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**CONSTITUTION, RULES AND BY LAWS**

1) The club shall be called the- **PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT COARSE ANGLING CLUB (P.A.D.C.A.C.)** hereafter known as the club

*OBJECTIVES*

2) To co-operate, with the E.A., Riparian owners and other clubs and associations in matters affecting fishing interests. To stock and assist in re-stocking club waters. To acquire rights, and generally, to promote the sport of all its members and to safeguard the interests of the club. In addition to any other powers it may have the committee has the following powers in order to further these objectives. (But for no other purpose).

To raise funds to buy, take on, lease or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire any property and maintain it for use. To sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to P.A.D.C.A.C. In exercising this power the committee must comply with the objectives of P.A.D.C.AC’s constitution. To borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the properties belonging to P.A.D.C.A.C as security for repayment of the monies borrowed. In exercising this power the committee must comply with the objectives of P.A.D.C.A.C as laid down in its constitution. *In the event of Plymouth and District Coarse Angling Club ever ceasing to be a club the committee will elect a winding up sub committee to oversee said dissolution.* ***All  assets of P.A.D.C.A.C both in possessions and in cash shall be donated to either another suitable fishing club with similar aims and objectives to our own or to a worthy charitable body*****This sub committee to decide on the disposal of the clubs asset’s both in property and cash, said decision will need to be ratified by the full committee.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

3) The club shall consist of:- Life Members, Senior / Full Members & O. A. P’s. Hereafter known as FULL MEMBERS and JUNIOR MEMBERS

3.1 ) Membership of the club shall be open to all persons who complete an application

form and pay the current annual subscription fee, irrespective of ethnicity,

nationality, sexual orientation, religion and or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability

except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of angling as a sport

Completion of the membership application form constitutes an agreement to abide by

the constitution, codes of practice, policies and rules that the club has adopted..

3.2 ) The membership and rule book remain the property of the club and are subject to withdrawal

if a member is deemed by the committee to be in breach of the clubs rules.

4) Membership will be restricted to a fixed number decided by the committee, but this can

be changed at any time by the committee to suit ruling conditions.

5) All Members (senior, OAP and junior) will pay an Annual subscription fee as set by the AGM, see tariff page for current rates of fees. Senior members and OAP members will also pay a once only joining fee. Current full members renewing there membership will only pay the subscription fee provided they renew before the 28/Feb. New members will pay both fees. Fees are due from 1st January and run from 1st January to 31st December. The subscription for OAP member’s will be half that of a Full Membership on January 1st. Life Members and Serving committee members will not pay a subscription this will be deemed paid from club funds. Members joining prior to the 1st of January will be entitled to fish from date of purchase. A junior member shall be a person who has not attained the age of 17 as of the 1st of January in that membership year. Junior members will pay the fee shown on the tariff page but not the joining fee irrespective of when they join. Full members (seniors) are members who are already between the ages of 17 and 65 on the 1st of January in the joining year OAP are members who are already 65 or older on the 1st of January in the joining year. Juniors under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult on or around the lakes. Spouses / partners of full members shall be entitled to fish free of charge when accompanied by said members.

*Note- It is the personal responsibility of all members to ensure they comply with all E.A licence requirements,*

*National and Local By-laws, which form part of the rules of the club.*

6) All members guests fishing our waters will pay the fee listed in the tariff page for the duration being fished. Bought in advance from one of the outlets listed. The ticket must be on their person whilst fishing and can only be purchased by the Full member for their guests, the Full member is responsible for their guests whilst on our waters and must be present.

7) Life membership shall be granted to club members who have rendered outstanding service

to the club. Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of Full members.

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8) No person shall be deemed a member of the club, or entitled to vote at any meeting until their subscription for the current year has been paid, or be elected to any office, or become a member of the committee or exercise any of the privileges accorded to members. Members may be required to show their membership ticket before admission to the AGM or any general or special meeting.

*OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT*

9) The management of the club shall be in the hands of the committee Consisting of:-   ***Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary*, ass secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, ass match secretary, Specimen Officer, and up to fifteen other members.** (Hereafter called the officers)  The committee shall have the power to co-opt ordinary members to assist the committee if by attending a committee meeting the said member’s knowledge is to the advantage of the club. Save the co-opted members have no power to vote.

10) The officers and members of the committee shall be elected at the AGM and hold office until the next AGM

MEETINGS

11) The AGM will be held on the first Monday of NOVEMBER of each year at venue and time decided by the committee.

12) All nominations and/or resolutions for the AGM must be submitted to the secretary in writing and duly proposed and seconded prior to the previous committee standing down at the AGM**. Prior to the standing down of the old committee a panel of the senior members of the committee consisting of Chairman, vice chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three head bailiffs will vet the bailiff nominations declining those deemed to be unsuitable for the post. All those deemed suitable will go forward for election in the usual way.**

**13) The committee meetings will be held on date and venues to be decided at the previous committee meeting**

14) General **committee** meetings will be held on the first Monday of each Month at a venue and time decided by the committee and as published in the club book. Excepting when said meeting falls on a bank holiday when the meeting will be held on the following Monday

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15) A special meeting may be held at any time if called by not less than ten members on giving fourteen days clear notice thereof in writing to the secretary. Stating the purpose for which such meeting is called. No business shall be discussed at any special meetings other than of which notice shall be given. The committee shall have the power to summon a special meeting at anytime on giving seven days notice.

16) The chairman or vice chairman shall preside at all meetings of the club but should they be indisposed a chairman may be elected by the management committee from those present at the time. The chairman shall not have a vote except, in the event of equality of votes at any committee meeting the chairman shall have the casting vote.

17) A quorum of 5 members shall be required for any committee meeting. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of all the committee and shall be open to inspection by any member of the club applying to the secretary there of

18) The committee shall have the power to replace any committee member that fails to attend 3 successive committee meetings without due cause.

19) **All members of the committee will be expected to attend and help to the best of their abilities at least 50% of the clubs work parties. Bailiffs and committee members who do work outside of normal work partys will have that work taken as counting toward the 50%.**

20**) All bailiffs must be prepared to attend at the lakes at least 4 times per month to carry out their duties, record books will be supplied to all bailiffs and must be completed on each visit, these to be handed into the secretary at the monthly meeting.**

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19)  All agreements on behalf of the club approved by the committee shall be entered into by the following members, Chairman, Treasurer , Secretary. ( herein known as the “trustees”). Should circumstance dictate and with the agreement of the full committee retiring Chairman, Treasurers and secretary's may stay on as trustees. **In normal circumstances applicants for these three posts must be prepared to be trustees.**

20) The club shall take out third party insurance as it shall deem necessary.

ACCOUNTS

21) The accounts shall be made up by 31st of April in every year and produced to the committee and members attending the May meeting, and be audited by any two members of the club prior to the AGM

22)  The treasurer shall furnish an account to every AGM covering the clubs finances

from the previous AGM up to the date of the current AGM.

23) The treasurer shall keep a true account of all monies expended and received by them and furnish a report to every committee member

24) The moneys of the club shall be banked in the name of the club

25) All cheques shall be signed by two of the following officers Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, or Match Secretary

26) No officer shall authorise expenditure in excess of £50.00 without committee approval.

27) The clubs books of accounts pass books, and all other documents relating to the clubs finances shall be open to inspection by any member of the club applying to the treasurer

*DISPUTES AND DISIPLINARY MATTERS*

28) All disputes arising between members as to matters connected with the club shall be referred to and settled by the committee whose decision is final.

29) If the conduct of any member in the opinion of the Committee be injurious to interest and character of the club, the committee after a fair hearing shall be empowered to expel or suspend them from the club.

30) Any Member who shall cease to be a member of the club for what ever cause shall have no claim upon the property of the club. Nor have any part of the subscription returned.

31) Membership of the club shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the clubs constitution, rules and by laws as in force and operation

*ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION RULES AND BY-LAWS*

32) The clubs constitution shall not be altered and no new rules shall be made, nor any of the rules herein contained or hereafter to be made shall be amended, altered or rescinded without three fourths of the votes cast by those full members present at the AGM or special general meeting convened for that purpose. For avoidance of doubt an abstention shall not be treated as a cast vote.

33)  The committee shall have the power to amend alter or add to the clubs By-laws,

such by laws to be in force immediately on approval by the committee. Except in

extreme circumstances all proposed by-law changes will be proposed and

discussed and then deferred until the next meeting when they will be further

discussed and voted upon. Committee members absent from the first meeting to

be informed in writing of the proposals. This to be done prior to the second

meeting.

34)  Any member shall be entitled to approach the committee to alter amend or add to any club by laws