

# REDFA Constitution

## 1 The Association

The name of the association shall be "The River Eden and District Fisheries Association" (hereinafter called REDFA)

## 2 The objectives of the REDFA shall be to:

- a. Safeguard "and promote" the interests of all fisheries and legitimate fishermen (whether by rod and line or otherwise) within the areas of the River Eden watershed including the public or common waters of the Solway Firth
- b. Collect and disseminate information on all matters relative to fishery or fishing interests
- c. Propose the names of persons to represent fishery and fishing interests with the Environment Agency and other appropriate bodies and their Advisory Committees.
- d. Co-operate with other Associations or like minded bodies with similar interests and objectives
- e. Further the aforementioned objective by meetings, lectures and other appropriate activities

## 3 Membership

Membership of REDFA shall be open to:

- a. All riparian owners lessees and tenants of fisheries
- b. All legitimate fishermen (whether by rod or line or otherwise) who fish within the said district
- c. All angling Clubs and Associations within the said district

In addition membership of REDFA shall be open to such representatives from societies or other bodies or such individuals as are actively interested in the preservation of fishing

## 4 Officers of the Association

The officers of REDFA shall be:

- a. A President

There shall be no obligation upon REDFA to elect a President but if at anytime in its absolute discretion, REDFA shall deem it appropriate to do so, then a President may be elected for a term of one year at the Annual General Meeting

A President so elected shall be entitled to stand for re-election

- b. A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman

They shall be elected annually by the General Purposes Committee from amongst its membership at the first meeting of the Committee following the Annual General Meeting of REDFA. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be entitled to stand for re-election

c. A Secretary and a Treasurer

The General Purposes Committee shall have power to appoint upon such terms and remunerations, as it shall deem appropriate, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall carry out such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the General Purposes Committee

## 5 Management

The Management of the affairs of REDFA shall be undertaken by The General Purposes Committee (hereinafter called the GPC) which shall be empowered to take such actions and make such recommendations in the name of REDFA as it considers necessary and appropriate to pursue the objectives of REDFA

The GPC shall consist of representatives nominated as follows:

- a. The President (if any) ex officio
- b. Two nominated by Appleby Angling Association
- c. Two nominated by Brampton Angling Association
- d. Two nominated by Carlisle Angling Association
- e. Two nominated by Carlisle & District Coarse Angling Club
- f. Two nominated by Kirkby Stephen & District Angling Association
- g. Two nominated by Penrith Angling Association
- h. Two nominated by Solway Haaf Netsmen's Association
- i. Two nominated by Yorkshire Fly Fishers Association
- j. Four nominated to represent the interests of owners and tenants of fisheries not otherwise represented
- k. In addition the GPC may from time to time, to co-opt such other persons, as it may deem expedient to further REDFA's general interests

- The GPC shall have the power to
- appoint such officers upon such terms and remuneration as it shall deem appropriate
- make such standing orders as are not inconsistent with their rules as are necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of REDFA and
- seek to resolve any conflicts which may occur between constituent members

## 6 Financial Arrangements

REDF A shall raise such funds as are necessary to further its objectives :

- a) Such funds shall be used solely and exclusively for such purposes
- b) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph 6 a) REDFA shall be at liberty to charge each member of REDFA an annual subscription as may be agreed and determined by the GPC
- c) REDFA shall have the power to levy a different amount of subscription for each class of membership as defined in section 3. All necessary accounts of REDFA shall be kept by the Treasurer and shall be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting

## **7 Meetings**

REDFA shall hold an Annual General Meeting within 3 months of the year end (31<sup>st</sup> December) and 28 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member

Extra Ordinary General Meetings of REDFA shall be summoned on a written requisition made

- by the Chairman or
  - by 20 members of REDFA or
  - 3 of the Associations referred to in section 5
- 28 days notice of an Extra Ordinary General Meeting shall be given to each member

The notice shall give particulars of the business to be transacted as such meeting and whilst the same may be adjourned from time to time no business other than that specified in the said notice shall be transacted at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting

## **8 Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to these rules shall only be made by the Annual General Meeting of REDFA or at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting summoned for that purpose provided always that:

- a. No purpose to amend these rules shall be considered at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra Ordinary General Meeting unless full details of the proposed amendments have been circulated with the notice convening the meeting as mentioned in rule 7
- b. No resolution to amend these rules shall be deemed to be carried unless it is supported by the vote of at least two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting at which it is considered.

## **9 Standing Orders**

- a) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting of REDFA and of the GPC shall be five members in each case
- b) No member shall be permitted to vote or take part in any discussion until he or she shall have paid his or her annual subscription to REDFA
- c) The GPC shall meet at least 3 times per year and seven days notice shall be given to each member of the GPC by post
- d) If a member of the GPC is unable to attend the meeting he or she may inform the Secretary and nominate another member of REDFA to speak and vote on his or her behalf, providing that no person at the GPC meeting shall have more than one vote
- e) Save that in the circumstances described in Standing order No 4 the Chairman shall hold a second or casting vote
- f) Minutes of all GPC meetings and the AGM shall be posted on REDFA's website within 28 days of the meeting ([www.edenfishing.co.uk](http://www.edenfishing.co.uk))
- g) Officers are authorised to communicate with members by email