

Grayshott Angling Club – Constitution

1. Names and aims

1.1 The Club shall be called Grayshott Angling Club and the aims of the Club shall be “to provide angling facilities in the Grayshott area for its members”.

2. Registration and Affiliation

2.1 The Club may be registered and affiliated to bodies associated with its aims such as The Angling Trust.

3. Amendments to the Constitution

3.1 The Constitution may only be changed by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or a Special General Meeting (SGM)

4. Membership

4.1 Before being accepted as a member of Grayshott Angling Club, prospective members must complete an application form which will be available from the Honorary Secretary or their agent. Acceptance of membership will be at the discretion of the Committee or its agent. If accepted, the person will pay the current joining and membership fees for the appropriate category of membership, the amount of which will be fixed from time to time by the Committee

4.2 Membership will run from 1st April until 31st March the following year

4.3 The Committee may at their discretion bestow upon any Member an Honorary Life Membership (being free membership for life) to recognise exceptional services.

4.4 The Club Membership Card should be carried at all times when visiting any club waters and must be produced to prove membership if requested by any person having good cause to do so.

4.5 All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to have accepted these regulations and any rules that the club has adopted. The Committee may refuse or remove membership if there is good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute.

5. The Club Committee

5.1 Club affairs shall be governed by the Club Committee whose duty it will be to keep accurate records and minutes. Any major or controversial changes must be decided at the AGM or Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose.

5.2 The Officers of the Club will be elected from the membership and shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fisheries Officer.

5.3 The Club Committee shall consist of the Club Officers and not more than two others from the general membership.

5.4 The term of office for all Committee members will be one year and members are eligible for re-election. During their term of office, Committee members will be exempt from

paying the annual membership fee in recognition for their services but can elect to make payment if they so wish.

- 5.5 The Club Committee will meet together for the despatch of business as they think fit, provided that it shall meet not less than four times per year.
- 5.6 The Club Committee shall have powers to fill any vacancy among the elected Members and the person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall hold office until the date of the next AGM.
- 5.7 A quorum for a Club Committee meeting shall be three members.
- 5.8 Decisions taken at any Committee meeting shall be determined by a majority vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 5.9 The Club will indemnify the Committee and any members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred during the proper running of the Club but only to the extent of its assets.
- 5.10 Any Member of the Club Committee shall cease to hold office if, (1) by notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary they resign, or (2) the Club Committee by a majority of its membership resolve that they should resign or retire.

6. Meetings of the Club

- 6.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held in March each year.
- 6.2 The AGM of the Club shall be open to all Members and an attendance record will be kept.
- 6.3 The Club membership will be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the AGM at least four weeks in advance.
- 6.4 Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or Members of the Club Committee must be proposed and seconded by two existing Club Members. Such nominations shall be submitted either in writing prior to the AGM or verbally at the AGM.
- 6.5 Any items submitted in writing signed by 10 or more existing Club Members and received not less than 14 days before the AGM may at the discretion of the Chairman be added to the agenda, or a Special General Meeting (SGM) called.
- 6.6 The Chairman may summon a SGM of the Club at any time. The Secretary shall if so required by a resolution of the Club Committee, or upon the written request of not less than ten members, call a SGM of the Club.
- 6.7 At least seven days notice shall be given of every SGM specifying the date, time and place of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.
- 6.8 The Chairman or the Vice Chairman shall take the chair at every meeting of the Club. If he/she is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their numbers to take the Chair.
- 6.9 Any resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. If the resolution comprises several motions, a paper ballot may take place. Each member present shall have one vote and voting by proxy shall not be permitted. In the event of an equality of votes for a resolution the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or a casting vote.

7. Finances

- 7.1 The Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- 7.2 The financial year of the club will run from 1st March each year.
- 7.3 All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- 7.4 Committee members or another member or members nominated by the Committee, may be appointed as Trustees to hold property, including fishing rights, on trust on behalf of Club members.
- 7.5 Annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.6 Any payments made against club funds should be authorised by two Committee members, one of whom will ordinarily be the Treasurer.
- 7.7 The Club's funds and assets shall only be used in accordance with the aims and objectives of the club and may not be used for any private purpose by any member including those elected to the Committee.
- 7.8 Members may be remunerated for any reasonable goods or services supplied for the purposes of running the club at the discretion of the Committee. Approval will be recorded in the relevant Committee meeting minutes.
- 7.9 All members of the club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the club.

8 Dissolution of the Club

- 8.2 A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or SGM through a majority vote of the membership present.
- 8.3 In the event of dissolution all debts will be cleared using club funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will be passed to any organisation or group that is agreed upon at the time of dissolution but is not limited to any sole organisation or group.

9. Declaration

- 9.1 Grayshott Angling Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution at a meeting held on the 23rd March 2023

Signed: *Ian Thomas*

Position: Secretary