

Constitution of the Machrihanish Gun Club

Adopted on the 9th day of February, 2014

1 Name

The name of the Club is the Machrihanish Gun Club or other such name as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide.

2 Administration

Subject to the matters set out below the Club and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Executive Committee, constituted by clause 7 of this constitution.

3 Objects

The Club's objects ('the objects') are to encourage and facilitate the development of and participation in the sport of target shooting whilst implementing the Home Office and Scottish Office Conditions of Approval for Rifle and Muzzle Loading Pistol Clubs

4 Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Executive Committee may exercise the following powers;

- 4.1 power to raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Executive Committee shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- 4.2 power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use;
- 4.3 power subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Club;
- 4.4 power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the Club with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- 4.5 power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Executive Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation for staff and their dependants;
- 4.6 power to co-operate with other clubs, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities engaged in furtherance of the objects and to exchange information and advice with them;
- 4.7 power to support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- 4.8 power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

5 Membership

- 5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the objects of the Club and who have paid the annual subscription as fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- 5.2 The Executive Committee may by majority and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee, accompanied by a friend or representative, before the final decision is made.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee may create any class of member they deem necessary and may determine what benefits or rights such members may have, and may lay down procedures for the introduction of prospective new members to the Club.

6 Honorary Officers

At the inaugural general meeting of the Club the Executive Committee shall appoint from amongst themselves a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting. One of the appointed officers will act as Police Liaison Officer for the Club.

7 Executive Committee

- 7.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the four honorary officers specified in the preceding clause; a member of the Executive Committee may hold multiple offices simultaneously
- 7.2. Members of the Executive Committee must be full members of the Club in their own right.
- 7.3 The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.
- 7.4 No person shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee who is aged under 21 or who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of clause 8.

8 Determination of Membership of the Executive Committee

A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- 8.1 ceases to be a full current member of the Club; or
- 8.2 becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs; or
- 8.3 is absent without permission of the Executive Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Executive Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- 8.4 gives to the Executive Committee notice that he or she wishes to resign with effect from a date at least one month after the date of the notice (unless there are exceptional reasons for shorter notice).

9 Meetings and Proceedings of the Executive Committee

- 9.1 The Executive Committee shall hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the chairman or by any two members of the Executive Committee upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other members of the Executive Committee of the matters to be discussed. All notices must be given in writing.
- 9.2 The chairman shall act as chairman at meetings of the Executive Committee. If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the members of the Executive Committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.
- 9.3 There shall be a quorum when at least one-half of the members of the Executive Committee for the time being are present at the meeting.
- 9.4 The Executive Committee shall keep minutes, in documents kept for the purpose, of the proceedings at their meetings.
- 9.5 The Executive Committee may from time to time make or alter the byelaws of the Club. No byelaw, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.
- 9.6 The Executive Committee shall ensure that at all times the club and its members shall comply with all legal requirements in force from time to time and any rules appertaining to the conduct of the activities being undertaken.

10 Receipts and Expenditure

- 10.1 The funds of the Club, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Executive Committee in the name of the Club at such bank or building society as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide. The Club may operate more than one bank account. All cheques drawn on the Club's bank account must be signed by one of the nominated members of the Executive Committee.
- 10.2 The funds belonging to the Club shall be applied only in furthering the objects.

11 Annual General Meeting

- 11.1 There will be an annual general meeting of the Club which shall be held each year within two months of the end of the Club's financial year or as soon after as is practicable.
- 11.2 Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the annual general meeting in writing to all the members of the Club. All members of the Club shall be entitled to attend the meeting.
- 11.3 The chairman of the Club then in office shall be the chairman of each annual and extraordinary general meeting, but if he is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.
- 11.4 The Executive Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year.
- 11.5 Any matters to be placed on the agenda for discussion must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.
- 11.6 No voting will take place during the annual general meeting

12 Special General Meetings

The Executive Committee may call a special general meeting of the Club at any time.

13 Procedure at General Meetings

The Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Executive Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Club.

14 Notices

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Club shall be in writing and shall be served by the Secretary or the Executive Committee on such member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his or her last known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

15 Alteration to the Constitution





The constitution may be altered by a resolution supported by a majority of the Executive Committee.

16 Dissolution

If the Executive Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club, of which not less than 21 days' notice shall be given. The Executive Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the members of the Executive Committee may determine.

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This constitution was adopted on the date mentioned above by the persons whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

Signed		Name	Peter Davie (Chairman)	Dated	9/2/2014
			Ian Currie (Vice Chairman)		9/2/2014
			Anne Currie (Treasurer)		9/2/2014
			Paula Davie (Secretary)		9/2/2014