

TAUPO FISHING CLUB (INC)
CONSTITUTION AND RULES.
(2020)

1 The name of the club shall be the Taupo Fishing Club (Inc)

2 Members shall comprise **persons** having an active or expressed interest in the art of Sport Fishing.

3 Membership shall be open to men and women with a lower age limit of 18 years, and shall consist of ordinary members, honorary members, life members, associate members, family membership, junior membership and **couples** membership.

a) i. Honorary Members shall be those who by reason of some special service to the club, or by reason of some outstanding contribution to the art or welfare of Sport Fishing are invited to accept honorary membership.

ii. Ordinary Members shall be any person (excluding honorary and life members) who is a financial member of the Taupo Fishing Club.

iii. Associate Members shall be those members whose normal place of residence is outside the Taupo Fishing District. They shall be required to be financial members at the subscription rate set at the Annual General Meeting for such matters.

iv. Life Members shall be those members who have given a record of long and active membership and who have given outstanding service to the club (and shall be so designated at an Annual General Meeting.)

v. The age for Junior Membership and Juniors in Family Membership, be under **Eighteen** Years

on the 1st July annually.

vi Corporate Membership is available to Businesses who wish to purchase multiple memberships for their staff.

4. The objects of the Club are:-

a) To promote and conduct an organisation of persons interested in Sport Fishing.

b) To co-operate in securing reasonable legislation, regulations and by-laws relating to the sport of fishing.

c) To advise and furnish to member's information which may assist them in the pursuit of their sport, including news bulletins.

d) To maintain liaison with other clubs and associations having similar aims and objects, and to seek membership of such organisations as becomes necessary or prudent in the interests of the members.

e) To provide Club Premises and facilities for the use of members.

f) To provide and hold meetings, social functions, lectures and demonstrations and exhibitions

(to which non-members may be invited), and to keep a record book of fish of merit, caught by any angler, provided such fish are bona-fide merit specimens. At the close of each fishing season the book shall be ruled off and the heaviest fish of each species recorded; also the best condition factor fish of each species recorded shall be noted.

g) To purchase, take, or lease, or in exchange, or hire or otherwise acquire or sell any real or personal property; and to erect buildings.

h) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such a manner as the Club thinks fit and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or by way of mortgage or mortgage debenture charged upon all or any of the club's property (both present and future) and to purchase redeem satisfy and pay off any such securities.

i) To apply the funds of the club in promoting or furthering all or any of the objects of the club and pending such application to invest such funds or any part thereof for such period and on such terms as the Club shall deem advantageous or to place same upon deposit with any bank or with any local authority as defined by the Local Government Loans Board Act, 1926.

j) Generally do and perform all such acts and things as shall or may be for the benefit of members

and in the interests of Sport Fishing.

k) If for any reason the club wound up and dissolved, surplus assets after payment of all costs, debts,

and liabilities (but subject to any trust affecting the same), shall be realised and divided equally between Taupo St Johns Ambulance and **Taupo Greenlea Rescue Helicopter Trust**, only after consultation with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, Wellington, whose directions in the matter shall be final.

l) The Club shall be wound up only if a General Meeting of members passes a resolution for the purpose accordingly by a simple majority and that resolution is confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting held not earlier than 30 days after the date of the passing of the resolution.

4m) Tax Exemption Status - No addition to or alteration of the clubs Objects,

personal benefit (clause 5 f) or the winding up clause (4 I) shall be made which affect the tax exempt status. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

4n) The Taupo Fishing Club is committed to helping our environment for the betterment of our fisheries, community and our future.

5. a) The management and control of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee, which may exercise all powers given by these rules and do all acts and things which it may consider proper or advantageous for accomplishing the objects of the Club which are not expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the club in General Meeting.
- b) The Management Committee shall have power to nominate any members of the Club as a sub-committee for any specified purpose they may deem necessary but no such sub-committee shall have any control over the expenditure of monies of the club, except so far as the same may be from time to time specially given them by the Management Committee.
- c) Any financial member of the Club is entitled to be present at a Management Committee meeting
- but shall have no right to vote on any proposal before the Management Committee.
- d) The Management Committee may make from time to time such by-laws as it deems necessary
- for promoting the best interests and general welfare of the club.
- e) The Management Committee shall have power to consider all matters in difference between
- members that may be referred to it in writing and its decision will be final.
- f) The Management Committee shall transact the routine business of the Club, control its finances and investments, supervise the collection of revenue from all sources, and recommend payment of accounts. All payments out of the funds shall be made only by order of the Committee and by cheque or withdrawals duly signed by any two of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. All monies received shall be paid into the bank account of the Club or banks in Taupo directed by the Committee. It shall provide a Common Seal which shall be applied only in pursuance of a resolution of the Management Committee of the Club and in the presence of two members of the Committee and the Secretary, and which shall remain in the custody of the Secretary. No member of the organisation or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the organisation in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being open market value).

g) The Management Committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting a report of the years work, together with a statement of Income and Expenditure, and Balance Sheet.

6. a) The Financial Year of the Club shall end on 31st March each year.

b) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in early June at such a place as the

Management Committee may from time to time determine, at a date and hour to be fixed by the Management Committee, but such meeting shall be held only following at least 10 days notice by circular sent to each member.

c) A Special General Meeting shall be summoned only by resolution of the Management

Committee or at the request in writing of not fewer than fifteen members of the Club, and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. Ten clear days notice by circular, shall be given to members of every such Special General Meeting.

d) The Management Committee shall

meet at least monthly at a time and place to be fixed by

resolution of the Management Committee and in addition may be summoned by the Secretary at any time and must be called by him on the requisition in writing of the President or three members of the Committee. e) Regular Social Meetings of the members will be held throughout the year to foster the interests

of sport fishing. f) At least ten days notice shall be given, by circular, of all notices of motion

.7. a) The President, or in his absence, the Vice President or member appointed by the meeting shall be

chairman at all meetings of the Club. Ten shall form a quorum at a General Meeting. Five shall form a quorum at a Management Committee Meeting. At Ordinary Meetings of the Management Committee all business whether ordinary or extraordinary business must be available to members. The chairman shall decide what shall be deemed extraordinary business. b) At a Special General Meeting of members no business shall be transacted other than that

mentioned in the notice calling such meetings. c) Voting at General Meetings shall be show of hands should a voice-vote not be decisive, or by

ballot, according as the nature of the motion demands.

8. a) The Officers of the Club shall be: a Patron, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Honorary Auditor, and an Honorary Solicitor. The officers of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. b) The Management Committee shall comprise: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and six members (at least three of whom shall be resident members) who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. c) All officers and members of the Management Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election. The president shall be elected to a one year term and may be re-elected annually up to a period of three years maximum. The retiring President shall then become a member ex-officio, of the Management Committee having all voting rights, and after the completion of his successor's term of office he may be eligible for re-election to office or to the Management Committee. However, immediately on his retirement from the office of President he may be elected to the office of Secretary or Treasurer.

9. The level of the entrance fee and annual subscription for each year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

10. Any proposed alterations, additions, or deletions pertained to the Constitution and Rules shall be the

subject of a Notice of Motion submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of a notified General Meeting, Special General Meeting, or Annual General Meeting, and any such proposed alterations, additions, or deletions shall be accepted on a simple majority vote.

Provided however that no addition to or alteration or recession of the rules shall be approved if it effects the non-profit aims, private benefit clause or the winding up clause.

11. That the delegate, appointed by the Management Committee, to attend the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers **and or the NZ Sports Fishing Council** be paid reasonable expenses to attend the meeting. The level of payment to be set by the Management Committee.

11a) The Taupo Fishing Club is affiliated to NZ Sports Fishing Council and pays an annual subscription

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President 2020 Shirley Fraser