



Constitution of the River Eden and District Fisheries Association

1, The Association

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

2. Its Objectives

The objectives of the REDFA shall be to:

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

3. Membership

Within the said district, membership of REDFA shall be open to:

- a) All Riparian owners lessees and tenants of fisheries
- b) All legitimate fishermen.
- 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.

Notwithstanding Item 5 of this Constitution; any application for membership whilst generally welcomed can only be accepted on the understanding that no basis of conflict exists between any Applicant and REDFA or its constituent members.

4. Officers of the Association

The officers of REDFA shall be:

- a) A President. If at any time REDFA shall deem it appropriate to do so and in its absolute discretion, 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 Vice-Chairmen. They shall be elected annually by the General Purposes Committee (hereinafter called the GPC) from amongst its membership at the first meeting of the Committee following the Annual General Meeting of REDFA. The Chairman and Vice-chairmen shall be entitled to stand for re-election;

c) A Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers as the GPC deems necessary to appoint to promote the interests of REDFA.

5. Management

The Management of the affairs of REDFA shall be undertaken by 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 objects of REDFA.

The GPC shall consist of representatives nominated as follows:

- (i) The President (if any) ex officio
- (ii) Two nominated by Appleby Angling Association
- (iii) Two nominated to represent the interests of the Esk
- (iv) Two nominated by Brampton Angling Association
- (v) Two nominated by Carlisle Angling Association
- (vi) Two nominated by Carlisle & District Coarse Angling Club
- (vii) Two nominated by Kirkby Stephen & District Angling Association
- (viii) Two nominated by Penrith Angling Association
- (ix) Two nominated by Yorkshire Fly Fishers Association
- (x) two nominated to represent the interests of owners and tenants of fisheries.

In addition the GPC may from time to time, co-opt such other persons, as it may deem expedient to further REDFA's general interests.

The GPC shall have power to;

- ~ Appoint such Officers upon such terms and remuneration as it shall deem appropriate
- ~ Make such standing orders as are consistent with their rules and deemed by it to be necessary for both the proper conduct of the affairs of REDFA
- ~ Seek resolve any conflicts which may occur between constituent members.

6. Financial Matters

REDFA shall raise such funds as the GPC deems necessary to further its objectives and:

- 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 of each sum or sums as may be agreed and determined by the GPC.
- c) REDFA shall have the power if it deems appropriate to levy a different amount of subscription for each class of membership as defined in section 3.
- d) 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 in the last quarter of the year and 28 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member;

Extra Ordinary General meetings of REDFA may be summoned on a written requisition made by;

- ~ the Chairman
- ~ 20 individual members of REDFA
- ~ 3 Associations referred to in section 5.

28 days notice of an Extra Ordinary General Meeting shall be given to each member and the notice shall give particulars of the business to be transacted at 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 affirmed at an 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) and (c);
- 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.

Standing Orders

1. 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 or email.
2. The quorum for any meeting of REDFA and of the GPC shall be five members in each case.
3. No member shall be permitted to vote or take part in any discussion until he or she or whom they represent; shall have paid the relevant annual subscription to REDFA.
4. A default of two years subscription payment is deemed as resignation and reinstatement would be at the discretion of the GPC
5. 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 their behalf, providing that no person at the GPC meeting shall have more than one vote.
6. Notwithstanding the preceding item 4, no person at a GPC meeting shall have more than one vote, - save that the Chairman shall hold a second or casting vote.
7. Minutes of all meetings and other relevant information shall be posted on REDFA's website (www.Edenfishing.co.uk) within 21 days of a meeting.