



(Member of South West Rivers Association)

Chairman: Henry Llewellyn

Constitution of the River Exe and Tributaries Association

(last amended at the AGM on 19th March 2010)

- 1 The Association shall be known as the River Exe and Tributaries Association.
- 2 The objects of the Association:
 - 2.1 To maintain, improve, and develop the indigenous fishery of the River Exe and its tributaries.
 - 2.2 To protect and enhance the status of the water quantity and quality in the River Exe and its tributaries.
 - 2.3 To protect and enhance the River Exe and its tributaries, its ecology, natural fish and dependent wildlife and habitat.
 - 2.4 To represent the interests of riparian owners and anglers of the River Exe and its tributaries.
- 3 Membership:
 - 3.1 Membership shall be open to:
 - (a) All riparian owners and owners of fishing rights on the River Exe system, whether freeholders or leaseholders;
 - (b) Individuals who fish regularly on the River Exe system;
 - (c) Individuals who are interested in the conservation and improvement of the River Exe system.
 - 3.2 Individuals eligible under 3.1 above wishing to apply for Membership should apply to the Hon Secretary.
 - 3.3 All applications submitted under 3.1 shall be considered by the Committee of the Association at its first meeting after the application has been received by the Hon Secretary.
 - 3.4 The Committee shall be empowered to elect to Membership any individual who they deem will make a significant contribution to the aims of the Association.
 - 3.5 The Committee shall be empowered to expel anyone from the Association deemed by the Committee to have brought the Association into disrepute.
 - 3.6 The Committee shall be empowered to make individual membership available to fishing clubs. Such individual membership will be available to clubs whose primary purpose is not joint ownership of riparian rights (i.e. syndicates).

3.7 All members of any club that is a member of RETA will become 'club members' of RETA. Club members will not have voting rights, but will receive communications and newsletters from RETA and will be invited to attend the AGM.

4 Officers:

4.1 The Officers of the Association shall consist of Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer. They must be Members of the Association.

4.2 The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years and is eligible for re-election. Nominations for election as Chairman, duly seconded, must be received by the Hon Secretary, in writing, by 1 March. The Member of the Association elected as Chairman may not at the same time be a member of the Committee as defined in 5.1, but may be elected from such members.

4.3 The Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting normally from amongst the members of the Committee as defined in 5.1. If the Hon Secretary or Hon Treasurer is not a member of the Committee as set out in 5.1, they shall be co-opted to the Committee. They shall be elected for a period of one year and are eligible for re-election. Nominations for these offices, duly seconded, must be received by the Hon Secretary, in writing, by the 1st March or 14 days before the AGM (whichever is the later).

5 Committee:

5.1 The committee shall consist of the Chairman and (a) 3 members representing the river below Bickleigh Bridge (i.e. members owning fishing rights below Bickleigh Bridge, members who fish regularly below Bickleigh Bridge, or members with a particular interest in the river below Bickleigh Bridge); (b) 3 members representing the river between Bickleigh and Oakford Bridge and (c) 3 members representing the river above Oakford Bridge; (d) 1 additional member."

5.1 One member from each of the three groups set out in 5.1 shall retire annually and in rotation, and shall be eligible for re-election.

5.2 Members of the Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, proposals for Membership of the Committee, duly proposed and seconded, must be received by the Hon Secretary, in writing, by the 1st March or 14 days before the AGM (whichever is the later).

5.3 The Committee shall be empowered to conduct any routine business of the Association and to make decisions in any case of emergency. When such decisions are made, a quorum of 5 members is required.

6 Meetings:

6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date each year, usually in March, to be determined by the Committee. The business of the meeting shall be the selection of Officers, the Committee and Auditors the approval of the accounts and any other business decided upon by the Committee, or of which written notice has been given to the Hon Secretary,

- 6.2 Any resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting must be duly proposed and seconded and received in writing by the Hon Secretary by the 1st March or 14 days before the AGM (whichever is the later).
- 6.3 The right to vote on resolutions is restricted to Members, each of whom has one vote.
- 6.4 Proxy and postal votes are admitted, provided that the Secretary disclose to Members present at the meeting the details of postal votes received prior to the Meeting.
- 6.5 To be passed, resolutions must be supported by at least 60% of those voting.
- 6.6 An Extraordinary General Meeting , may be convened at any time either at the request of 10 voting Members or the Committee, provided that the specific purpose of the Meeting is clearly stated.
- 6.7 Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be circulated to all members, by first class post or e-mail, not less than 14 days before the Meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting. At the meeting, no resolutions shall be discussed other than that for which the Meeting was specifically convened.
- 6.8 At all other General Meetings the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman. In his absence, the Secretary shall ask for Members present to nominate a member of the Committee to chair the Meeting.

7 Subscriptions:

- 7.1 Members shall pay an annual subscription, which shall be fixed each year by a resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

8 Casual Vacancies:

- 8.1 In the event of a casual vacancy in the offices of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Committee shall appoint from amongst the Members of the Committee a temporary replacement to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. In the event of a casual vacancy amongst the Committee Members, this shall remain unfilled until the next Annual General Meeting.