UPDATED.
2021.
UPDATED
2023.