

Achnamara Rowing Club

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. Objects

The objects of the Club are to encourage and administer the use, care and maintenance of the St. Ayles skiff “Daisy Bell”, SCRA Registered Number 231 and property of the Achnamara Community Trust SCIO (the “Skiff), including its associated running and safety gear and road trailer, together with any further related craft and/or equipment that the Club or the aforesaid SCIO may subsequently choose to purchase and/or adopt.

2. Membership

Full Membership is open to current and recent local residents aged 18 or above with Achnamara, Tayvallich, Cairnbaan or Crinan postal addresses. Junior membership is open to such local residents aged 14-17, with the proviso that they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Visiting membership may be made available to non-residents at the discretion of the Committee.

3. Committee

The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two others. They shall retire at each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. Three Committee members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall have the right to exercise generally all powers competent to the Club itself, including the power to enter into agreements on behalf of the Club, and any two or more of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer shall have the power to execute or sign deeds or documents for or on behalf of the Club; however, financial or legal liability incurred in the rightful exercise of their office shall not be the personal liability of the Committee but shall be the responsibility of the Club as a whole. In addition to co-ordinating both social and competitive use of the Skiff, together with its storage, maintenance and insurance, the Committee may organise appropriate training and coaching for members and may affiliate the Club with appropriate other organisations.

4. General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 30th April of each year. A notice calling the meeting shall be posted or e-mailed to all members at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Special General Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee or by at least three members on written request to the Secretary, which request shall state the purpose of the meeting and the term of motion or motions to be submitted to it. Special General Meetings will be called within 28 days of such a request and notices will be posted or e-mailed to all members at least 14 days prior to it. A quorum at any General Meeting will be not less than five members.

5. Annual Subscriptions and Launch Fees

Membership subscriptions for each season and fees for individual launchings shall be decided annually at the Annual General Meeting and in the case of subscriptions shall be due for payment within one month of that meeting. The Treasurer will issue reminders as needed; if payment is not made by 30th June, the defaulting member shall be considered to have resigned from the Club.

6. Finance

All monies received by the Club will be paid into a bank account held by the Lochgilphead branch of the Bank of Scotland. Withdrawals by cheque will require two signatories, the signatories to be the Treasurer and any other Committee member, whilst payments by online banking may be made by the Treasurer alone. The financial year for the Club will coincide with the calendar year, and an audited statement of accounts for the year will be presented by the Treasurer at the next Annual General Meeting.

7. Winding up

In the event of the Club being wound up, any surplus assets shall be transferred to the Achnamara Community Trust SCIO.