

CONSTITUTION OF THE STEEL CITY SPORTFISHING CLUB

(as amended May 2011)

NAME.

1.
 - (a) The name of this body shall be the Steel City Sportfishing Club and it shall hereafter be referred to as the 'Club'.
 - (b) The Club's colours are Black and Gold

GOALS.

2.
 - (a) To promote interest in Sportfishing.
 - (b) To promote good fellowship among those interested in fishing.
 - (c) To educate, train, coach and encourage members of the Club.
 - (d) To do all such things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objects and interests of the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Any person shall be eligible for membership
4.
 - (a) The annual membership fee for all classes shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or before at a general meeting in each year.
 - (b) Persons up to and including the age of sixteen years shall be eligible to join as junior members at such special fee as shall be determined but they shall not be entitled to hold office, or vote, or take part in business procedure at meetings of the club. Juniors must join with a carer/parent adult.
 - (c) Social membership, non-voting and non-competition fishing for club/ANSA, is available to friends of members. Social members are not entitled to hold office.
5. A properly constituted Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting may appoint any person as a life member or a honorary life member of the club in recognition of services rendered in promoting the interest and objects of the club. The minimum requirement for life membership shall be ten (10) years continuous service.
6. Any member may resign from the club and such resignation must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the Club.
7. Upon any person ceasing to be a member of the club for any reason whatsoever they shall not be entitled to the return of their membership subscription or any portion thereof.
8.
 - (a) The Committee may expel from the club or otherwise punish or penalize any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Club.

- (b) Before any member is expelled or otherwise punished or penalized their conduct shall be enquired into by the Committee and the member shall be given the opportunity to defend themselves or to justify or explain their conduct. Provided that a quorum is established and the majority of the Committee present when the matter is enquired into, is of the opinion that the member has been found guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid, then the Committee may expel or suspend them from membership or otherwise punish or penalize them.
- (c) Should any member fail to appear at an enquiry conducted under clause 8(b) hereof, or any adjournment thereof, the Committee may proceed in that member's absence to conduct the said enquiry and to make its findings as hereinbefore empowered.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9. The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held in the month of June in each year, and members shall be given notice in writing or by internet communication, at least fourteen days before such meeting.
- 10. The annual report and audited balance sheet or financial statement shall be submitted to members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 11. The Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, may make by-laws necessary for proper administration of the Club. Any by-laws so made shall not be repealed, added to or amended unless or until:
 - (a) Notice of intention to propose such repeal, addition or amendment is first given in writing by a member of the Club to the Secretary of the Club not later than 30 days prior to the date of such Annual General Meeting (or Special General Meeting) and included in the agenda for such meeting,
 - (b) Such repeal, addition or amendment is proposed at such Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and is approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Club present at such meeting and voting thereon.
- 12. The Election of Officers and the Committee for the ensuing twelve months shall take place at the Annual General Meeting together with any other business mentioned in the notice paper convening the meeting.
- 13. A Special Meeting of members shall be called at the request of the President or the Secretary or any five members of the Committee or at the written request of any five financial members of the Club. Such meeting shall be held within thirty days of such request and all members shall be notified in writing no less than ten (10) days before such meeting.
- 14. The President of the Club shall be the Chairperson at all General Meetings, AGM's and Special Meetings. Should the President not be present then the Vice-President shall be chair, and if the Vice-President not be present, the members shall elect a member to take the chair.

15.
 - (a) At all meetings the Chairperson's decision on points of order shall be final.
 - (b) The Chairperson shall have the casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
16. The quorum for a General Meeting, AGM and Special Meetings shall be six members present.
17. If at any general meeting there be no quorum within 30 minutes of the time appointed for the meeting then the meeting shall lapse unless a majority of the members present decide to adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding 14 days. If there be no quorum present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for such adjourned meeting then the meeting shall lapse altogether.
18. Only members present in person shall be entitled to vote – subject to section 4(b).

COMMITTEE

19.
 - (a) The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the control of the Committee, provided however, that in the case of extreme urgency the committee shall not take any action contrary to decisions made at a general meeting.
 - (b) The Committee may, subject to the decisions made at General Meetings, exercise all the powers of the Club and do all such things as may be done by the club of which it considers necessary or expedient to carry out the objects of the Club.
20. The Committee shall consist of a maximum of eight members:
 - (a) The President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Weighmaster, here-in after called office bearers and
 - (b) Up to three other members of the Club may be elected and may be given the positions of Assistant Secretary or Activities and/or Fundraising Officer.
21. All members of the Committee must be financial members of the club.
22. Should any vacancy occur, in the Committee or Office Bearers of the Club other than in the normal course of the elections, such vacancy shall be filled at the following general meeting of the club and such member duly elected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the predecessor's term.
23. The Committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Club. President or the Secretary or five members of the Committee shall have the power to call a meeting of the Committee. The President of the Club shall take the chair at all committee meetings. Should the President not be present the Vice-President shall be elected to the chair and if the Vice-President not be present the Committee shall elect one of its members to take the chair.

24. The chairman at all committee meetings shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
- 25.
- (a) The Committee shall have the powers to delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee to deal with any particular matter or matters and upon such terms as the Committee may think fit.
 - (b) All acts or decisions done or made by any meeting of the Committee or any member thereof shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of such member or all or any members of the committee, be as valid and effective as if they had all been properly appointed, unless it is proved that the appointment was made in fraud or bad faith.
26. The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be three members present in person.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

27. Nomination for each candidate for election as office bearer or Committee member shall be proposed and seconded respectively by two members at the Annual General Meeting. Contested offices shall be subject to ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the members present and voting thereon.
28. No person shall be eligible unless they are a financial member of the Club.
29. The election for the office bearers and the other Committee members shall be by ballot of members present and voting thereon, held at the Annual General Meeting. No ballot shall be required when the number of candidates nominated for each office does not exceed the number of vacancies and they shall be declared duly elected.

DUTIES

- 30.
- (a) The Secretary shall carry out the duties under the direction of the Committee and keep a true record of all minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, issue notices of meetings, keep records and carry out such duties as the Committee may from time to time direct.
 - (b) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys payable to the Club and give receipts for same. All moneys so received shall be paid into the banking account of the Club. The Treasurer shall present at each general meeting a balance of the finances of the Club and shall keep proper books of accounts of all moneys received and disbursed and generally perform all such duties as are directed by the Committee from time to time.

FINANCE

31. The financial year shall be from 1st May to 30th April
32. All moneys of the Club shall be paid into the account of the Club at such financial institution as the Committee may from time to time direct.
33. No moneys shall be drawn from the Club's account save by cheque signed by the bank signatories authorized by the Committee. No cheque shall be signed or money withdrawn unless withdrawal has been approved by the Committee, or in the case of urgency, by the President or Secretary.
34. The books and accounts of the Club shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Annual General Meeting.
35. ANNUAL AUDIT
The AGM shall appoint an auditor, and if no person be available the Committee shall have the responsibility to appoint an auditor. The auditor may be any person prepared to do it, other than the Treasurer and cheque signatories.

36. TRUSTEES

Unless otherwise determined, the members of the Committee of the Club for the time being shall be deemed to be the Trustees of the Club, to hold any property real and personal belonging to the club.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

37. This shall be the only Constitution of the Steel City Sportfishing Club and shall come into force forthwith and shall not be altered, varied, added to or repealed unless two-thirds of the financial members present at any Annual General Meeting or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose are in favour of such alteration, variation, addition or repeal.
38. The property assets and income of the Club, wherever derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Club, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to members generally on the Club. Provided that nothing therein contained shall prevent the payment of interest or money borrowed from any member of the Club. Should the Club for any reason whatsoever cease to function, any member or person holding any Club moneys or property shall forthwith pay the same to the Committee.
39. The Club shall be dissolved by an Extra Ordinary Meeting convened solely for that purpose. Should there remain any surplus after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the same shall be given or transferred to some other Institution or Institutions having similar objects or to some Charitable Institution as may be determined by the Committee.

INTERPRETATION

In this constitution masculine includes feminine, and vice versa.

“In writing” or “written” means and includes printing or other means of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

Words importing singular include the plural and words importing plural include the singular where the context permits.