

**CONSTITUTION
OF
SEA HORSE ANGLERS' CLUB**
(as amended at Special General Meetings
held on 4th. June 2002 and 3rd. April, 2007)

1. NAME

The name of the club will be "SEA HORSE ANGLERS' CLUB"

2. OBJECTS

- (a) To encourage the development of fishing as a sport
- (b) To assist in the conservation of marine resources
- (c) To co-operate with other organizations dedicated to similar aims

3. MEMBERSHIP

Any eligible person shall become a member of the Club on election and on payment of the appropriate joining fee and subscription and thereafter be classified in one of the following categories, namely:

- (a) Senior Member
 - (b) Family Member
 - (c) Junior Member
 - (d) Life Member
 - (e) Honorary Life Member
- (a) Senior Membership is available to any person who has attained the age of eighteen years, as of 1st March that year, and paid the appropriate fee/dues. Senior Membership allows full voting rights within the Club.
- (b) Family Membership is available to any family group consisting of a person over the age of eighteen years, a spouse or common law partner (also over eighteen years of age) and/or dependent children eighteen years of age or under for whom the person as natural parent or in" loco parentis". Payment of the appropriate fee/dues entitles the person and their spouse/partner (if any) to Senior Membership in the Club and the dependent children to Junior Membership in the Club.
- (c) Junior Membership is available to any person who has not attained the age of eighteen years on 1st. March that year, and is non-voting.
- (d) Life Membership may be granted upon application to the executive committee and upon payment of annual dues, times 12, at that time.
- (e) Honorary Life Membership may be conferred by the executive committee, with the approval of the membership at a general meeting. Honorary Life Members shall have all rights and privileges of the Club, except that they will not be required to pay dues.

4. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A candidate for membership shall be sponsored by two senior members, has attended at least two Club meetings and be elected by a majority at an executive committee meeting following those attendances. Application shall be

accompanied by the joining fee and annual dues. In the event the application is rejected, the monies shall be returned to the applicant.

5. DUES

Joining fee and dues shall be determined by the executive committee and approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of non-payment, that person's membership may be considered terminated.

6. LIABILITIES

Any person shall, upon ceasing to be a member of the Club, forfeit all rights to and claim upon the Club, its property and funds.

7. SUSPENSION

Any member whose actions are judged to be either in violation of the rules of the Club, or detrimental to the welfare of the Club may either be suspended or expelled from the Club on the recommendation of the executive committee.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Club shall be governed by an executive committee which shall consist of a President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two other Senior Members.

- (a) The President will chair all meetings of the Club and have a deciding vote in the event of a tie with regard to Club business.
- (b) The Vice President will fulfill the President's role in the event of his absence.
- (c) The Immediate Past President will serve as a regular executive committee member.
- (d) The Secretary will keep a record of the business at all meetings of the executive committee, together with a list of persons present. In the absence of the Secretary, the President will appoint a member to act as Secretary for the meeting. All Club correspondence and other records shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.
- (e) The Treasurer will present, at each Annual General Meeting, a statement of the Clubs financial position as at 31st. December of the previous year.

The executive committee will hold office between the close of adjacent A.G.M.'s
A quorum shall be not less than four (4) members.

The affairs of the Club shall be conducted strictly in accordance with this Constitution, and the executive committee shall act as judicial interpreters thereof.

The executive committee may elect any Senior Member to fill any vacancy on executive committee and it shall have the power to appoint Club Members to a sub-committee, which sub-committee must include one member of the executive committee.

9. MEETINGS

- (a) Regular Club meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month or as deemed by the executive committee.
- (b) The AGM shall be held during the month of March on a date specified by the executive committee.
- (c) An extra ordinary general meeting can be called by the President, or by the executive committee, or by not less than ten (10) Senior Members. Notice of such meeting shall be given in writing, to the membership at least seven (7) days in advance, stating its purpose.
- (d) A quorum for a general meeting shall be no less than 5% of the voting membership at the date of the meeting.
- (e) Except for the election of officers, voting may be carried out by a show of hands.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) Balloting shall be secret. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected.
- (b) The executive committee shall be provided for as in section 8 (Executive Committee).
- (c) Before balloting commences the President shall appoint two (2) scrutinizers to examine and count the ballots.
- (d) Nominations may be made at any time prior to the AGM being called to order by the Chairman
- (e) Nominations must be made on the Club nomination form, signed by the proposer, seconder and the candidate put forward.

11. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Club may be amended in whole or in part by a majority approval of the executive committee, followed by a 60% vote in favour of the amendment by the voting members present at the meeting called for the purpose. Notice of such a meeting shall be given to the membership, in writing, at least seven (7) days in advance, and specifying particulars of the proposed amendments.

12. TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments organized by the Club shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations laid down by the International Game Fish Association, but may be modified if and when the executive committee sees fit to do so.

13. BYE-LAWS

The executive committee has the power to institute and amend bye-laws as and if required