

# **SHETLAND YOAL ROWING ASSOCIATION - CONSTITUTION**

## **1.0 Name:**

Shetland Yoal Rowing Association

## **2.0 Aims and Objectives:**

- 2.1 To provide the opportunity for competitive rowing between affiliated clubs in Shetland.
- 2.2 To encourage the sport of rowing in traditional yoals.
- 2.3 To maintain classes of one design Shetland yoals where crews compete on a like for like basis.
- 2.4 To hold annual Shetland yoal rowing championships hosted by affiliated clubs.

## **3.0 Membership:**

- 3.1 Annual affiliation will be by payment of fee at AGM.
- 3.2 Newly formed or clubs where affiliation has lapsed by 5 years or more must have their application supported by 3 affiliated clubs.
- 3.3 Applications will be considered at the AGM or special general meeting.

## **4.0 Office bearers/Committee:**

Appoint Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer.

- 4.1 Committee meets not less than twice a year.
- 4.2 Maximum of two representatives from each club may attend each meeting.

## **5.0 Finance:**

- 5.1 Financial years shall be decided from time to time by the AGM.
- 5.2 All money shall be banked/invested in the name of the Association.
- 5.3 Accounts shall be signed by the Treasurer/Commodore.
- 5.4 A statement of accounts shall be presented at the AGM.

## **6.0 Management/General meetings:**

- 6.1 There shall be an AGM at which the office bearers shall be elected.
- 6.2 Not less than 14 days notice shall be given. The AGM will held, as far as practical, in the sixth week following the last official regatta of the season with an Executive Committee meeting taking place in the intervening period.
- 6.3 Voting will refer only to matters of which due notice has been given in the notice calling he meeting.

- 6.4 Voting may be by a show of hands or by ballot, as decided at the meeting.
- 6.5 The AGM will be attended by the office bearers and two delegates from each affiliated club.
- 6.6 Votes on all matters at the AGM shall be from the club delegates only.
- 6.7 Committee members who are nominated club delegates have the right to only one vote.
- 6.8 Clubs prevented from attending the AGM/EGM may cast two delegate votes by proxy.
- 6.9 The Commodore has the casting vote.

### **7.0 Extraordinary General Meeting:**

- 7.1 An EGM may be convened at any time at the request in writing of not less than three affiliated clubs who shall notify the Secretary of the business discussed.
- 7.2 No other business shall be discussed.
- 7.3 Seven days notice of such business shall be given.

### **8.0 Proposals:**

- 8.1 Any proposals, changes or instructions to be considered at the AGM should be in the hands of the Secretary by four weeks prior to the date of the AGM.
- 8.2 No constitutional changes will be valid unless it is conformed by at least two thirds of the persons present and voting, or voting by proxy, on the proposals at the AGM.

### **9.0 Amendments:**

- 9.1 Any amendments to motions, proposals, etc. shall be in the hands of the Secretary four weeks prior to the AGM.
- 9.2 Minor amendments may be accepted at the AGM.

### **10.0 Meeting Chairman:**

- 10.1 The Commodore, Vice-Commodore or substitute Commodore shall preside at all general meetings. A substitute Commodore can be appointed for that meeting.

### **11.0 Procedure:**

- 11.1 The quorum at general meetings shall be not less than sixteen personally present and entitled to vote.
- 11.2 A two thirds majority of those present and voting, or voting by proxy, shall be sufficient to carry any resolution concerning racing and building rules.

11.3 The Chairman at all meetings shall have the casting vote.

**12.0 Dissolution:**

12.1 If the committee shall decide at any time that it is necessary to dissolve the Association they shall instruct the calling of an EGM to consider this resolution.

12.2 The decision must be confirmed by at least two thirds of those present and voting at such a meeting.

12.3 Any remaining assets shall be given into the care of the SIC Leisure and Recreation Committee (or equivalent) to be held until the Association is re-established under the same constitution.

12.4 If the committee decides that the Association is not to be re-established they shall apply such assets to such charitable purposes as they decide.

**13.0 Racing rules:**

13.1 Regatta racing rules are contained in Appendix one.

**14.0 Building rules:**

14.1 Boat building rules are contained in Appendix two.

14.2 They shall not be altered except by a decision at a general meeting.

**15.0 Complaints procedure:**

15.1 The complaints procedure is contained in Appendix three.