

The Constitution of Golspie Rowing Club

NAME

The name of the organisation shall be **Golspie Rowing Club**
Hereafter referred to as the Club

OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- Encourage outdoor activities
- Encourage fitness and exercise
- Encourage Community Participation
- Develop woodworking skills
- Develop boat handling and sea craft skills
- Engage in boating activities with other coastal villages

POWERS

To further the above objects, the Club may:

1. Employ and pay any person or persons to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Club.
2. Bring together in conference and work in liaison with representatives of voluntary organisations, Government Departments, local and other statutory authorities and individuals.
3. Take out membership of such organisations as are considered to be in the interests of and compatible with the objects of the Club.
4. Promote and carry out or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and where considered appropriate publish the results.
5. Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses.
6. Collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the objects and exchange such information with other bodies having similar objects whether in this country or overseas.
7. Cause to be prepared and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, free of charge or for payment, such papers, books, pamphlets or other documents or films or recorded tapes as shall further the objects.
8. Borrow or raise money for the objects and accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed to be appropriate.
9. Purchase, lease and dispose of any heritable subjects.
10. Raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons by way of subscription or otherwise.
11. Purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges considered appropriate for the promotion of the objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings considered appropriate for the work of the Association.
12. Make regulations for the management of any property which may be so acquired.
13. Sell, let, grant securities over, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Association.
14. Do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons aged 16 years or over who are interested in furthering the work of the Club. Organisations with similar aims to those of the Club may also become members.

Junior membership shall be open to those under the age of 16 years who are interested in furthering the work of the Club. Junior members shall not be entitled to vote.

Associate membership shall be open to those who are interested in furthering the work of the Club. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote.

The committee has the right to turn down applications for membership if they can show good reason.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members shall pay a subscription at the rate determined by the members at the AGM.

AGM

The first annual general meeting shall be held not later than the month of January and once in each year thereafter an AGM shall be convened, not being more than 15 months after the holding of the preceding AGM. The Executive Committee shall convene an AGM to which all members will be invited with 21 days' notice. At the AGM members will receive an annual report on the work of the Club and a financial statement, appoint an independent examiner as appropriate, elect the executive committee, appoint office bearers from the newly elected Executive Committee, and determine annual subscriptions if applicable.

GENERAL MEETINGS (meetings of members)

The management committee may convene a special general meeting at any time.

At least 14 clear days notice must be given of any special general meeting ; the notice must indicate the general nature of any business to be dealt with at the meeting and, in the case of a resolution to alter the constitution, must set out the terms of the proposed alteration.

Notice shall be given to all members of the Club and to all members of the management committee.

The quorum for a general meeting of all members, including the AGM, shall be one third of the membership, or 4 members (whichever number is smaller). At a general meeting of members each adult member shall have one vote. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. If there is a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second (casting) vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall consist of 5 members elected at the AGM. All committee members will retire at the AGM, but will be eligible for re-election. The executive committee shall have the power to co-opt other representatives from allied organisations as ex-officio members as and when necessary. Casual vacancies on the Executive Committee may be filled by the committee and any person appointed to fill such a casual vacancy shall hold office until the next AGM of the Club and shall be eligible for election at that meeting.

The Executive Committee shall appoint and fix the remuneration of a secretary (where an honorary secretary is not elected) and the remuneration of all such other staff as may in their opinion be appropriate. Paid staff, including the secretary where so employed, shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

OFFICE BEARERS

The Office Bearers of the committee shall be a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be appointed at the AGM and shall hold office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election. It shall be their responsibility to ensure that proper minutes of meetings are kept and appropriate financial control exercised.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as often as is necessary to bring about the efficient discharge of the business of the Executive Committee and shall be convened on the instructions of the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be not less than 4 including 2 office bearers.

Delegation to Sub-committees

The executive committee may delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee consisting of one or more executive committee members and such other persons as the executive committee may determine.

Any delegation of powers under the preceding clause may be made subject to such conditions as the executive committee may impose and may be revoked or altered.

The rules of procedure for any sub-committee shall be as prescribed by the executive committee."

FINANCE

All monies raised by or on behalf of the Club will be used for the furtherance of the objects and for no other purpose. The preceding provision shall not, however, prevent the payment of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee the Club and expenses to a Club member acting on behalf of the Club with the Executive Committee's consent. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts and pay all monies not immediately required into a bank or building society account in the name of the Club. The Executive Committee shall authorise the three office bearers of the Executive Committee to sign cheques on behalf of the Club. The accounts shall be operated on the dual signatures of any two of the office bearers.

The executive committee shall prepare annual accounts, complying with all relevant statutory requirements.

The accounts will be examined once a year by an independent examiner appointed at the AGM.

The Club shall have the power to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by means of contributions, donations, subscriptions, deeds of covenant, legacies, grants or any other lawful method.

The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December

DISSOLUTION

If the Executive Committee decides by majority that, on the grounds of expense or otherwise, it is necessary to discontinue the Club, a meeting shall be called of all members, being given not less than 21 days clear notice and detailing the proposal.

If confirmed, the committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held after the settlement of any debts or liabilities to a charitable organisation or towards purposes which the law regards as charitable for the benefit of the inhabitants of Golspie and environs as the Executive Committee may decide.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Every member of the Club has a right to receive a copy of the constitution. This constitution shall not be altered or rescinded except at a General Meeting of the Club, and then only with the consent of at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. Amendments should be in the hands of the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting at which the change is to be discussed.

This was adopted as the Constitution of Golspie Rowing Club at a special Committee meeting at the Seafront Centre, Golspie on the twenty-fourth day of March, 2014

This is to certify that this is a true copy of Golspie Rowing Club constitution.

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