

HARROGATE FLY FISHERS CLUB
CLUB RULES (revised and adopted 2023)

GENERAL RULES.

1. Club Name.

The name of the Club shall be Harrogate Fly Fishers' Club.

2. Objects.

The objects of the Club shall be the provision of angling facilities and social activities for its members and their guests.

3.Membership.

3.1 The Club shall consist of not more than the following members: -

- (a) Fifty five subscribing Ordinary members.
- (b) The President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, who shall be Honorary Members.
- (c) Such Life Members as may from time to time be elected.
- (d) Such other Honorary Members as may be elected from time to time; and
- (e) **Up to Ten** Senior Members who may be elected from the ordinary membership following nomination by the Committee

3.2 Every candidate for ordinary membership must be proposed by an existing member and seconded by another existing member.

3.3 All new Ordinary Members, Senior Members, Honorary Members and Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club except that the Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy which may arise during the year.

3.4. When an elected candidate has paid such entry fee, loan subscription or other dues as may be required under the rules of the Club and has signed an undertaking to be bound by the Club's rules he shall be enrolled as a member of the Club. No member shall enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club until all monies due have been paid and if such payment be not made within one month from the date of the Secretary's notification to him of his election then the election shall be absolutely void unless the member shall show sufficient cause for such delay to the satisfaction of the Committee.

3.5. On appointment, the Club's River Watcher shall be deemed to be an Honorary Member of the Club but only for the duration of the period that he performs these duties, and is in receipt of the Honorarium set annually by the committee. On appointment this member shall not be liable for such entry fees, loan, annual subscription or other dues that may be applicable to other categories of membership. The River Watcher may, at the discretion of the committee, be given access to the Club's fishing facilities for the duration of his tenure.

3.6 Termination of Membership

- (a) Any member wishing to resign must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the end of **January** in any year, otherwise **he/she** will be held liable for the following year's subscription and other dues. Such member shall continue liable for any annual subscription and other dues owing and unpaid at the date of **his/her** resignation. Any such member having discharged all **his/her** liabilities to the Club and wishing to rejoin may upon an available vacancy be proposed and re-elected in accordance with the rules and the Committee may, at their discretion, excuse him/her an entrance fee.

- (b) Members are asked to keep a record in the form prescribed by the Committee of all trout taken from the Club's waters by themselves and their guests and this record or a NIL return shall be sent to the address indicated on the catch return immediately after the end of the trout season.
- (c) If the conduct of any member is or has been, in the opinion of the Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation, the Committee is authorised to take such steps as they may resolve to protect the interest of the Club including the termination of membership of the offending member providing that full opportunity is given to the member to answer the allegations against him.
- (d) In the event that any member resigns, or otherwise departs from membership of the Club, his/her outstanding interest-free Loan will be repayable in full to the ex-member, or his/her representatives, subject to the return of the Loan Note to the Treasurer. If the Loan Note is not returned to the Treasurer within a period of twelve months, effective from the date of the ex-member's resignation/departure, the outstanding sum will be regarded as forfeit, and constitute a donation to Club funds.

4. Committee

- 4.1 The affairs of the Club in all matters not in these rules reserved for the Club in Annual or other General Meeting shall be managed by the Committee. Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting
- 4.2 The Committee shall consist of: -
 - (a) Ex-officio members who shall be those holding for the time being the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
 - (b) At least five members, two of them in order of seniority of appointment, shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.
 - (c) Those of the Trustees who are not members of the Committee under categories 4.2(a) or 4.2(b).
- 4.3 Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate a Member (other than retiring Members standing for re-election) to serve on the Committee. The name of each member so nominated shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least one month before the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by a letter from the candidate consenting to serve if elected.
- 4.4 The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees as they deem appropriate.
- 4.5 Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee and three a quorum of a Sub-Committee.

5. Officers

- 5.1 The Officers of the Club who shall be elected at Annual General Meeting and shall act in all matters in accordance with the directions of the Committee and shall hold their respective office for the periods specified below shall be as follows:-
 - (a) The President and Vice-President who shall hold office for such time as the Annual General Meeting determine.
 - (b) A Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall act in these offices at both General and Committee Meetings and shall hold office for three years or such time as the Annual General Meeting determine.
 - (c) Three officers that is an Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Member's Auditor, who shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.
 - (d) The Trustees who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary in accordance with the Rules.

6. Trustees

- 6.1 There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be nominated by the Committee

- 6.2 For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the President is hereby declared to be the person empowered to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.
- 6.3 The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by the Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.
- 6.4 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the Club property against loss and expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the Club authorised by the Committee or by a General Meeting.
- 6.5 All property of the Club (except cash and bank accounts and balances which shall be under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) shall be vested in the Trustees to be dealt with as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book confirmed and signed in accordance with these rules shall be conclusive evidence)

7. General Meetings of the Club

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held in each year at such time and place, as the Committee shall determine.
- 7.2 The Committee may call an extraordinary General Meeting when any question or urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by five members of the Club. The requisition must state the business for which the meeting is to be called and such meeting shall be held within six weeks from receipt of the requisition.
- 7.3 At least fourteen days **written** notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted, the day, place and hour of meeting shall be sent to every member by letter **at** his address on the Club register.
- 7.4 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten members.

8. Voting and Ballots

- 8.1 All members whether Ordinary, Senior, Honorary or Life Members, shall be entitled to one vote at any General, Committee, or Sub-Committee meeting except that, if voting is equal, the Chairman at the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.
- 8.2 All questions arising at any General Meeting, Committee or Sub-Committee which have to be decided by a vote or ballot shall, with the exception of those for which a special majority is required by these rules, be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting.

9. Alteration to Rules

No rules of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new rules shall be made save by a majority of the members present at a General Meeting and at least one month's **written** notice of the intention to propose any new rule or alteration shall be given to the Secretary who shall send notice of the same to every member **at** his address in the Club register at least fourteen days before the General Meeting.

10. Records and minutes

Records shall be taken and minutes kept in such form as the Committee direct of the proceedings at all General Meetings and at all meetings of the Committee and Sub-Committee. The minutes of such meetings shall be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at a subsequent meeting and when so confirmed and signed shall be conclusive as to all matters and things therein recorded and directed to be done.

11. Finance and Accounts

The Committee shall have power to borrow and raise money in such manner as the Committee shall think fit and to authorise and empower the Trustees of the Club to secure the repayment of any money

borrowed, raised or owing, by mortgage charge lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Club's property or assets (whether present or future) and also by a similar mortgage charge lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Club of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.

11.2 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts of the Club and shall make up the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet of the Club to 31st December each year or such other date as the Committee may determine, which shall, after audit, be printed and circulated amongst the members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

11.3 The Committee of the Club shall have power to determine the entrance fees annual subscriptions, loans and other financial contributions or commitments to be required from members and the dates by which these are to be paid or entered into.

11.4 .If any subscription, loan or other financial contribution due from any member remains unpaid twenty-one days after **January 31st (the date fixed for payment)** the Honorary Treasurer shall, **by notice** in writing, remind the member of the fact. After the expiration of seven days from **the date of such notice** , if payment has still not been made, the Committee **will** deem the member to have resigned and elect in **his/her** place the person whose name stands first on the list of accepted applicants. **NO MEMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO FISH THE CLUB'S WATER OR VOTE AT ANY MEETING UNTIL HIS/HER SUBSCRIPTION AND OTHER DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR HAVE BEEN PAID.**

11.5.Honorary Members shall not be required to subscribe to the Club's Funds during their tenure of office.

11.6.Life Members shall be required to subscribe to the Club's funds only as specified in the resolution of the General Meeting at which they are elected.

11.7.The annual subscription for Senior Members shall be twenty per cent of that determined for Ordinary Members

11.8.The Honorary Secretary shall keep in a book correct minutes of all meetings of the Club and Committee and shall produce such a book at all meetings. He shall convene meetings of the Club and give all notices required by the Rules. He shall keep a record of all expenses incurred in his office and submit them to the committee for refund.

12. Dissolution

If at any General Meeting a Resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than two months thereafter (of which not less than four weeks written notice shall have been given to each member) and at which not less than one half of the members shall be present that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after the discharge of all liabilities shall pay the net proceeds after discharging all costs and expenses to such charity or charities as the Committee shall decide and if more than one in such proportions as the Committee shall decide and upon the completion of such payment or division as the case may be the Club shall be dissolved

13. General

13.1 Every member shall from time to time communicate to the Secretary his **postal and (at the members option) his e-mail address**, such address or **addresses** shall be inserted in the register of members and all notices sent by post **or e-mail (if so registered)** to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered **as certified by the secretary**.

13.2 Every member shall be bound by and submit to the rules and bylaws of the Club.

13.3 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary who, if he shall be unable to deal with them, Shall submit them to the Committee whose decision shall be final.

13.4 Any member expelled in accordance with the Rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all such rights to or claim upon the Club or its property or funds as he would otherwise have by reason of membership.

13.5 Such bylaws as the Committee may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Club may be made, repealed and amended by the Committee, which bylaws, repeals and amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the Committee or by a General Meeting.