



Cramond Angling Club

Constitution

This constitution comes into effect from date of adoption below and replaces all previous constitutions.

1: Name of organisation

The name of the organisation shall be known as 'Cramond Angling Club', hereafter referred to as the 'club'.

2: Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To provide and improve fishing on Club owned or leased sections of the River Almond.
- To promote good practice of angling on Club waters and other fisheries.
- To aim to protect the River Almond and its species, wildlife and adjacent environment.

3: Activities

In furtherance of the objectives, but not otherwise, the committee may exercise the power to:

- Purchase fishing interests, including riparian and leases
- Issue Season Permits and Day Permits to allow and control angling of any fishing interests
- Appoint Club bailiffs in accordance with Forth District Salmon Fisheries Board as necessary to enforce the Rules of the Club
- Organise outings, competitions and other events as required to achieve objectives
- Raise Funds from permit sales and other places (including Grants) to forward the objectives of the Club
- Promote environmental improvement and conservation by educating, encouraging and assisting the local population in environmental practice, working in partnership with similar groups and organisations, including donations
- Work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non – statutory organisations
- Publicise and promote the Club and its objectives and activities
- Take any form of action that is lawful, which is necessary to achieve the objectives of the club



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4: Membership

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in assisting the Club to achieve its aims and is willing to be bound by the rules of the Club for a year or part of a season, all memberships will expire on 31st December of each year.

The Club shall not discriminate against any member of the public who applies for membership of the Club.

Membership will be confirmed by issue of a Season Permit and the submission of an application and payment does not automatically give a right to membership. The number of members (in any category) may be restricted by agreement at the preceding AGM. Season tickets will not be issued to any person who has contravened the Rules of the Club. All Season Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis, except where any privileges to Season Permit holders of the preceding year are agreed at the preceding AGM.

Membership shall consist of the following categories:

- General Member – adults between 16 and 60 on date of application for membership
- Junior Member – juniors between 9 and 15 on date of application for membership, all junior applications must be accompanied with a statement from an adult who confirms they will be responsible for the junior member, for whom the Club takes no responsibility
- Senior Members – seniors over 60 on date of application
- Honorary Members – at the discretion of the committee

Only General and Senior Members have voting rights. Day Permit holders have no voting rights.

Permits may be issued individually or combined as agreed with the membership at the preceding AGM.

Where it is considered that a member of the public would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the Club, the Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or suspend membership of any member by resolution passed at a committee meeting. Members who do not comply with the rules can be considered for removal by the Committee by means of a written petition to the Club Secretary. Suspended members may appeal and request a Special General Meeting (SGM) by writing to the Secretary, who must call a SGM.

The cost of membership for the year will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting at the end of the preceding year.

All Members shall be bound by this Constitution and the Rules of the Club.



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5: Management Committee

The Club will be managed by a committee which will be made up of the following

- Office Bearers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Outings Secretary
- Together with at least 3 other general committee members
- With a minimum number of 8 members in total

Only General and Senior members who have held 2 consecutive Season Permits and have not transgressed any of the Clubs rules at any time may stand for election to the committee.

All Office Bearers will be elected at an AGM and hold their post for 2 years, the Chairman, Secretary and Outings Secretary will stand down for elections in even years and Vice Chairman and Treasurer will stand down in odd years. Ordinary Members of the committee will stand down at the end of each year for elections at the AGM. Committee Members and Office Bearers may stand for re-election. Nominations for election to the committee (with proposer and seconder who must be Club members) must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 1st November. A list of nominations will be issued at the AGM for consideration of the attendant members.

If a member steps down or is removed from the committee, then the committee may, but are not obliged, to appoint another member of the Club to the committee but ensuring that the numbers on the committee does not fall below the minimum number of 8.

If an Office Bearer steps down or is removed from the committee, the members of the committee shall appoint another member of the committee to the post.

The committee may co-opt other members of the Club to undertake certain tasks, these members will not have voting rights on the committee.

A member of the committee will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee if he:

- Has not joined the Club by 1st of January of the year following election
- Does not turn up for three consecutive meetings without prior notification of absence
- Contravenes any of the rules – by petition in writing to the Secretary by another member of the Club who is not on the committee and with 2/3 votes of the other members of the committee

All committee members have the right to one vote at committee meetings, including proxy voting, except the Chairman who only has a casting vote should there not be a majority.



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All legal documents including leases, will be signed by Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

6: Meetings

Committee Meetings of the committee members will be held to discuss and agree the management of the Club, the dates of the meeting will be advertised on the Club website. Any member of the Club may request an issue be raised at the meeting by means of writing to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting. A quorum will be 5 members of the committee of which 3 must be Office Bearers.

Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in November each year. The AGM will be open to all members of all categories. General and Senior members will have voting rights by show of hand, no proxy voting will be allowed. In the case of a tied vote the Chairman or nominated deputy, shall make the final decision.

Special General Meetings will be called if the occasion arises. The SGM will be open to all members and a SGM will be advertised 21 days prior to the event with the Agenda. Voting shall be as for the AGM

All meetings will be chaired by the Chairman, or his nominated deputy, and will be minuted. Minutes will be made available by being published on the Clubs Website.

7: Finance

Any money acquired by the Club, including donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Club and for no other purpose.

The bank account shall be opened in the name of the Club and require the signature of at least two Office Bearers. The Treasurer will keep a record of all income and expenditure and shall be accountable to ensure funds are utilised effectively and that the Club remains solvent. The Treasurer will arrange for the accounts to be independently audited at the end of each year.

The Committee will not enter into contracts or pledge monies greater than the assets of the Club.



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8: Amendments to the Constitution

Any proposed amendments to this Constitution must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing, with a proposer and seconder from members of the Club. The Secretary and other Officers shall have the final say on whether a SGM should be called to discuss the amendments.

Changes to this Constitution, and to the Rules of the Club, may only be made by a two-third majority vote at an AGM or a SGM, unless there is a legal requirement. All changes will be advertised on the website.

9: Dissolution

The Club can only be dissolved by calling a SGM.

In the event of Dissolution of the Club all assets and monies shall be transferred to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) (SC037736) or its successor who will administer any debts or outstanding obligations. Under no circumstances shall the remaining assets or monies be distributed among the members.

This constitution was adopted at an AGM held at Cramond Boat Club on 19th November 2013.