

Sussex Branch of the Fly Dressers' Guild.



CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

1. TITLE

The organisation shall be registered with the Flydressers' Guild (FDG) and shall be called the Sussex branch of the Flydressers' Guild, hereinafter referred to as "The Branch".

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the branch shall be to promote and encourage the art of fly dressing and the use of the fly and its associated topics.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

- a) Membership of the Branch shall be open to any member of the Flydressers' Guild upon payment of the current Branch subscription.
- b) The Committee has the right to refuse application for membership of the Branch without specifying the reason for doing so.
- c) Any member considered as being in breach of the rules of the Branch or FDG shall be given the opportunity of presenting their case before the Committee. Having heard all the facts, the Committee has the right to suspend or terminate their membership of the Branch if considered appropriate.
- d) Any member who has not paid the subscription by 30th November **may** have their membership cancelled.

4. COMMITTEE.

- a) This shall comprise the following officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Organiser, Equipment Officer, Membership Secretary and not more than 10 elected members.
- b) Five members shall form a quorum.
- c) All Officers shall retire at the AGM but may be eligible for re-election.

5. MANAGEMENT.

- a) The management of the Branch shall be vested in the Committee which shall have full power to arrange and transact the business of the Branch and to deal with any matters that arise that are not provided for herein.
- b) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members or to appoint Sub-Committees for special purposes of the Branch.
- c) Any member of the Branch not being a member of the Committee may be invited to speak at a Committee meeting but will not be entitled to vote.
- d) Committee meetings should be held as necessary but not less than 4 times per year with adequate notice of meeting dates being given.
- e) The Committee shall be responsible for selecting team members for competitions and they and any sub-committee or organiser delegated cannot be held responsible

for any injury, accident or damage to property or persons involved in such competitions.

f) Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and other payments due to the Branch and shall make disbursements as necessary on behalf of the Committee. He/she should be accountable to the Committee at meetings and submit a statement of accounts and balance sheet at the AGM.

g) The funds of the Branch will be kept in an appropriate bank account and any relevant expenses/costs can be authorised for payment by the Treasurer and two other nominated committee members mandated as signatories by the bank.

h) The assets of the Branch shall be vested in the Committee as Trustees for the members. Neither the Committee or any officer or member shall at any time incur nor permit to be incurred any liability which exceeds the total assets of the Branch at that time. Assets for the purpose of this rule being the balance of credit in the Branch bank accounts, plus cash in hand minus any known payment liabilities. Officers and Trustees shall be liable only to the extent of the assets vested in them for the benefit of the Branch and not further or otherwise,

i) The financial year shall end **on August 31st of each year.**

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The amount of annual Branch subscriptions and or any levy together with any concessions shall be decided by the Committee and shall become due on 1st September or at the time of acceptance as a member.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING(AGM)

- a) The AGM shall be held not more than 13 months from the previous one.
- b) Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received in written form by the secretary at least 30 days before the date of the AGM.
- c) The business of the AGM should be:
 - i) Approval of minutes from previous AGM and any extraordinary AGM.
 - ii) To consider Annual Reports and Accounts from Officers.
 - iii) To consider any notices of Motions.
 - iv) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- d) Elections, if necessary, shall be held by secret ballot.
- e) The Secretary shall notify the names and contact details of Officers to the FDG following the AGM.

8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

The Chairman shall have the power to call an EGM for any specific purpose and an EGM may be called at the bequest of 10 or more members of the Branch. This must be given in writing to the Secretary and should be called within 2 months of such bequest. Details should be circulated to all members and no vote shall be taken on any subject other than the purpose for which the EGM has been called.

9. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

- a) The Constitution or Rules of the Branch may only be changed at an AGM or EGM called for that purpose.
- b) Such alterations proposed shall be deemed to have been approved by a simple majority vote of those present and entitled to vote.

10. DISSOLUTION.

- a) The Branch shall not be dissolved as long as 10 members are willing to continue it.
- b) Should it be dissolved, any assets after discharge of all liabilities shall be donated to a registered charity that the majority of members deem fit.

COMPETITION NOTES.

THESE NOTES MAY BE ALTERED/AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Fishing Competitions and Outings:

External

The Branch may enter one or more teams for the FDG John Watt Trophy boat competition.

The Branch may enter into external competitions with other clubs and the Committee has sole discretion on the use of the Branch name in any competitions.

Internal

Internal competitions are open to all members and fish caught from Bewl and all Sussex waters will be deemed eligible, the season running from 1st January till 31st December.

Trophies To be awarded annually:

- a) **Jimmy James Trophy** for heaviest bag at Trophy Day
- b) **Plowman Trophy** for heaviest fish on Trophy Day
- c) **Brown Trout Trophy** for best brown on Trophy Day
- d) **Gemma Winder Trophy** for best bag in 4 Lake Challenge on Trophy Day
- e) **Peter Neave Memorial Trophy** for best Char/Spartic on Trophy Day
- f) **John Leitch Brown Trout** for best brown from Sussex water
- g) **Peter West Trophy** for best rainbow from Sussex water.
- h) **Members Reservoir Plate** for best trout caught from Bewl or any other Sussex reservoir
- i) **Frank Darrah Trophy** for best combined bag in Branch spring pairs competition.
- j) **Jonathan Glover Cup** – awarded to Branch member by vote of members deemed to have done most for the well - being of the club in the year. Cannot be awarded more than once in any 3 year period.
- k) **Albert Horne Memorial Trophy** – awarded by chairman to any member giving outstanding service to fly dressing and fly fishing.

Trophies to be awarded at the AGM or on the competition day itself.