

COMPANIES ACT 1985

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF Knowle (Bristol) Angling Association Limited

1. **Committee**

- 1.1 At the Annual General Meeting of members there shall be elected: President, Vice-President(s), Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Company Secretary(hereafter be known as the Honorary Secretary) , Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and 6 members to form a Management Committee, half of whom shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election for two years.
- 1.2 The Honorary Secretary will convene all meetings. A record of the Minutes will be maintained. He shall conduct the business and correspondence of the Association in accordance with the Committee's decisions and advice.
- 1.3 The Committee shall meet as often as necessary. Five members shall form a quorum.
- 1.4 Any vacancy arising in the Committee shall be filled by the appointment of an available member and approved by the Committee. If a Committee member fails to attend three successive meetings without giving an apology or reasonable cause then that member will forfeit being a Committee member and such action will give rise to a vacancy. No official from another angling club shall be entitled to sit on the Committee.
- 1.5 The Committee may appoint sub-committees who shall report as necessary and may co-opt if required. The Finance Sub-committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Membership Secretary, none of whom shall hold office in another angling association.
- 1.6 The Committee shall meet before the Annual General Meeting to receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the closing year and the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.7 The Committee may appoint or remove Honorary Water Bailiffs.

2. **Membership**

- 2.1 The Honorary Membership Secretary shall receive all membership fees due to the Association and pay them into the Association's account at the Bank (passing the bank receipts to the Honorary Treasurer). He shall receive all documents relating to membership and maintain up-to-date lists of names and addresses of members, issuing membership cards and receipts. Details will be held on computer, and shall be subject to the current Data Protection Act.
- 2.2 Membership and subsequent renewal of membership will be at the sole discretion of the Committee and such decision will be binding and final.

- 2.3 Members wishing to resign must notify the Honorary Membership Secretary in writing.
- 2.4 Vacancies may be allocated to people on the waiting list. These vacancies will arise after a reminder has been sent to all members with outstanding subscriptions. For this reminder service there will be an administration levy.
- 2.5 New members, may be elected to fill vacancies, by application on the Association form, countersigned by one current and paid up member and will be subject to approval of the Committee. New Members will pay an entrance fee.
- 2.6 Members shall promptly notify the Honorary Membership Secretary of any change of address, telephone number, e mail address or any other important information that materially affects the administration or status of their membership.
- 2.7 The rights of a member are personal and are not transferable and will cease upon his/her death and shall be subject to the current Data Protection Act.

3 **Subscriptions**

- 3.1 Subscriptions shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 All subscriptions due are payable annually on the 1st January.
- 3.3 Complimentary memberships may be granted to riparian owners or lessors of the Association's waters.
- 3.4 The Committee shall have the power to award Honorary Life Membership to any person who has by their own efforts made a significant contribution to the Association.

4. **Expulsion of Members**

- 4.1 The Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member guilty of a breach of the rules or byelaws of the Association or of the Environmental Agency, or any action which the Committee considers to have brought the Association into disrepute.
- 4.2 Any member expelled will forfeit their subscription fee.

5. **General Meetings of the Members**

- 5.1 General meetings shall be held, at not less than 21 clear days (a clear day includes the weekends) notice, as and when the Committee may decide, or upon receipt of a requisition by the Honorary Secretary, signed by six or more members and giving the reason for the meeting.
- 5.2 Every member entitled to vote has one vote and no more except in the case of an equality of votes when the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his own personal vote as a member. No member may vote unless all money due from him/her to the Association has been paid.
- 5.3 No business shall be conducted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. 10 members personally present is a quorum.
- 5.4 The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year when the Annual Report and Accounts will be presented and the elections made under Rule 1. Voting shall be by a show of hands. If the sitting member of such a post is nominated, he may choose to retire from the meeting during the election.

- 5.5 Written notice setting out any proposal for consideration at an Annual General Meeting must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 45 clear days (a clear day includes the weekends) before the Annual General Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Otherwise no such proposal shall be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.6 Accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to or the non-receipt of such notice by any member does not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

6. **Byelaws**

- 6.1 The Committee may from time to time make alter and repeal any byelaws they consider necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Association, provided that such addition alteration or repeal shall be approved by at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting. An alteration or repeal can take place immediately if the Committee deem it is in the best interests of the Association, and such action to be ratified by at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting.
All byelaws, so long as they are in force, are binding on all the members of the Association

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BYELAWS Subject to change

1. Tickets, Fees and Licences.
 - (a) Annual Membership Cards will be issued, recorded and signed by the Honorary Membership Secretary.
 - (b) All Association members must be carrying their current Knowle Angling Association Membership card and the appropriate Environment Agency Trout rod licence before fishing any of the Association's waters.
 - (c) Guest tickets will be available at the Committee's discretion. Written enquiries by post only to Honorary Membership Secretary giving the members name, the name and address of the guest, the date permit required for (the only date the permit will be valid) and the appropriate fee. All guests must hold a current Environment Agency rod licence for trout. Guests must be accompanied by sponsoring member at all times, hold the relevant and current rod fishing licence and must obey all membership byelaws and club rules as appropriate. No refunds will be given after issue.
 - (d) All Membership Cards and other documents issued to individuals remain the property of the Association and are not transferable. Members must carry them when angling and by production have the authority to challenge any angler and to adopt such lawful means to guard against poaching.
 - (e) Senior members over 65 years of age shall have their fees reduced to 80% of the current annual fee.
For the reminder service of non payment of subscriptions there will be an administration levy of £10.
New Members will pay an entrance fee of £5.
2. Members shall exercise due care to avoid any damage to crops including hay and silage, growing trees, shrubs, hedges, fences and banks, injury to wildlife or stock, to close all gates and leave no litter, hooks, shot or line.
3. No fishing, other than by fair rod and line for pure sport only will be permitted. Only one rod and hook shall be used at any on time.
Exceptions:
Chew Magna Reservoir (fly only) where one (1) point and two (2) droppers may also be used. **Static fly-fishing methods are not allowed.**
Ackers, Publow and Taylor's lakes, (fly only) where one (1) point and one (1) dropper may also be used. (Max hook size 10 STD) Floating lines only.
The use of lures and static fly-fishing methods is not allowed on **Ackers, Publow and Taylor's lakes**
4. River Chew - spinning downstream from Bonds Bridge to Pensford, 15th September to the end of the river trout season only,
No loose feeding or ground baiting allowed from 1st April to 15th October on any coarse water. No maggots shall be used on Association coarse fishing waters before 16th June. Refer to maps for details of coarse fishing areas.

5. All undersized trout and coarse fish to be returned immediately and carefully to the water by using a wet hand or cloth. No keepnets allowed. If a hook cannot be removed without injury to the fish the hook line must be cut as near the mouth as possible.
6. No member shall kill or take away any coarse fish or take any trout of less than twelve inches, and no more than one brace (2 fish) shall be taken away in any one day. **One fish only** can be taken in any one day from Ackers, Publow, and Taylor's Lakes. Members must use barbless or de-barbed hooks when fishing Ackers, Publow, and Taylor's Lakes **at all times**.
7. Every member shall produce for inspection all fish in their possession and permit the inspection of any fishing bag, creel, or tackle in use upon request by a member or bailiff of the Association, who shall first produce their own membership card or other authority.
8. The Annual Closed Season shall be strictly observed.
Upper River Chew and RiverWellow (Fly only), closed 15th October to 1st April
River YEO (Any Method), closed 15th October to 1st April
Lower River Chew, closed to all fishing 15th March to 1st April
Lower River Chew (Any Method), open from 15th October to 14th March,
 Coarse Fishing only. Loose feeding allowed.
 All Trout caught to be carefully returned.
9. Tigh waders are permitted to be worn for weather protection purposes,
Wading is only permitted at Chew Magna Reservoir.
10. Members shall make a written return at the end of each fishing day in the returns boxes provided. Members must sign in before fishing in the returns boxes and complete their details at the end of the fishing day, whether or not fish have been caught. In the event of there being no convenient box the return must be made at the next opportunity.
11. No vehicles of any kind shall be taken onto the land adjoining the Association's waters without the consent of the occupiers. No gun shall be carried by members without the expressed permission of the owners of the sporting rights. Dogs are not permitted neither are Radios, Mobile phone users are expected to use constraint and switch off if practicable.
12. Members shall not transfer to the Association waters any fish caught elsewhere, the Environment Agency prohibit such transfer without their permission.
13. Cars must be parked carefully to avoid obstruction of cattle walks or private roads, e.g. at Hinton Hill, Bye Mills, Portbridge. Do not park on the pavement near the gate at Stanton Drew Bridge. Cars may be parked in the first paddock right over Bonds Bridge (shared with Bristol A.A.). Please note that cars are parked at the car owner's risk.
14. In order to minimise stress and cruelty to the fish during and after stocking, we should stipulate that members fishing on the day of stocking shall exercise due consideration for the fish stocked and wherever possible move to a new venue
15. Any member fishing at a location shall be held responsible for clearing that area for any litter, even if that said litter was not caused by that person. In particular members must collect any discarded fishing line and take it home for disposal. If

it is found that litter was not cleared then the member will be liable for expulsion from the Association, pending a decision by KAA Committee

NOTES:

Club notices are exhibited in conspicuous positions adjacent to the waters and members are asked to observe same before fishing.

A 'Restocking Fund' is open and the Honorary Membership Secretary will gladly acknowledge donations from members or friends.

Additional maps are available at a charge, from the Honorary Membership Secretary.

Trespassing on waters adjacent to Knowle (Bristol) Angling Association Ltd waters is strictly prohibited.

The Honorary Secretary will be glad to be advised of any trout of 4lb or over and of any notable coarse fish catches.

Six Trophies may be presented annually:

Best Trout - Adult

Best Trout - Junior

Nominations for these cups must be verified by two witnesses, one of whom should be a member of the Association.

Two further cups may be awarded,

Competition Winner – Adult

Competition Winner - Junior

Fly Only Competition - Winner

Fly Only Competition - Best Trout.

These cups are perpetual trophies and cannot be won outright.

Members must make themselves aware of and abide by rules specific to certain waters.

ANGLING CAN BE DANGEROUS, UNDERTAKEN ENTIRELY AT YOUR OWN RISK.