

# **GUASH FISHING CLUB**

## **RULES and REGULATIONS 2018**

*Note. In the following clauses the use of the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender wherever appropriate.*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1 The Club shall consist of not more than one hundred and five Members, but this number shall not include those elected as Honorary Members in recognition of services rendered to the Club, or for other special reasons, nor shall it include the President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be supernumerary to the membership of one hundred and five

2 Candidates for membership shall be proposed by at least one Member of the Club. Admission to the Club or if appropriate to the Waiting List shall be by election and at the discretion of the Committee.

2a. By joining the club a member is considered to have given consent for personal data to be held on them as detailed in the club Data Protection Policy.

2b. All members are individually responsible for ensuring that during their membership, all information held on them is accurate.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

3 The annual subscription, entrance fee and guest ticket fee for the following year shall be fixed by the Committee and communicated to the membership not later than 1<sup>st</sup> November. This subscription must be paid to the Treasurer on 1 January or first working day thereafter of the year to which it applies.

4 As every Member will on such payment become entitled to the privileges of the Club, such payment will be considered as an undertaking on his part to submit to the rules and regulations of the Club existing at the date of admission, and to any amendments, alterations or additions to the same that may at any time subsequently be made.

5 Not later than 10<sup>th</sup> January in each year the Secretary shall write by letter or e mail to all Members who have not paid their full subscription for the current year and submitted a completed catch return, including nil returns, informing them that if the sum due be not paid, and the catch return not submitted on or before 24<sup>th</sup> January they will cease to be Members of the Club-

5.1 Payment of membership fees will be by electronic bank transfer or payment by the individual directly into the club account.

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

6 The Committee of Management shall consist of at least six Members of the Club, two of whom shall retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting of the Club when, unless all or any of the retiring members are re-elected, other Members approved by a simple majority of the Meeting shall take their place. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall additionally be members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and the current holders of these offices may offer themselves for re-election. The Committee shall have the right to co-opt on to the Committee further Members who can be of help to the Club. Such appointments shall be notified to the membership at the Annual General Meeting for ratification. At Committee Meetings five shall be a quorum.

7 Any other vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting, but if any vacancies occur by death or resignation after election at that Meeting, the remaining members of the Committee shall have power to fill them, but any Members so appointed by the Committee shall not continue in office beyond the next Annual General Meeting unless their election be then confirmed.

8 The affairs and general management of the Club including admission of new Members shall be entrusted to the Committee who shall make all regulations, not inconsistent with these general Rules, as they shall from time to time think necessary for the well being of the Club.

9 At the first Committee meeting held after 24<sup>th</sup> January in each year it shall be the duty of the Committee to remove from the books the name of any Member whose subscription remains unpaid, and he shall thereupon cease to be a Member. If any Member whose name has been removed by the Committee on account of non-payment of his subscription for the current year shall give such reasons for the non-payment as shall be deemed satisfactory to the Committee he shall on payment of the sum due from him be re-admitted to the Club.

10 The Committee shall have power to appoint a Keeper and to remove or suspend him.

11 The Committee may at their discretion suspend any Member who is reported to have broken any of the Rules and Regulations of the Club, and shall be empowered, if they deem it expedient, to recommend any such Member to resign and if the Member so recommended shall not comply within one calendar month from the date of such communication being addressed to him in writing the Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the expulsion of such Member. At such Meetings the question will be decided by a simple majority of votes taken by ballot

### **ACCOUNTS**

12 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of accounts for the year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December and for having them properly audited and submitted for approval and acceptance at the Annual General Meeting. Copies of the accounts shall be made available for inspection by Members present at the Meeting.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

13 The Annual General meeting of the Members of the Club shall be held on a day to be fixed by the Committee between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members shall be notified at least three weeks in advance of the date of the Meeting and the agenda. Matters dealt with at the Meeting shall include:-

- i) Election of Officers and new members of the Committee
- ii) Approval and acceptance of the accounts for the previous year
- iii) Dealing with any proposals put forward to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Club

14 Any of the Rules and Regulations of the Club may be replaced or altered and new rules or regulations made by a simple majority of the Members voting at a General Meeting provided that the changes proposed are communicated by the Secretary to every Member of the Club at least three weeks before the date fixed for the General Meeting; but no question which has been decided at an Annual General Meeting shall be considered again in any form whatever before the Annual General Meeting next ensuing unless circumstances arise which in the Committee's view are of such importance as to require an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider them.

15 The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting on their own authority and shall be bound to do so on a requisition to the Committee by eight or more Members of the Club.

16 At Extraordinary General Meetings the Chairman, or in his absence a member elected by the Members present shall take the Chair. All proposals, other than for dissolution of the Club, placed before a General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the Members present. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. At General Meetings ten shall be a quorum.

## **INDEMNITY**

17 The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or any Member of the Committee or of the Club so authorised by the Committee shall not incur any personal liability for any duties properly carried out on behalf of the Club and any Officer or Member so acting shall be entitled to be indemnified from the Club's assets

## **FISHING**

18 Members shall be entitled to fish for trout from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive or such other period as the Environment Agency's bye-laws shall permit or within that permitted period such lesser period as the Committee shall determine. No Member shall fish without a current Environment Agency licence.

19 The taking of fish by any other means than by rod or line is strictly prohibited. The Club's waters shall be fished with artificial fly only except in such locations, at such times and by such methods as are set out in the appendix to these Rules. Only barbless or crushed barb hooks are to be used in any fly or bait fishing on any of the club waters.

20 Members shall at all times show due regard to the safety of other Members and the public at large. Members shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner appropriate to a due care for the countryside, in particular ensuring that all gates are closed and all litter or discarded fishing line is removed. No Member shall take a dog with him when fishing in the Club's waters. Road vehicles of any type shall not be taken to the riverside except along a recognised vehicular roadway.

21 Wading is not permitted, but this rule shall not be held to prevent a Member from stepping into the water to cast to a fish that would otherwise be inaccessible, or to cross the stream.

22 No trout shall be killed under 9 inches in length. No member shall kill more than three brace of trout in any one day. No more than six brace may be taken in any one week. Trout below the size limit or not required shall be immediately returned to the water with every possible care.

23 At the end of each season each Member must send to the Secretary not later than 1 January of the following year a properly completed return on the form provided, of all brown and sea trout caught by him and his guests. Nil returns are also required. Failure to provide a catch return will lead loss of membership unless exceptional reasons are provided and accepted by the Committee.

24 A Member or his guest must show his ticket and rod licence when asked to do so by any other Member of the Club or by the Keeper if one is appointed.

25 A Member on payment of the relevant fee as determined by the Committee may invite a friend to fish with him as a guest. Such Guest Tickets shall be limited to a maximum of ten per season. Every guest fishing by invitation in the Club's waters must conform to the Rules and Regulations laid down for Members of the Club and must be accompanied by the Member who introduces him. Members shall be permitted to share their rod (one rod in use only) with Junior Guests provided that such juniors are under 17 years of age and under the direct supervision of the Member.

## **DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

26 If in the opinion of the Committee circumstances require the dissolution of the Club or if at any General Meeting a proposal for dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of the Members present the Committee shall arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting of which at least four weeks written notice shall be given to each member. If at the Meeting the resolution for dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of three-quarters of the Members present the Committee must as soon as practicable realise the assets of the Club and distribute such assets equally among the subscribing Members, except that Members with two years or less membership shall be entitled only to reimbursement of their entrance fee or

to an equal division of the total assets whichever is the lesser. On completion of the distribution the Club will be dissolved.

### ***APPENDIX***

Subject to such amendments as the Committee may from time to time determine other methods of fishing are permitted in the locations and at the times set out below.

River Gwash

All beats: Fly fishing for grayling during the trout close season up to 16<sup>th</sup> March  
River Welland (below Hudds Mill to bottom of Lower Welland) Bait fishing for coarse fish and pike during the trout close season up to 16<sup>th</sup> March  
No keep nets are permitted and, except where specifically fishing for pike with large spoons or dead baits.  
Barbless hooks must be used.

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