

CONSTITUTION & GENERAL RULES

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Hadley Angling and Preservation Society, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be to promote angling and protect the interests of wildlife and the preservation of the surrounding areas.

Cultivate sociability and promote the principles of fair angling. Faithfully observe any close season imposed on Club waters and the suppressing of unsportsmanlike conduct, illegal practices or abuse. Appoint water bailiffs to assist in the detection and prevention of pollution and the preservation of wildlife.

Promote the arts of angling by instruction, demonstration and above all good examples.

The Club shall not operate for the profit of its members, and there shall be no distribution of assets or funds to members or other persons during the existence of the Club. Any surplus declared at the end of the financial year will be carried forward.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in joining the Club; non-members shall be allowed to fish JACK'S LAKE (only) by purchasing a day ticket.

Purchase of a day ticket confers temporary membership on the purchasers for the duration of the day permit. Temporary members will be bound by the Club rules. Temporary members cannot use the members end.

- (a) Members will be bound by Club rules.
- (b) Honorary membership shall be granted at the discretion of the committee.
- (c) Members failing to renew their membership by the end of April of that membership year will be classed as being lapsed members. If they apply to rejoin the Club, they will be classed as new members.
- (d) Senior membership is available to persons over 16 years of age,
- (e) Junior membership is available to persons under the age of 16 on the 1st April of that year. Junior members have no voting rights, Junior members must be accompanied by an adult in the members end. If aged 12 or under they must be accompanied by an adult to fish anywhere on the lake.
- (f) EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) apply for personal membership data held by the club. All members must authorise the Club to store membership data and use the information provided by members for club membership purposes only and to retain this information for up to 5 years. Club minutes/records which include personal data will be retained for a maximum of 7 years.
- (g) Members consent to receive communications from us electronically. We will communicate with you by email or by posting notices on the Club website(s). You agree that all agreements, notices, disclosures and other communications that we provide to you electronically satisfy any legal requirement that such communications be in writing. It is the responsibility of Members to check they have provided a valid email address and to regularly check the Club website(s).

4. FISHERY CARDS AND DAY TICKETS

Members or visitors entering the Club water do so entirely at their own risk. Members and visitors are bound by the rules of the Club and the Club will not be liable to any member or visitor or their estates for death, any personal injury sustained by them, or for the loss of any property. In the case of juniors under 16 years, the Parent or Guardian must confirm acceptance of this rule by signing the form of Application for Membership or purchasing a junior day ticket.

Fishery cards shall be issued on the distinct understanding that,

- (a) They remain the property of the Club and shall be returned to the secretary in the event of members' cessation or suspension.
- (b) They are not transferable.
- (c) They are not valid unless signed and dated by the membership secretary.
- (d) The loss of a card must be notified immediately to the membership secretary together with full details of the loss. A duplicate card will only be issued on payment of a sum, as determined from time to time.
- (e) They are required to be shown to any bailiff, warden or Full member of the Club on request.

Day Tickets shall be issued on the distinct understanding that,

- (a) They remain the property of the Club.
- (b) They are not transferable.
- (c) They are not valid unless dated.
- (d) Validity is from Dawn to Dusk only.
- (e) They are required to be shown to any bailiff, warden or Full member of the Club on request.
- (f) Failure to observe the Club rules will result in you being told to leave the fishery and any rights conferred by the day ticket withdrawn.

Fishing in the Club water(s) without a Fishery card or Day Ticket is Theft under the Theft Act of 1968.

5. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Club shall be at such place as the Committee determine.

6. MEETINGS

- (a) All meetings of the Club (hereinafter called the General Meeting) shall be at the headquarters, the meeting to terminate at the discretion of the chairman of such meetings.
- (b) The secretary shall prepare an agenda which must include new applications, minutes, matters arising, correspondence and any other business.
- (c) Minutes of a meeting shall be made for that purpose, recording all proceedings thereat.
- (d) The General Meeting (save where otherwise provided by rule) shall be the deciding authority in all matters concerning the Club and an entry in the minutes book shall be conclusive evidence of that authority.

- (e) Full members shall have one vote which can be cast at any General or special meeting, providing that they are present at the time the votes are being cast and counted. In the event of votes being cast equally, the chairman of the meeting to have the casting vote.
- (f) Non committee members may be invited to attend General Meetings at the committees discretion.

7. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in April of each year to elect officers, committee members and the Club representatives, receive balance sheets, deal with alterations of rules, new rules and other annual meeting business. Alterations and amendments to rules to be dealt with as separate amendments at this meeting, no General Meeting to be held until all business at the Annual General Meeting has been presented.

8. EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING

An extra-ordinary meeting may be called by the officers and committee or if requested by a minimum of 20 full members.

9. DISSOLUTION

- (a) If it is necessary to dissolve the Club, a special general meeting must be conveyed for this purpose. The disposal of all monies and property belonging to the Club at the date of the dissolution shall after all debts and commitments have been met, be made by members receiving an equal share of all monies.
- (b) The club cannot be dissolved so long as there are 12 members.

10. MOTIONS

- (a) Members may submit a motion for the alteration, amendment, deletion or addition to the rules to the club secretary prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting; such motions must be put in writing 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (b) the Committee shall be at liberty to submit proposals in the foregoing manner provided the proposal has been approved at a Committee meeting.

11. ELECTIONS

- (a) The officers and committee (save where otherwise provided by rule) shall be elected at the annual general meeting in April of each year, having been proposed and seconded at the annual general meeting.
- (b) Applications for election to committee shall be posted to the Club 14 days prior to the annual general meeting. Such applications shall be properly proposed and seconded by senior member.
- (c) NO member can be elected to the committee if they have not been a senior member for over one consecutive year.

- (d) voting shall be by ballot and every voting member shall be entitled to vote for up to as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The candidates up to the number of vacancies who receive most votes shall be declared elected and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes there shall be a re-vote in respect of those candidates.

12. TRUSTEES

- (a) there shall be not less than three and not more than four Trustees of the club who shall be appointed subject to prior approval at a General Meeting.
- (b) Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation, or until removed by a resolution of the Committee. A new Trustee or Trustees shall be nominated by the Committee subject to approval by a General Meeting and, for the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Chairman for the time being is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustees Act, 1925.
- (c) all property of the Club including cash, in its bank account(s) or otherwise, leases and fishing licences shall be vested in the Trustees, subject to lawful obligations. For the avoidance of doubt the Club's cash is an asset of the Club.
- (d) the Trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against any risk and expense incurred by them in pursuance of their office.

13. MANAGEMENT

Management of the Club (save where otherwise provided by rule) shall be conducted by a committee and such officers as may be considered necessary for the prompt efficient conduct of the Club. They shall be empowered to do such acts as necessary for putting into effect the objectives of the Club as laid down by rule.

14. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

The officers of the Club shall comprise the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary(s) and Treasurer, who together with five other committee members shall form the committee. Access to the Club bank account will be granted to the Treasurer and one other committee member. At any point a member of the committee can request to see the Bank Account and any Bank statements held by the Bank.

15. PRESIDENT

The President shall guide the officers and committee in matters of policy and shall be responsible for seeing that they carry out their duties as defined in the rules. When present he shall be offered the chair.

16. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall be responsible for the conduct of the committee, annual and general meetings subject to rule 15.

17. VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the chairman and undertake his duties in his absence.

18. TREASURER

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for all Club monies, keeping account of the committee for consideration subject to lawful obligations.
- (b) Shall furnish the annual general meeting a statement of accounts together with balance sheets and engage professional assistance subject to committee approval.

19. SECRETARY

- (a) The Secretary shall attend committee and general meetings taking minutes there at. If unable to attend shall send all necessary books and papers to the meeting and arrange for a deputy to act for him.
- (b) Shall deal with Club correspondence, being responsible to the committee for all books, papers and property belonging to the Club, which shall not be loaned or passed to other persons without committee approval.
- (c) All correspondence shall be directed to the secretary unless otherwise instructed.

20. COMMITTEE (Responsibilities)

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and their decision in such matters shall be final and binding.

- (a) Shall be responsible for the Club and public relations, its members being required to act and speak at all times as officials of the Club.
- (b) Shall meet regularly at a convenient time and place, six members to form a quorum.
- (c) Shall affect and maintain suitable insurance(s) to protect the legal liabilities and interests of the Club and its Members.
- (d) Shall maintain membership of the Angling Trust.

21. COMMITTEE (Powers)

In addition to its general powers the committee shall have the following specific powers to,

- (a) Deal with misdemeanours, their decision being final and suspend or recommend the expulsion of a member.
- (b) Govern all matters of finance.
- (c) Purchase on behalf of the Club any necessary equipment.
- (d) Enter into negotiations for the lease, license or purchase of fisheries, or reciprocal agreements with other angling organisations.
- (e) To propose an alteration or amendment to the Rules in accordance with Rule 10b at any General Meeting designated as an Extraordinary General Meeting under Rule 8, but subject to 7 days' notice to members.
- (f) Appoint Bailiffs.

FISHERY RULES (Jacks Lake)

22. CONDUCT

- (a) All anglers must fish to the standard required by the Environment Agency
- (b) No members or other persons shall light fires, cut down trees or destroy hedges or shrubs (except under the guidance of a committee member or bailiff) damage fences or banks etc.
- (c) Litter of any kind must not be left on the banks of any water or any part of the fishery concerned. All members and anglers will be responsible to the Club for removing all litter of any kind from the swims they are fishing regardless of the responsibility for the depositing of the litter.
- (d) No firearms to be allowed on or in the surrounding area of fishery (except if authorised by the Committee.
- (e) No angler may leave unattended tackle with baited hook.
- (f) No gaffs allowed on fishery.
- (g) No digging for bait.
- (h) Keepnets are only allowed on the Lake on club-endorsed matches
- (i) Lead free shot weight only to be used.
- (j) Barbless hooks only to be used. Maximum size hook No. 6. Minimum of 51b breaking strain line to be used when specimen fishing.
- (k) Unhooking mats to be used when specimen fishing.
- (l) All members must have and use landing nets.
- (m) All members must take excess bait away from the fishery. Excess bait must not be thrown into the lake.
- (n) No fish live bait. Blood worm, joker are banned from matches.
- (o) Access to and fishing in the members end is only permitted between Dawn and Dusk (accept with the express permission of the committee). Anyone found in the members' end outside of these times will be suspended:
- (p) Night fishing for Full members only on main lake.
- (q) Juniors must be accompanied by an adult member when fishing the members' end.
- (r) One member per numbered swim (members' end). No fishing in between pegs.
- (s) No camping or tents (biveys are allowed but not in the members end).
- (t) The maximum stay for any angler on Jack's Lake is 48 Hours.
- (u) Boats can only be used on the lake with the approval of the committee. Life Jackets or Life Preservers must be worn on any boat used on Jacks Lake
- (v) No swimming is permitted in the Lake

23. FISHERY CARDS AND PERMITS

- (a) Members and other anglers may only fish if the current fishery card or day-ticket and Environment Agency rod licence (for all rods used) is produced when requested
- (b) All members, wardens or bailiffs are empowered to request the production of the membership card, day ticket or Environment Agency rod licence or other means of identification.

24. REMOVAL OF FISH

- (a) No fish to be taken away from any fishery under any circumstances except on official netting parties with appropriate Environment Agency paperwork.

25. THE CLUB SHALL ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY THE LOSS OF TACKLE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, INJURY OR DEATH

- (a) Members and visitors entering the Club water or Monken Hadley Common, Monken Hadley, London Borough of Barnet do so entirely at their own risk.
- (b) Members and visitors are bound by the rules of the Club and the Club will not be liable to any member or visitor or their estates for death, any personal injury sustained by them, or for the loss of any property.
- (c) Members and visitors fishing other venues accessible through do so entirely at their own risk and the Club will not be liable to any member or visitor or their estates for death, any personal injury sustained by them, or for the loss of any property. Other venues rules and regulations take precedent over Club rules.

26. COMPETITION RULES

- (a) At the start of all competitions a starting and cease fishing be announced. Start and finish shall be by a whistle.
- (b) Stewards and scales-man shall be appointed for the day.
- (c) Competitors may not fish less than 10 yards apart unless stated by stewards prior to the start of the match.
- (d) Competitors may break water for the purpose of mounting keepnets and shotted floats and plumbing depths only, ground baiting to be carried out after the start signal.
- (e) Competitors must play and land their own fish, other than at steward's discretion, disabled and junior anglers may be assisted.
- (f) Competitors will cease fishing on the signal, but may be allowed up to 15 minutes to land fish hooked prior to the finish signal.
- (g) With the exception of pike matches, dead bait or artificial not be permissible.
- (h) Competitors shall use only one rod and line at any time; spare rods may be assembled and left on the bank behind the angler.
- (i) All Course fish in season are eligible. Pike and Zander may not be weighed in matches, other than pike matches.
- (j) All tackle and equipment may be subject to examination by a steward.
- (k) No tackle to be left unattended with baited hook.
- (l) No dead fish shall be weighed, if any fish are in distress the stewards shall have the power to weigh-in during the match and return the fish to the water.
- (m) Peg numbers to remain in position until the end of the match.
- (n) Any queries to be made to a steward.
- (o) **STRICTLY NO LITTER.**
- (p) All fish to be carefully returned to the water after weighing.
- (q) Infringement of the rules may entail disqualification. In the event of a dispute which must be recorded on the day, the steward's decision can only be reviewed if an appeal in writing is lodged with the Secretary within five days.

- (r) Members fishing on a coach outing must pay the full fee for that outing regardless of whether they use the coach or not.
- (s) When weighing in, fish must not be 'rolled' down your keepnet.
- (t) Two keepnets are required on all club matches. .
 - a. One must contain carp sacking and be used solely for carp.
 - b. The other keepnet to be used for all other species.
- (u) Anglers must fish the water directly in front of their peg and not impede on adjacent anglers swims.
- (v) Floating baits are permissible in competitions, but loose feeding floating baits is not allowed.
- (w) The use of electronic indicators is not permitted in matches.

27. PEG DOWN MATCHES

- (a) Competitors must fish not more than one yard either side of the numbered peg draw
- (b) In the event of a competitor considering his swim unfishable, a steward may give permission to move.
- (c) On Jack's Lake no swapping or moving pegs.
- (d) A competitor may not leave their swim from start signal to the final whistle on home club competitions or coach outing competitions.

27. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- (a) No person shall fish as a Club representative unless they are a Club member.
- (b) All representative teams to be selected by names submitted to the team captains

29. VENUES NOTES

- (a) If the venue is found to be unfishable an alternative venue may be selected and this shall then be regarded as the official venue.
- (b) Where members have been informed by fixture list, Club waters will be closed until competitors have finished fishing.

Pleasure anglers may be allowed at the discretion and directions of the stewards.

30 RULEBOOK

- (a) This rulebook is subject to change at any time providing any changes or additions have been approved by the committee. The latest version of the rules will be placed on the web site www.haps.org.uk and posted on noticeboards at the lake.
- (b) The bailiff's or any club official's decision is final on all fishery matters

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