

## CONSTITUTION

### LAKE CONJOLA FISHING CLUB

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### Preamble

1. The Lake Conjola Fishing Club is a sub-club of the Lake Conjola Bowling & Recreation Club (LCB&RC) and shall be known as the “club” as referred to herein.
2. The objectives of the club are:
  - a. To promote an interest in fishing
  - b. To promote sportsmanship and friendship amongst those interested in fishing; and
  - c. To do all such things conducive to the furtherance of the objectives and interests of the club.

#### Membership

3.
  - a. Any person who is a member of the LCB&RC club and is interested in fishing shall be eligible for membership to the club; and
  - b. Intending new members must complete an application form and pay the requisite fee prior to acceptance by the club.
4.
  - a. The annual membership fee due 1<sup>st</sup> January shall be determined each year by the committee as prescribed under the “By-Laws and Procedures”.
  - b. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) shall be eligible to join as junior members; and
  - c. All members will be liable for their own safety whilst in competitions and must comply with the requirements of maritime law(s) in regard to safety and related standards.

#### Live Membership

5. An annual General Meeting or Special Meeting may appoint any person as a Life Member, if nominated by two (2) financial members, in recognition of service rendered in promoting the interests and objectives of the club during their membership.

#### Membership and Resignations

6.
  - a. A member may resign from the club in writing, email or verbally to a committee member which in turn must be recognized in the minutes of the next monthly committee meeting; and
  - b. Upon ceasing membership there will be no reimbursement of membership fees paid.

#### Membership Expulsions

7.
  - a. The committee may expel, punish, or penalize a member whose conduct, in the opinion of the committee, is discreditable or injurious to the objectives and the interests of the club.
  - b. Prior to the implementation of punishment under 7. (a) the member shall be given the opportunity to defend themselves to justify and explain their conduct.

- c. A quorum of three (3) committee members shall be in attendance to hear the member's submission(s) and decide according to the implementation of the earlier decision or pass a subsequent action E.g., repeal the earlier decision; and
- d. Should a member fail to appear as provided in 7. (c) or any subsequent adjournment, the committee members will proceed in the member's absence and make a finding as empowered.

### **Annual General Meeting**

- 8.
  - a. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held annually in November or December at the LCB&RC and is open to financial members of the club.
    - i. NOTE: Members must also be financial members of the LCB&RC
  - b. Notification of the AGM shall be given to the membership at least thirty days (30) before the scheduled date; and
  - c. Notification shall be via Notice Board Display, e-mail and/or the club's website.
- 9. The annual report and the audited financial statement shall be submitted/presented to the members at the AGM.
- 10. The AGM may make By-Laws necessary for the proper administration of the club.
  - a. Any By-Law made shall not be repealed, added, or amended unless or until
  - b. Notice of the proposal is in writing to the president of the club seven (7) days prior to the AGM; and
  - c. Any decision made in regard to this clause is subject to approval by two-thirds of the members present at the AGM.

### **Special/Extraordinary Meetings**

- 11.
  - a. Such meetings of members shall be called following a written request from ten (10) financial members handed or emailed to the President; and
  - b. Meetings shall be held within thirty (30) days of the request and all members given ten (10) days notification prior to the meeting.

### **Committee**

- 12. Election of committee members for the ensuing twelve (12) months shall take place at the AGM. No Ballot shall be required when the number of candidates nominated for each position does not exceed the number of vacancies. Such candidates shall be elected.
  - a. The committee shall consist of:
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice President
    - iii. Treasurer
    - iv. Committee Members (unlimited); and
    - v. Supported by a Weigh Master or Web Administrator
    - vi. (All positions are Honorary)
  - b. The committee shall decide on the date for the Presentation Dinner Dance
  - c. The committee shall determine the dates for the monthly fishing competitions and any amendment during the year shall be notified to the members at the earliest date by notice board, email and or website.
  - d. Should a vacancy occur on the committee, it may be filled by the membership and will hold the position until the end of the predecessor's term.

- e. The committee will meet monthly as determined by the President in consultation with the committee members.
- f. Any member wishing to attend a meeting may do so but is not entitled to vote.
- g. If within seven (7) days of a meeting, any member may table correspondence to such meeting and is entitled to express their view accordingly on the correspondence.
- h. The committee has the power to delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee and the President or Vice President shall be on the chair of the sub-committee.
- i. The minutes from the committee shall be forwarded to the LCB&RC on a frequent basis for their information.
- j. All acts and decisions by the committee and members thereof shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of such a member or all or any members of the committee be as valid and effective as if they had all been properly appointed, unless it is proved that the appointment was made in fraud or bad faith; and
- k. For any reason, should the club cease to function, all property belonging to the club shall be deemed the responsibility of the LCB&RC.

#### **By-Laws and Procedures**

13. The committee may prepare and adopt matters to assist with the management and operation of the club which are not suitably covered or detailed in this constitution.

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