

# CONSTITUTION

Of

## THE *LOCH LOMOND* ASSOCIATION

1983 (amended 1990, 1994, 2002, 2008, and 2009)

### 1. TITLE

The Association shall be called The Loch Lomond Association, hereinafter referred to as “the Association”.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Association shall be:-

**2.1** to preserve and improve use of the waters of Loch Lomond and its immediate environs for the enjoyment, convenience and safety of those using it for sport or recreational activities

**2.2** the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage and the flora and fauna in, on and in the vicinity of Loch Lomond

**2.3** to liaise with statutory bodies and others

**2.4** to encourage and promote all aspects of water safety and in particular to encourage and support the operation of a Rescue Boat service on Loch Lomond

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall be open to all persons, bodies, corporate or otherwise, individuals and others who support the Objectives.

### 4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscriptions shall be recommended by the Committee and approved by the members at a General Meeting.

### 5. MANAGEMENT

**5.1.1** The management of the Association shall be by a Committee comprising, where possible, representatives of every activity that takes place on Loch Lomond, both commercially and recreationally. No one interest shall be entitled to have more than one representative, however, the

Committee will accept a balance, where possible, of the various activities that take place on the Loch. In addition, there shall be up to four individual members who have a general interest. The committee may appoint other individuals who, in the opinion of the committee, have particular or professional experience that can be of benefit to the Association in achieving its objectives and shall homologise the appointment at the first General Meeting following that appointment.

**5.1.2** Where the Committee member who represents a particular interest or activity or club cannot for any reason attend a meeting, he may appoint another to attend the meeting in his stead.

**5.2.1** Election of Committee members shall take place by a simple majority on a show of hands, the Chairman having a casting vote, at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, candidates requiring to be proposed and seconded by a member of the Association subject to the terms of paragraph 6.4 .

**5.2.2** Committee members so elected shall serve for a period of three years but may submit themselves for re-election.

**5.2.2.1** Any committee member not attending without due reason, nor sending apologies for absence for six consecutive meetings should be considered as having resigned from the committee.

**5.2.3** Committee members may be required to retire in like manner to their election or by a majority vote of the Committee.

**5.3** The Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from their own number. It may appoint other office bearers as it deems fit and shall homologise the appointment at the first General Meeting following that appointment.

**5.3.1** Any committee meeting considering the appointment of Office Bearers should not occur at or within 7 days following an AGM or EGM

**5.4** The Committee may fill a casual vacancy.

**5.5** Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote. A quorum shall be one third of the committee in office at the time.

**5.6** The Committee may appoint such persons as they consider appropriate to be Honorary Presidents. Such persons shall be subject to annual re-election by the Committee.

## **6. GENERAL MEETINGS**

**6.1** An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held within fourteen days of the thirtieth of April each year. At least twenty-one days notice shall be given by intimation in two local newspapers. A statement of the receipts and payments for the year to thirty-first of March shall be presented to each Annual General Meeting.

**6.2A** A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or shall be called within fourteen days of a requisition signed by five members being received by the Secretary. At least twenty-one days notice shall be given by intimation in two local newspapers. Such intimation shall specify the business to be put to the meeting.

**6.3**At any General Meeting ten members shall be a quorum. In the event of that number not being present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for seven days to be re-convened at the same place and time when the members present shall form a quorum.

**6.4**Each fully paid up member shall be entitled to one vote except when electing members of the Committee. For the election of such members, only members involved in the sectional interest or activity which the candidate seeks to represent shall be entitled to vote, always providing the member is a fully paid up member. Vacancies for individual or general interest members are open to every fully paid up member to vote. The Chairman of the Management Committee shall preside at General Meetings and in his absence the Vice Chairman or such person as the meeting may elect. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

**6.4.1**No new member shall acquire voting rights until 21 days after their application has been received and accepted by the membership secretary

**6.5**The sailing representative to the Committee shall be nominated by Loch Lomond Sailing Club.

## **7.PAST CHAIRMEN**

Past Chairmen of the Association who have served as Chairman for a period of a minimum of three years shall be permitted to be members of the Committee without further election, and the position that they held as individual member or representative of a particular interest group shall be filled by another individual member or another representing that interest.

## **8.CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

No alteration shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual or a Special General Meeting.